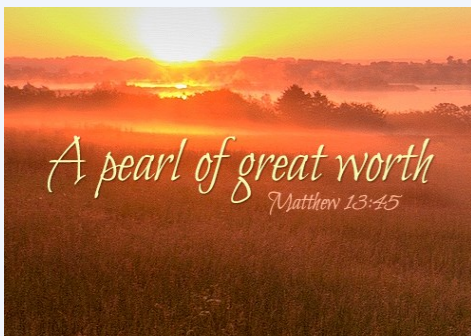




St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 30th July



A pearl of great worth
Matthew 13:45

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 (EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)*

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

Schedule for the coming week

Monday 31st July

Liturgy of the Word 10.00am

Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday 1st August

Back to the normal weekly schedule

Saturday 5th August is the first Saturday of the month, so we will have 10am mass followed by confessions.



PRAYER

Ten Golden Rules As the catechism states “Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God, or the requesting of good things from God (Cat 2559)” it might be even better to say that prayer is trying to raise our minds and hearts to God. The late Cardinal Basil Hume wrote the following ten golden rules as an aid to prayer.

Here they are – I hope you find them useful!

1. Plan to pray; do not leave it to chance. Select a time and a place (a room at home, on the bus, taking a walk).

2. Decide on how long you will spend in trying to pray (five, ten, fifteen, thirty mins or more).

3. Decide what you are going to do when you pray – e.g. which prayer to select to say slowly and lovingly; or which passage from the Bible to read prayerfully.

Sometimes use your own words; sometimes just be still and silent. Follow your inclination.

4. Always start by asking the Holy Spirit for help in your prayers. Pray: “Come Holy Spirit, teach me to pray; help me to do it”.

5. Remember you are trying to get in touch with a Person, and that Person is God – Father or Son or Holy Spirit. He is wanting to get in touch with you.

6. Don't be a slave to one way of praying. Choose the one that you find easiest, and try some other method when, the one you are using becomes a burden or doesn't help.

7. Don't look for results.

8. If you have distractions, then turn your distractions into your prayer. (If a car passes the window in the wrong gear, then say something to God about the driver – I mean a kind of prayer for the welfare of the driver, not necessarily for his driving or gear box!)

9. If you always feel dry and uninterested at prayer, then read a spiritual book or pamphlet.

An article in a Catholic paper may be a help. Spiritual reading is important.

10. Trying to pray is praying. Never give up trying.



There are many ways of praying: morning and bedtime prayers; the rosary; places of pilgrimage; reading the bible; reading spiritual books; praying the angelus etc.

For many people praying the Sunday Mass will be the highlight of the week and the main opportunity to pray in the week. “Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee” (St. Augustine).



A MORNING PRAYER

“Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.”

“Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called ‘I.’

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.” (St Thomas Moore)

Recently you might have seen Trócaire's ad on tv about the **trócaire** *'One Day Campaign'*. For over fifty years, Trócaire have been working with supporters, Irish Aid, partners, and communities to create positive and lasting change. Our One Day campaign highlights the profound impact of these collective efforts, working together for a just world. To our parish, Trócaire would like to say **'thank you'** for making “One Days” happen. To learn more, go to www.trocaire.org/oneday

Living the Paschal Mystery

This “treasure” does have its cost: we must actively search for it, recognise it when we find it, and sort out all the distractions that keep us from recognising it. In the gospel the seekers go out in obvious places to find the treasure. For us, the discovery of the kingdom of heaven is most often in our everyday circumstances when we experience overwhelmingly the in-breaking of God's presence. This may be something so simple as the smile of a person's grateful thanks or the sense of rightness that comes with fidelity of daily prayer. It may be something more challenging, as admitting that we've hurt another. It may be demanding, such as committing time to help those in need. The issue is to recognise that God chooses to be present to us and wants to seek that presence with all our hearts! (Source: Living Liturgy)

Saints in the Church's Calendar

St. Ignatius of Loyola – Monday 31st July.

1491-1556, from the north of Spain, founded the Society of Jesus. He was injured at the battle of Pamplona (1521) and experienced a conversion during his convalescence. By the time of his death, the society had spread widely and had over one thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing of the Spiritual Exercises

St. John Vianney– Friday 4th August.

1786-1859, had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817, he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvelous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, he averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

St. Mary Major – Saturday 5th August

The doctrine of Mary, Mother of God, was solemnly proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431), and afterwards Pope Sixtus III (432-440) erected a basilica at Rome on the Esquiline Hill in honour of the Holy Mother of God, later to be known as St. Mary Major. This is the oldest church in the west dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a particular favourite of Pope Francis, who visits it every time before he journeys abroad.

Children's Corner:

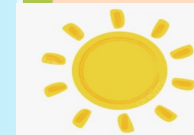
In The Gospel:

Jesus tells us the kingdom of heaven is like the most special, valuable pearl that is worth searching for and finding.

My treasure

We can have many different types of treasure in our lives: it might be a person, a place, a memory, or a thing.

Draw a picture of your favourite treasure.



What is your treasure? _____

Why is this important to you? _____



Dear Jesus, thank you for inviting us to be part of your special kingdom. Help us to build your kingdom here, now, by treating other people with the same love and respect that you always showed. Amen.

Sunday Mass Collections

Many thanks for your continued support of these collections which are vital for the support of the priests of the diocese.

You can contribute to the Mass collections by:

Putting your offerings in the ‘white boxes’ around the Church or by leaving your Envelope into Parish Office during the week. *Envelopes are provided on seats or you can have an Envelope supply in your home for convenience.* Using the ‘Tap and Go’ machines. Using the online ‘Donate’ facility on the Parish Website.

See www.blanchardstownparish.ie where you can select both one-off and recurring payments.

The Mass collections are divided – 60% to the 1st – Common Fund for Priests; 40% - to the 2nd – Share.

Thank you so much for your generosity

We pray for our recently deceased:

Kathleen McGovern
Always loved, never forgotten



Kellystown Cemetery

The Lord Mayor of Fingal County Council, Cllr Howard Mahony has informed us that the new cemetery in Kellystown has been signed off and it will be opening shortly.

A Reflective Sentence

Most people have no idea what God would make of them if they would only place themselves at his disposal. St. Ignatius Loyala (1491-1556, founder of the Jesuits).



Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday 30th	Brian O'Leary (2nd Anniv) John & Bebe Ryan Deceased members of the Giblin Family Michael O'Neill	Patrick Flood (2nd Anniv) Madge & Michael O'Dwyer Martin & Esther Mullins (1st Anniv)	Tony Farrell Maura Griffin
Monday	Paul Russell		
Tuesday	Iris & Paul Faria		
Sat 10am	Ellen Woods (birthday remembrance)		

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