



# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## October Month of Mission— Theme 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move' (Lk 24: 13-35)



We constantly remember  
your faith,  
your love  
and your hope  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

### 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**

**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](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

Also on Phoenix Radio— 92.5FM

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm\*

#### Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

**Mon:** Blanchardstown 7.30pm

**Tues & Thurs:** Castleknock

**Wednesday:** Mulhuddart

**Friday:** Corduff

### Mission Month - Friday Prayers

During this mission month of October I will include suggested Friday Prayers which are ideal for parents or grandparents to pray with the children. The Prayers themselves are not childish and I recommend everyone to make it part of their Friday Prayer.

### WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OCEANIA

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Please light a candle)

**Let us pray:** Lord, May your light of hope shine in the darkness for families today. May it show us glimpses of your presence and the comfort you bring. Amen.

#### Oceania

Oceania's winter is in June, July, and August. The Great Barrier Reef, in Australia, is the world's largest coral reef system. The Solomon Islands is also found there. It has more than nine hundred islands and 90 per cent of the world's earthquakes happen there. In the last ten years children have experienced cyclones, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis, which destroy food sources and end livelihoods. What other natural disasters might affect children throughout the world? How can you help them? When praying today, remember the children of Oceania who have lost loved ones, their homes and their family livelihoods through natural disasters.

**We Pray** - Loving God, whose son Jesus Christ said, blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted, we grieve with communities who have suffered disasters. Grant them the means to restore their communities to life so their children can feel secure again. Give families the strength and devotion needed to rebuild their homes and livelihoods. Although we may sometimes take our own environment for granted, we commit to value and care for this gift better. We pray for guidance as we care for the earth and bring healing to your gift of nature. Amen.

**Hail Mary** full of grace....

**Closing Blessing** + In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

#### St. John Paul II, – Sunday 22nd October

Born Karol Josef Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland May 18<sup>th</sup> 1920. He was ordained a priest in 1946 and became a bishop in 1958. He was appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964 and made a Cardinal in 1967. He was elected first non-Italian Pope in over 450 years in 1978. He visited Ireland from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1979. He died in 2005 and was beatified, thereby becoming Blessed in 2011. On 27<sup>th</sup> April he was canonised Saint. His feast day is observed on the anniversary of the inauguration of his ministry as Universal Pastor of the Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1978. – **not celebrated as it falls on a Sunday.**

#### SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles – Saturday 28th October

St Simon (1<sup>st</sup> century) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot'. Suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealous of the law'. St. Jude or Thaddeus (1<sup>st</sup> century) has a short epistle in the New Testament ascribed to him, and is popularly invoked as the patron of hopeless causes. Tradition says that after Pentecost they evangelized, Simon in Egypt, Jude in Mesopotamia, and then together in Persia, where they were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.

### Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. After that, all Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

### Are You a Good Listener?

**SeniorLine**, Ireland's national confidential telephone service for older people is looking for older volunteers, women and men, aged 50+. Full training is provided. All details available from Anne—087 7450721

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK



#### Youth Choir

The Parish Youth/Junior Choir will be singing at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday. It will be lovely to hear them at this Mass and the plan is that they will sing at the 10.30am Mass on the last Sunday of each month.

#### Prayer for Vocations

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - In the Gospel Jesus tells us to 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.' *We pray for an increase in vocations, that those who are being called by God to live their lives as a priest, deacon or religious, may discern through prayer to give their lives in service to God.*

#### Mission Sunday – Special Collection

This Saturday/Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>/22nd October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection at Mass replacing the usual Share collection. "Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born 'to go forth'" – Pope Francis

#### Mass of Remembrance

On Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate its Annual Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends.

*Fr Michael Carey PP*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – ENROLMENT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 29th October, we welcome the boys and girls from our Parish Schools who are preparing for their first holy communion to their enrolment ceremony, which will be held at the **12 noon Mass**. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Hospice Coffee Morning



We thank you all for your enormous generosity in Anne's annual Hospice coffee morning, we raised **€1,684.55!**

### Children's Corner:

IN THE GOSPEL

The leaders ask Jesus a difficult question. "Do we pay money to Caesar – even if we love God?" Jesus tells them to pay the money, which has Caesar's head on it, to the emperor - but remember that everything belongs to God.



**A Prayer to Say ;** Lord, I give myself to you. I give my heart to you. I give my feet to you. I give my eyes to you. I give my mouth to you. I give my hands to you. Amen

### EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS



**What is Christian Morality?**

**How should we live out our Faith?**

If you are interested in these and similar questions please join us, for one or more, of a series of discussions to be held in **St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Blanchardstown** For **6 Wednesday evenings 7:00pm to 8:10pm**

(Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 29, & Dec 6)

**Croi Mhaire Foodbank** is based in St Ciaran's Church in Hartstown and covers all of Dublin 15. They work in partnership with St Vincent de Paul, and alongside the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living and Empower. Croi Mhaire currently delivers food parcels to 65-70 households every two weeks. The number continues to rise weekly. This is the type of non-perishable food items that are suitable: **Cereal, porridge, pasta, rice, noodles, soup, tinned fish such as tuna/salmon, tinned veg such as beans, peas, sweetcorn and carrots, biscuits, crackers, miwadi, cereal bars, rice cakes, chocolate spread or food suitable for school lunch, jam, marmalade, pasta sauces, sauces for meals (curry, sweet and sour and stir fry), tinned fruit, custard, creamed rice and ..chocolate and crisps**

### Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we come together for a truly incredible celebration of solidarity and unity within our Church-World Mission Sunday! Today, every single parish worldwide – and YOU – share what you can so the life-transforming work of missionaries overseas can continue. Today, through your prayers and contributions, you are fully appreciating the dedication of our missionaries who live and work in communities that are struggling and often war-torn.

**Theme** - This year's Mission Sunday theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of St Luke (Lk 24:13-35 "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move") Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church. *Pope Francis*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday vigil	Joseph & Kathleen McGregor & Mark O'Connor Valerie Whelan (1st A)	
Sunday 10.30	Kathleen & Bernard Hall Hugh Dowling Christine Dineen (MM) Stephen & Anne Bourke	Patrick, Ethel & Philip Harte Eva Gethin (1st Anniv) Katherine Fagan (1st Anniv) Jimmy Farrell
Tuesday 10am	Tony Gannon	

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