

# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## Sunday 29th October—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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



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.

### Mission Month - Conclusion

This weekend marks the end of Mission Month of October 2023. Thank you to all who prayed have these prayers during these weeks of October.

### WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF ASIA

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

**Let us pray:** Lord, May the light from this candle help us to take a moment to be still and sit with you. To slow down, breathe deeply, and let go of our worries. Amen.

#### Asia

Asia is the largest continent in the world. The tallest mountain in the world is there. It's called Mount Everest. Unfortunately, over 385 million children live in extreme poverty in Asia, many of whom cannot go to school and are forced to work from the age of four. What do you value most about school? How could you share more with other children so they could experience this too? When praying today, remember the girls and boys throughout Asia who are being exploited. Remember their families who are desperately seeking money so they can keep their children safe, healthy, and in school.

**We Pray-** Loving God, whose son Jesus Christ taught in the synagogue and amazed those who heard him and saw his miracles, help families to find reliable income so their children do not have to work. If they must work, protect and keep them safe from injury or abuse. Although we may sometimes take our own education and time in school for granted, we commit to value and care for this gift better. We pray for opportunities for children who cannot attend school, so they can find the hope and skills for a better future, which learning and education provides. **Amen.**

**Our Mission Prayer** Lord, May all children in the world share love and friendship, and live in the peace of your love. Now and forever, Amen.

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

### Synod on Synodality - 4<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

This weekend marks the end on the month-long Synod on Synodality. No doubt it will lead to much reflection during this coming year. A synodal Church walks together not leaving anyone behind and is alongside those who struggle the most. We can ask ourselves in our parishes how are we building a synodal Church capable of promoting the belonging and participation of the least within the Church and in society? How are we reaching out to those who are different from us to those who are struggling? How are we providing pastoral outreach and care to migrant communities? How are we connecting with the men and women of our time?

The Holy Spirit is moving in all that has happened so far on the synodal pathway and all that is happening now in Rome. We are growing in our awareness that a synodal Church is a listening Church. For many, the great surprise was the experience of being listened to by the community. For some this was a new experience, of receiving recognition of our unique human worth as sons and daughters of God who is love. As we listened attentively to each other's lived experiences, we grew in mutual respect and began to discern the movements of God's Spirit in the lives of others and in our own. By listening carefully, and prayerfully, to one another, and by walking, supportively, together on the synodal pathway, each one of us can draw closer to each other and closer to God. In our listening, each one of us can learn a little bit more about how to love God and how to love our neighbour. This is why listening is so important in this process, it helps us to put words on what God is asking of us and begin to name practical steps we can take to make a difference to people's lives especially to those in most need.

#### A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE

What was visible in our Saviour has passed over into the mysteries....  
St. Leo the Great (400-461) Pope and Father of the Church.



St Brigid's Church of Ireland Castleknock Ecumenical graveyard service with blessing of the graves. Sunday 12th November **3pm**. All welcome

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



#### Parents Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended our meeting of the Parents/Guardians for the children of our Parish who will be receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in 2024. It was a well-attended meeting, and the parents valued it. Thank you also to the Schools and the Parents Committee and Catechist for the Pelletstown children who do such an excellent job in preparing the children. Up until now Mairin Keegan our retired PPW, did all the administration of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, from a Parish Point of view, and it is quite extensive. Our Parish secretary Jean Rogers has taken this over and is doing a superlative job.

#### Youth Choir – New Mass Time

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 going forward.

#### Prayer for Vocations

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - In responding to the Pharisees, Jesus identifies the commandments to love God and to love our neighbour as being the greatest commandments. *We pray for those who are discerning a vocation, that they can live their lives as a priest, deacon or religious loving God and their neighbour.*

Fr Michael Carey PP



### First Holy Communion Enrolment Sunday

A very big welcome to the boys and girls and their families who are preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in 2024. Their enrolment ceremony will be held at the **12 noon Mass** this Sunday, 29th October.

#### 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.

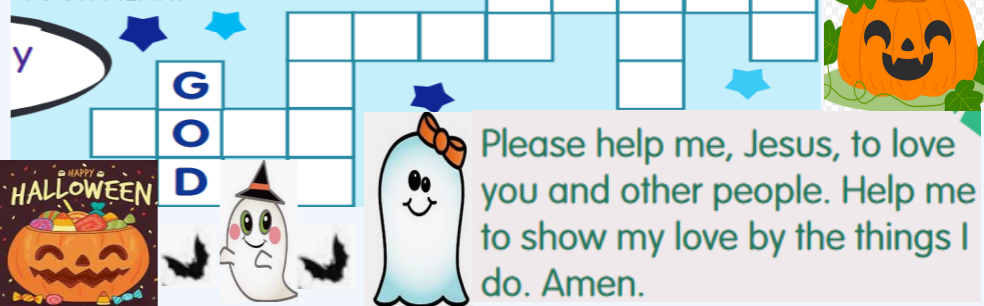
### Children's Corner

#### IN THE GOSPEL

The religious leaders want Jesus to say which commandment is the greatest. Jesus tells them that love is the answer. First of all, love God and then love other people as much as we ourselves. By loving, we are keeping all the commandments!

#### Puzzle

Fit these words in the grid:  
LOVE THE LORD GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART



Please help me, Jesus, to love you and other people. Help me to show my love by the things I do. Amen.

#### EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS



#### What is Christian Morality?

Wed 1st Nov—7pm  
Pastoral Centre

Each session is separate.

All are very welcome. Why not try one to see?

This week—Must I believe in God, and reverence Him, to be moral?

#### Bank Holiday

Monday 30th October is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am.  
**There is no 7.30pm Evening Mass**



#### Feast of All Saints

Wednesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation.

Masses are as follows:

**Vigil:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (Vigil) at 7.30pm  
**Day:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10.00am

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Patrick Herlihy
Vigil	Paddy O'Mara Mary, Richard & Carmel Farmer
Sunday 10.30	Joan Kearney (MM) Tony, Jane & Clare Keating
Thursday 10am	Thomas Gibbons Desmond & Millicent McDermott
Saturday 10am	Maria Kennelly (1st Anniv)

#### We welcome those baptised in the month of October ;



Zoe, Rían, Alan, Leo, Patrick & Jack,  
Oliver, Dara, May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

#### Scoil Bhríde Enrolment '24/'25

Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants and ASD Special class, will be accepted from Monday 6th to 27th November. Scoil Bhríde Cailíní will have an open evening on Monday 13th November from 6.30-7.30pm for girls and their parents.

#### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**All Saints – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** This Feast Day celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face – both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession as we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.

#### All Souls Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> November - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

To remember our beloved dead in the presence of God is wholesome and it is natural to remember them in love and thanksgiving. We thank God for the gifts bestowed on us through them – signs of his grace and presence. We entrust our beloved to the love and mercy of God because, even though we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Th 4:13), to remember the dead is holy and devout (2 Mac 12:45). All they have meant for us is not lost forever, for God– the God of the living – is their life now and always.

We pray for our recently deceased;

**Bernard Purcell**  
**Will Grogan** **Eric Mullen**  
Always loved, never forgotten



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