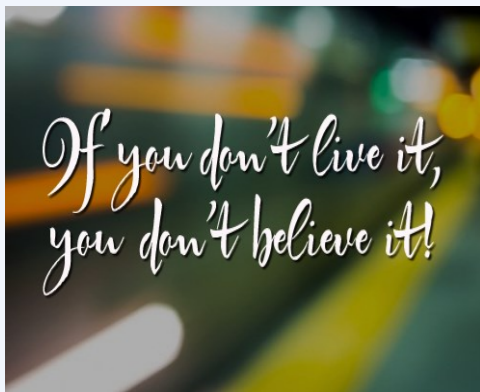


St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Season of Creation—September 1st—October 4th 2023



CURRENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30, Church closes at 5pm

Monday: Area Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word at 10am

Saturday: Church opens at 10am

Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am *Last Sunday of each month will also have a Midday Family Mass*

1st Saturday of the month— 10am Mass followed by confessions

Last Tuesday of the month—Prayer Group Mass 8pm, all welcome

Bank Holidays: Mass 11am only
All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
Also on Phoenix Radio— 92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration
Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

***(No Exposition from 31Aug for 4-5weeks)**

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

Mon: Blanchardstown 7.30pm

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wednesday: Mulhuddart

Friday: Corduff

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.... St. John Chrysostom (349-407) Bishop and Doctor of the Church



SEASON OF CREATION – SEPTEMBER 1ST TO OCTOBER 4TH

In the Gospel today, the work in the vineyard may be compared to the urgent work of caring for our common home, this sacred planet, and all of its forms which live in delicate ecosystems where everything is connected. Like the first son in Jesus' parable, we must change our minds, turn around our lives if we are to go to work in the vineyard today, and help create the reign of God.

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023...In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis asks: How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies. Pope Francis invites us to join the mighty river by firstly transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of these relationships, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the urgent need to recognize that creation and redemption are inseparably linked: "The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer – we also diminish the value of the redemption". Creation refers both to God's mysterious, magnificent act of creating this majestic, beautiful planet and universe out of nothing and to the continuing result of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift. During the liturgy and personal prayer in "the great cathedral of creation", let us recall the great Artist who creates such beauty, and reflect on the mystery of that loving decision to create the cosmos. (Pope Francis, Season of Creation, 2023).



Second, Pope Francis invites us to add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our "ecological sins" ... These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable. Let us be as mindful as we can about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive – our fellow men and women wherever they may be, and future generations as well. Let us cooperate in God's ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation and joyful sobriety, disposing and recycling waste, and making greater use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible. (Pope Francis, Season of Creation, 2023).

Lastly, for the mighty river to continue flowing, Pope Francis notes that we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear that the richer nations have contracted an "ecological debt" that must be paid. We read in Laudato Si': "A true 'ecological debt' exists, particularly between the global north and south, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment, and the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time" (Author: Finbarr Keaveney - Source: Season of Creation 2023 handbook)

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024



Online registration for the Sacraments will close on Thursday 12th October. The registration link has been provided to parents from your school. If you have not received it please contact Jean in the parish office. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



Season of Creation

This coming Wednesday the liturgical feast of St Francis of Assisi bring an end to the Season of Creation 2023. I hope that it has increased an awareness in all of us and even brought about a 'small' conversion as to how we look on and treat our planet – God's beautiful creation.

Pope Francis ends this season with a short prayer: In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to "renew the face of the earth" (cf. Ps 104:30).

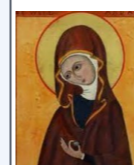
"Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees takes off his shoes;" (Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

Parish Schools

It was lovely to have the 3rd classes from our Parish Schools at the 10am Parish Masses last Thursday and Friday to celebrate the Opening of the School Year.

Fr Michael Carey PP

The Hazel Nut by Julian of Norwich

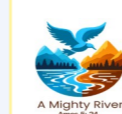


'God showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand. I looked upon it and wondered, "What might this be?" And I was answered, "It is all Creation."

I marveled how it could last, for I thought it might suddenly fall to nothing, it was so small.

And I was answered, "It lasts and ever shall last, for God loves it.'

In this little hazelnut, I saw three truths: the first is that God made it; the second is that God loves it; and the third is that God keeps it safe.'



Season of Creation Liturgy of the Word

This Wednesday, 4th October, marks the end of the Season of Creation. There will be a special and beautifully prepared, Liturgy of the Word at 10am. Please come along.

Children's Corner:

IN THE GOSPEL

Who is doing what is right? A man has two sons. The first says he won't help, but then does what his dad asks. The second says he'll help, but then does nothing. Jesus says, the first son is doing what is right! Doing something is better than talking about it.

Actions not words

Helping out

The first son helped his father. Fill in the letters to find out some of the ways you can help out at home.

Tidy up _____ (tyos).

Make your _____ (deb).



Help _____ (koooc) meals.

Clear away d _____ s (hsiel).

Sometimes I don't do what I say I am going to. Help me to do what I know is right. Amen.

A PRAYER TO SAY Please help me, Jesus, to help out when I am asked.



Croí Mháire Foodbank

Non perishable food items wanted. Please leave in the baskets on the extension stage.

Saturday 7th October 10am-1pm in Littlepace Church Clonee, Charismatic conference with Rosary, Praise and Worship, Talk by Greg Dunne, Divine Will Family, Holy Mass and Adoration.

Parish Meetings

This week—in the Pastoral Centre

Thursday 5th October – The Communications Group will meet at 7.30pm

1st Saturday of the Month

Saturday 7th October is the first Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by Confessions until 11am.

Saints in the Church's Calendar

The Guardian Angels – 2nd Oct. We venerate the Guardian angels, seeking their constant protection. Each person has a guardian angel and we rightly rejoice in their company.

Bl. Columba Marmion – 3rd Oct. Joseph, his baptismal name, was born in Dublin in 1858 and ordained a priest in Rome in 1881. He served as curate in Dundrum parish and then as professor in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, before entering the Abbey of Maredsous, Belgium in 1886. Elected as abbot, he received his abbatial blessing on 3rd October 1909. He died on 30th January 1923. He was beatified in Rome on 1st September 2000.

St. Francis of Assisi – Wednesday 4th Oct, 1181-1226, son of a wealthy merchant and abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron saint of ecologists.

Our Lady of the Rosary – Tuesday 7th October. This memorial (originally Our Lady of Victories), commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7th Oct 1571), when a Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the BVM who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, Passion and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil	Rose Curran	Catriona Farrell	Marie Cantwell
	Mary and Gabriel Durr		Belle Louise Fitzpatrick
Sunday 10.30	Kathleen and Frank White		Maureen McNamara (MM)
Monday 10am	Martin Lynch	7.30pm	Rita Smith
Saturday 10am	Seán McCabe		

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