



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

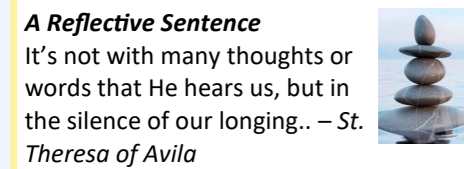
Pentecost Sunday – Sunday 28th May 2023



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
Blanchardstown Area evening Mass
Mon: Blanchardstown 7.30pm
Tues & Thurs: Castleknock
Wed: Mulhuddart
Fri: Corduff

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes **7 – 12 September**
Led by the Archbishop
 If you are interested in travelling this year, then please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at 01-8087555 or email: info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie

A Reflective Sentence
 It's not with many thoughts or words that He hears us, but in the silence of our longing.. – St. Theresa of Avila



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Feast of Pentecost

Just before his ascension, Jesus told his apostles to 'remain in the city until the Holy Spirit comes' (Lk.24.49). It was only when the Holy Spirit came that the whole picture would fall into place, that they would be ready to respond to his message. He told them in simple language to do nothing and say nothing about his message until the Spirit came, because, until then, they wouldn't even know how to begin.

There are two parts to the whole story of salvation. The first being what Jesus did when he lived on this earth and He sent the Holy Spirit to do the second part, 'to complete his work on earth, and to bring us the fullness of grace' (Eucharistic Prayer IV). What that means is that my response to what Jesus did is to allow the Holy Spirit to take over, and complete the saving work of Jesus in me. Jesus told his apostles that it was more important for them that the Spirit should come than that he should stay. 'But I tell you the truth; it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Holy Spirit will not come to you. But if I do go away I will send him to you' (Jn.16:12).

When you think of it, Jesus was full of joy and great promise when he spoke of the Holy Spirit and what the Holy Spirit would do, the necessity of the Holy Spirit for his followers. He uses words of great promise when he refers to the Holy Spirit; he calls him the Comforter, the Helper, the Advocate. 'He will never leave you' (Jn.14:16). 'He will teach you all things, lead you into all truth, and make you remember all that I have told you' (Jn.14:26). Jesus promises that 'my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete' (Jn.15:11). The following is a splendid summary of the importance of the Holy Spirit. "Without the Holy Spirit, God is far away, Christ stays in the past, the gospel is a dead letter, the Church is simply an organisation, authority a matter of domination, mission a matter of propaganda, the liturgy no more than an invocation, Christian living a slave morality. But in the Holy Spirit the cosmos is resurrected, and groans with the birth pangs of the kingdom, the risen Christ is there, the gospel is the power of life, the Church shows forth the life of the Trinity, authority is a liberating mission, mission is a Pentecost, the liturgy is both memorial and anticipation, human action is deified. In simple language the Holy Spirit makes all the difference in the world." (from 'It's really very Simple' by Fr. Jack McArdle)



MASS OF ALL NATIONS

Sunday, 11th of June, 12.00 noon.
 The theme of this year's Mass of All Nations is Thanksgiving. We will be gathering again after four years for our Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will process with our national flags at the start and finish of Mass. Join us afterwards in the Pastoral Centre and Garden for refreshments, ice cream and music. Spread the word! If you would like your country to be represented please contact Mary at marybtighe@hotmail.com or Máirín at mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie

In previous years we have tasted the delights of various foods from different countries (including Ireland!). We invite you all to share your favourite food with us all this year.



Exams

We are now in the time of exams. The following prayer might help:
A Student's Prayer
Lord, I have knowledge, so will you show me how to use it wisely and find a way to make the world I live in a better place, and make life with its problems a bit easier to face. May I ever be aware in all that I do that knowledge come from learning and wisdom comes from you.
Next week we'll add a prayer for parents as the State exams will commence

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 31st May.

Pope Francis has asked that the feast of the Visitation, should be a day of special prayer to Our Lady to ask her support and protection for the work of the Synod. The Irish bishops have organised a special day of prayer at Knock. Our Liturgy of the Word, here in St Brigid's, will be adapted to incorporate the suggested prayers.

"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity"
Are these secular or Christian values?
 Join our last discussion before summer break next **Wednesday 31 May**
7:30 to 8:40 pm

FROM THE PASTORS

Teen Hope

The last Teen Hope gathering for 2022/23 was held last Friday. All in all, the year went very well. Throughout the year we had 6 to 8 participants and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. According to the feedback they enjoyed the 'safe space, the chat, the time for prayer and exploring their faith and the craic and the food' we will do it again for 2023/24. Please keep this initiative in your prayers. I'd like to thank the Teen Hope Team led by Máirín Keegan (PPW), Mairin Murphy, Tom Hannigan, Aine Jordan and Anna Turcanova.

Choir Director

Organist/Choir Director
 As you now know John White is retiring from his position as Choir Director/Organist after 10 years of wonderful service to St Brigid's. We wish him well, there will be an opportunity to pay tribute to him at a later date.
 Is there someone in our community or among a wider circle that you think might be interested in this position which will become vacant at the end of June? Good keyboard skills, sound knowledge of the liturgy, experience of choir work and ability to work as a member of a team are some of the gifts that we would look for in reviewing applications. Diocesan Guidelines for Church Musicians are used to determine remuneration.

Vocations

Solemnity of Pentecost – Writing to the church in Corinth, St. Paul emphasises the influence and centrality of the Holy Spirit. 'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people...' (1 Cor 12:4). We pray that those now discerning their vocation to serve as a priest, deacon or religious, will be guided by the Holy Spirit to respond to the Lord's call with generous hearts.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Laudato Si Awards.

We completed our Laudato Si awards last Sunday and Daniel and Michael were presented their certificates by Natalie Doherty from the Diocese. In the pastoral centre Michael and Daniel presented the results of their survey and the Laudato Si team Sylvia Daly, Pádraicín Ní Mhurchu and Máirín Keegan presented them with the Laudato Si Encyclical. It was a great celebration and we're so proud of our participants! Our thanks go to Daniel and Michael and the team, we learnt from each other throughout the year and we are all more aware of our need to engage with the crisis which faces our created world. As Pope Francis says 'Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.' LS 14.
 In Blanchardstown parish we aim to facilitate our young people as they explore the relationship between their faith and the created world.



Children's Corner

In The Gospel

Jesus comes to his frightened disciples. He gives them the gifts of peace and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help all Jesus' friends as they share his message of love and peace with everyone they meet.

Word search
 Can you find these words hidden on the door?
 DISCIPLE PEACE
 HOLY WITH
 SPIRIT YOU
 JOY DOOR
 JESUS FRIGHT

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Saturday 3rd June 10am–1pm Littlepace Church Clonee. Charismatic conference with Rosary, Praise and worship, Mass and Adoration. All welcome!

All Ireland Rosary Rally— will take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday 3rd June. Commencing at 1pm led by Archbishop Eamon Martin.

Fr Frank, with Marian Pilgrimages, is running a pilgrimage to Nuremberg Germany in the footsteps of St Kilian. 7th-10th July. If interested, please contact his parish office at 01-4515570 or www.marian.ie

Annual Parish Pilgrimage

Saturday 17th June
 (Theme: Drawing Wisdom from Ancestral Wellsprings)



Kildare Cathedral & Town located in the heart of Kildare town. This visit will be followed by tea/coffee and a scone in Teach Dara.



Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre a calm and tranquil space, ideal for resting & recharging body, mind & soul.

Lunch time - (you can bring a small snack for this time if you wish)
 Free time to either go to the Maze in the garden for a guided meditation or to go to St. Brigid's Well with a member of the Solas Bhríde team.
 Followed by Mass in the centre chapel and Finishing with Dinner in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel
 Bus leaves the church at 9.00am and arrives back at approx. 8.00pm
 Cost €50 (includes morning coffee and dinner)
 Places can be booked through the office

Meeting – This week Tues 30th – The Parish Partnership of Blanchardstown/Corduff and Mulhuddart will meet to see how things are going and to discuss 'cover' for my summer holidays.

Mass intentions for the week	
Sun 1030	Bridie Carolan

1st Saturday of June
 Saturday 3rd June is the first Saturday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by Confessions until 11am.

Please pray for our recently deceased:
Tanya Curley Maura Dunne
Alexandra Counihan

