



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

The Most Holy Trinity – Sunday 4th June 2023



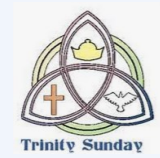
CURRENT SCHEDULE
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
 Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30, Church closes at 5pm
Monday: Area Mass at 7.30pm
Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word at 10am
Saturday: Church opens at 10am
Vigil Mass at 6pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am*
*Last Sunday of each month will also have 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
 Mary's response... is the most momentous word in history – Reinhold Schneider (1903-1958, German writer)

The Blessed Trinity
 As we know from the book of Genesis, we are made in the image and likeness of God. Today we celebrate that our God is relationship. At the very heart of God's own life is a communion of persons who relate to one another, and the Jesus has shown us that that relationship is love. That community of love within God is not closed in on itself but is open to all of us. The love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit reaches out to embrace us all. Therefore we are meant for relationships which means that we are made to need others – No one is an island. Even the greatest loners among us long for human company and companionship from time to time. At some deep level we sense that we are only complete when we are in relationship with others. At the Last Supper Jesus called on the Church to be a loving community that is a reflection of the loving communion that is God. 'As the Father has loved me. I have loved you....Love one another as I have loved you'.

And if we look around us we will find communities of love that are not specifically church related. Every time we bring people together in ways that affirm them and build them up, we are living in the spirit of the Trinity. That is the call and challenge of today's feast. Another approach! What does the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity tell us about the kind of God we worship and what does this say about the kind of people we should be? God does not exist in isolated individualism but in a community of relationships. In other words, God is not a loner or a recluse. This means that a Christian in search of Godliness (Matthew 5:48) must shun every tendency to isolationism and individualism. The ideal Christian spirituality is not that of flight from the world, away from contact with other people and society.



There is the old saying "Two is company, three is a crowd" - Yet the Trinity shows us that three is community, three is love at its best; three is not a crowd. Over and above that, each one of us becomes fully human only when we are in relationship with God and in relationship with others. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt rather an I-and-God-and-neighbour principle. I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people.

Saints in the Church's Calendar
St. Colmcille, abbot and missionary -9th June, one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland', was born in Co. Donegal. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and Kells but felt compelled to leave Ireland as an act of penance. With twelve companions he settled at Iona and this became the base for the evangelization of Scotland and England. His relics were translated to Dunkeld.

Parents Prayer – Exam Time.
Dear Lord, I pray for my child and all students about to sit exams. Help them to keep calm and clear-minded. Fill them with your peace so that they may be able to make best use of their abilities, the study they have done and the education they have been blessed with. Do not let the burden of fear and nervousness prevent them from doing as well as they deserve. However, teach them not to measure their self-worth by the mark they receive but rather by the effort they put in. Guide their footsteps when they walk alone, but help them also to be there for each other, supporting and encouraging in the truest spirit of friendship. Lord, bless everyone today who has given of themselves to these students on their journey, teachers, family, friends and fellow classmates. Teach them to be thankful, that despite the stress and worry that exams bring, they have this opportunity that many young people all over the world are deprived of. May the light of Jesus shine gently on them now and during any difficult times they might face on their journey through life.
Amen

FROM THE PASTORS

Family Mass/Confirmations

At our family Mass last Sunday, I confirmed 5 boys from Pelletstown Educate Together. It was the first Confirmation from that school insofar as the school has now reached 6th class. It was a lovely occasion, and the families were delighted with the ceremony. Two girls from the Teen Hope group proclaimed God's word. I thank the Youth Choir who learned new Holy Spirit hymns for the occasion, and they sang beautifully. The Family Mass Team supplied wonderful refreshments.

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 and there will be an opportunity to pay tribute to him later.

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. **The closing date for applications is June 16th.**

Liturgical Calendar

Now that the Easter Season is over, we return to the Church's Ordinary Calendar until the 3rd December when the Feast of Advent begins. Ordinary Time is about walking with Jesus to Jerusalem and salvation. It is by embracing the dying and rising mystery of Jesus that we receive the life of God within us and renew it each time we celebrate the liturgy. Although much of ordinary Time unfolds during the summer months when many are on holidays, when the heat makes us slow down our pace of life (*we hope!*), when there is a change in our pace of lives if for no other reason than 'school is out for summer', we must be careful that Ordinary Time doesn't become a temptation to 'holiday' from the demands of faithfully following Jesus.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Remembering our recently deceased:
Mary Clifford



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 marybtighe@hotmail.com or Máirín mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie. In previous years we have tasted the delights of foods from different countries, including Ireland. We invite you all to share your favourite food with us all this year.

Children's Corner

In The Gospel

Jesus tells us that God the Father loves us very much! God loves us so much Jesus came to live as one of us and show us how to treat each other. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit want us to show love to the whole world too!

We love the world God loved the world so much he gave us his Son.
If we love God we want to look after the world he gave us and all the people in it.



Thank you, Loving Father, for sending us your Son, Jesus. Thank you for loving us so much. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

Draw or write your ideas in the world.

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

The Parish will celebrate the 70th Anniversary to the priesthood of **Walter Canon Harris** on **Thursday 15th June at 2pm**. All are welcome. There will be no 10am mass that morning.

St V de Paul outdoor collection will be next weekend.

Mulhuddart Cemetery Mass
 Sunday 11th June -3pm.

Monday 5th June is a bank holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am. There is no Evening Mass.

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

PPC Meeting
 Thursday 8th June – The Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 7.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. This is our last meeting before the summer break.

Mass intentions for the week

Sat 6pm	Alacoque Ryan Hugh and Mary Ruddy
Sun 10.30am	Terry Brown (MM) Paddy & Bernie O'Rourke Teresa Kelly—1st Anniv Adrienne Monaghan—1st Anniv Eddie & Frances Gleeson
Mon 11am	Michael, Bridget, Bridie & Seán Mckenna
Thurs	Carolina Mendoza (1st Anniv)
Fri	John Keane

