



CURRENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Mass at 10am *preceded by the Rosary at 9.30am*, 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 until 11am

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

Wednesday: Mulhuddart

Friday: Corduff

Planned Giving/ Family Offering

(for the maintenance and development of the Parish)

Thank you to all who have collected their Planned Giving/Family Offering envelope boxes for the coming year, and thanks to those who delivered them. If you didn't receive a box and would like one, please call in or contact the parish office. Standing Order forms are also available around the church if you would prefer to donate this way. You can complete this form and bring it to your bank or set it up through your online banking. Contributions to the Family Offering can also be made through the Donate button on the Parish website. Many thanks for your continued support of the Parish.

**What does Resurrection mean?
"The Lord is truly risen, alleluia"**



The Church celebrates Easter, not just for today but for fifty days, over a period that's called 'The Great Sunday'. Why? What does the Resurrection mean? It means that this person, this extraordinary person Jesus of Nazareth, who was nailed into timber, hammered into the ground, buried under stone, put death completely into reverse and rose to new life. Death is so prevalent, in our experience so final and irreversible, that it really takes beating. He beat it.

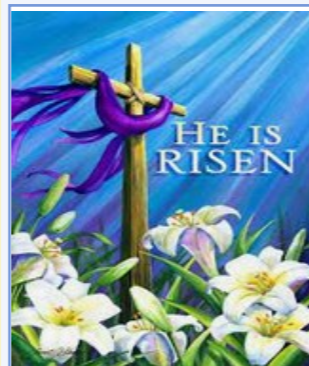
It means that the Resurrection is not just an historical fact, it's a continuing experience. We do not say 'Christ rose'; we say 'Christ is risen'. He is risen now. 'Where two or three are gathered in my name...' He is present in his Spirit – in his Word, in the Mass, in Holy Communion, in the Sacraments, in other people. He's here as our inspiration, our Saviour and Lord.

It means that Resurrection is ours. It's not just a personal achievement on Our Lord's part. It's a public company in which we all have shares. And according to himself, the cost of a share, the price of a share, is faith. Not uninformed swallowing of everything, but a basic if sometimes faltering faith in him, 'I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live' (Jn 11:25). It means that life is not a dead-end. It's not a cul-de-sac. We've all met situations in life, indeed in our own community, where people died young, in an accident perhaps. Life can be so uneven, and death is so indiscriminate, that we need something to balance the scales.

That something is the Resurrection. You need it to round things off. It's the one thing that rounds off our jagged existence. And God 'will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone' (Apoc 21:4) Resurrection means that we should be improving things now. Resurrection cannot be for the sacrists. It has to be for society, a risen world. An Easter people can never be complacent in the face of poverty, injustice and starvation. It is to be hoped that the Resurrection will be recognisable in its familiarity, that we'll welcome it not because it's new and different but because it's something we've already begun to know.

The resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of the Christian message. Death is called, in scripture, 'the final enemy', and it completes the final and eternal victory of Jesus. It is that victory that our hope lies. 'by your cross and resurrection you have set us free...Dying, you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life...'

The only thing we are sure of is that every single one of us is going to have to take that final leap of faith that we call death. When Jesus bowed his head on Calvary he trusted the Father to catch him, as it were. He returned, and spent forty days with his apostles to impress on them that he had overcome death, and there was no longer any gamble or uncertainty in it for them. We already share in resurrection, as we await our own entry into the fullness of that new and eternal life. (Source: These might help – Bishop Joseph Cassidy)



Easter Blessing

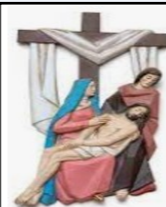
Our Easter celebration calls us to Strengthen our belief that new life comes from an empty tomb. Our Easter celebration calls

us to seek encounters with the risen Lord and believe that we can be that presence of new life for others. Our Easter amazement does not centre so much on whether or not we believe in Jesus' resurrection—We do! Our amazement is that we can encounter the risen Lord ourselves. The Parish Team, the Parish Staff and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend to all Parishioners of St Brigid's and readers of this newsletter, the grace and blessings of the Easter Season. Happy Easter – the Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

EASTER MONDAY

1st April is a bank holiday. Mass is at 11am with no evening mass.

Saturday 6th April will be the first Saturday of the month so mass will be at 10am, followed by confessions until 11am



The Stations of the Cross

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Artists have attempted to capture the moment of sadness as the body of Jesus rests in the arms of his Mother. That expression of poignant love is a sign of the bond between our Saviour and the one whose 'yes' made possible our salvation. As Mary stood by the cross she also stood by the disciples of her Son and was with the Twelve when the Church was born on Pentecost.

Jesus is dead. His body hangs on the cross, limp and lifeless, until at last it is taken down and placed in the lap of his mother. Reminds me of all the mothers that are forced to grieve for the lives of their sons and daughters that have been cut tragically short.



The Fourteenth Station: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB.

Consider how the disciples, accompanied by his holy Mother, carried the body of Jesus to bury it. They closed the tomb, and all came sorrowfully away. My buried Jesus! I kiss the stone that encloses you. But you rose again on the third day. I beseech you, by your resurrection, to make me rise in glory with you at the last day, to be always united with you in heaven, to praise you and love you forever.

Charity Quiz Kavanagh's Pub, Laurel

Lodge on **Monday 15th April at 8pm.**

All proceeds will go directly to support the **Kiltegan Fathers** Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools in Riwoto, South Sudan. There are over 1300 students enrolled in the schools. €40 per table of 4 people. Contact Fran Leahy at 0879473333 for further information.

*We pray for our recently deceased:
Patricia Lonergan Liam Slattery
Always loved, never forgotten*



Mass intentions for the week

Sunday	Patrick Dixon	Helena O'Keeffe	Teresa O'Neill
	Aileen Canning	Maria McCathy	Sanela Angel (intention)
Monday	Thanksgiving—Sujai Sebastian		
Saturday	John Crowley	Bessie McCabe	

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Mary goes to Jesus' tomb and finds it is empty! She runs to tell the other disciples who rush to see for themselves. Now they know it is true – Jesus has risen! He is alive!

Paschal Candle

Last night the Easter candle was blessed and set alight. Jesus, our light, is risen!

Jesus is alive in 2024.

Write in the year on the candle to match the Paschal candle in your church.

Colour the candle and flame.



I am so happy that you are alive again, Jesus! Thank you for being here with me. Help me to spread Easter joy with everyone I meet.

Amen

Heads up:

OUR ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP WILL RECOMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE:
WHAT ARE THE SACRAMENTS?
HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE OUR FAITH?



Divine Mercy

An individual can receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment due to sin if they receive Holy Communion on

Divine Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter), and confession within the octave. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and Divine Mercy leaflets are available at the doors of the church. Divine Mercy devotions will be held in *St Philip the Apostle Church in Mountview* on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Sunday 7th April 2024, 2pm to 4:30pm

Confessions (from 2pm)
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (2pm to 3:25pm)
Veneration of Divine Mercy Image (2:15pm)
3 o'clock prayer
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Concluding with Mass (3:30pm)