

St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

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



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
Also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
Eucharistic Adoration
Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm
***(No Exposition from 31Aug for 6 weeks)**
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 Africa



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

Let us pray: Lord, Let your light shine in our hearts and let us bring your light to others. Amen.
Africa The continent of Africa has the longest river in the world. It is called the river Nile and it flows through four countries. Africa also has four of the fastest animals in the world: the lion, the cheetah, the gazelle, and the wildebeest. Unfortunately, a lot of young children in Africa will die because the water they use to wash and drink is not clean. Almost seven thousand children under the age of five die every day from unclean water. What ways can you save water so other people have access to more clean water? When praying today, remember the girls and boys throughout Africa who are sick and dying because their water is dangerous.
We Pray Loving God, whose son Jesus Christ called all who were thirsty to come to him, believe in him and drink. Look with mercy on children living in dry lands without access to safe drinking water. Give them the strength to fight off illness from poor water, sanitation and hygiene. Although we may sometimes forget to use the precious gift of clean water carefully, we commit to value and care for this gift better and pray for our hearts to be filled with ever-flowing rivers of compassion and care for all who suffer and are in need. Amen.

Our Father

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

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE At the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.... St. John of the Cross (1542-1591) Spanish mystic and Doctor of the Church.

Synod on Synodity—4th– 29th October

Accompanied by prayer, and after two years of worldwide preparation and consultation, the Synod, a gathering of women and men, lay and ordained from around the world, began last Wednesday in Rome.

Here in our Archdiocese, as part of that worldwide consultation almost 13,000 of us engaged in 'spiritual conversations' in parishes about our joys, our sorrows, our hopes and fears for what the Church can be today and in the future. The synodal invitation to listen to each other, and to walk together in prayer accompanied by the Holy Spirit, was received enthusiastically. It was clear that respondents valued the opportunity to share and participate in collective discernment.

The synod is a process of spiritual discernment that unfolds in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God. As Pope Francis reminds us it is not a parliament or debating society. In the short reading today, Paul invites the community to prayer – for anything they need– and reassures them that the God of peace will guard them and their thoughts. Nothing is more important on the Synodal Pathway than we all lift up our hearts in prayer for each other, for those meeting in Rome and for the outcome of the two-part assembly, this year and in 2024.

Irish Aphasia Theatre—FREE workshops in Blanchardstown Library

Do you have Aphasia? We want you! We use theatre and performing arts tools to empower those who have brain injuries or early brain diseases. Call Gráinne 086 0621393 or email irishaphasiatheatre@gmail.com



Financial News

Copies of the financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2022 are now available around the Church. Please take one.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



Teen – Hope - 1st Meeting

The first Teen Hope gathering for 2023/24 was held last Friday. It was a lovely evening and went very well. We had 7 girls – where are the boys? They are welcome to join, and we have tried. Teen Hope is for teenagers to gather in a 'safe space, to enjoy the chat, the time for prayer and exploring their faith, the craic and the food'. Please keep this initiative in your prayers.

October - Mission Month

October is the month when we celebrate the Missionary Outreach of the Catholic Church around the world. During this month, we ask for your prayers for missionaries working at home and abroad. On World Mission Sunday we ask Catholics to support this work by giving generously to the collection at Mass.

Fr Michael Carey PP



Our monthly outdoor collection for St Vincent de Paul Blanchardstown will take place after both masses, next weekend 14/15 October. Thank you for your support.

Children's Corner:

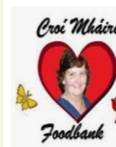
IN THE GOSPEL A man put his workers in charge of his vineyard. Then he sent his servants to collect the grapes at harvest time. The workers refused to hand over the grapes and beat up the servants. This happened again and again. Eventually the man sent his own son, thinking the workers would treat him properly. But no! They didn't even listen to the son.

Break the code

The people in today's story agreed to pay the vineyard owner what they owed him. But when the time came, they refused to keep their promise. Can you find out what Jesus asks us to do today?

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A PRAYER TO SAY: I WANT TO WELCOME YOU INTO MY LIFE, JESUS. HELP ME TO LISTEN TO YOUR MESSAGE SO THAT I CAN GROW GOOD FRUIT TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM. AMEN



Croi Mháire

Foodbank

Non perishable food items wanted. Please leave in the baskets on the extension stage. Thank you for your support



REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024

Online registration for the Sacraments will close on Thursday. The registration link has been provided to parents from your school. If you have not received it, please contact the parish office.

October – the Month of Mission

The Theme for 2023

For Mission Sunday 2023, Pope Francis has chosen the theme 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.

What does it support? The needs of young dioceses vary, anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall so local people can gather in safety; or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines so that parish dispensaries can protect vulnerable children. In essence:

- it provides basic infrastructure by helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and churches.
- it prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, brothers and catechists.
- it supports missionary programmes to care for children's spiritual and physical wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future.



Scoil Oilibhéir Gaelcoil:

Open Night: Wednesday 25th October 7pm–8.30pm. Parents and pupils welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil	Seamus Bonner
Sunday 10.30	Mary Taylor Patricia Farrell Gerard McMullin
Tuesday 10am	Margaret O'Grady
Friday 10am	Eileen Flynn

Our Coffee mornings continue on Thursdays after 10am mass. All welcome!



Saints in the Church's Calendar

Bl. John Henry Newman, Priest –9th Oct. (1801-1890). Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. His feast day is the anniversary of his reception into the Catholic Church on 9th Oct 1845. He has connections with Ireland through his project on the establishment of the Catholic University of Ireland. Invited to Ireland in 1850, he became Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854 until his resignation in 1858.

Saint Canice (or Kenneth), Abbot –11th Oct (c.525-600), one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland', was born in Glengiven in Derry. He studied for a time at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Colmcille, with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches. After a visit to Rome, he returned to Ireland and founded several monasteries, including Aghaboe in Co. Laois, but this was replaced centuries later by his church in Kilkenny.

We pray for our recently deceased:
JOAN KCANEY
MAUREEN BANNON
EVELYN HIGGINS
VERONICA MANGAN
KATHLEEN WESTWOOD
Always loved, never forgotten



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