



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.

The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

5. 'I thirst.' (John 19:28)

Reflection Right at the beginning of John's Gospel, Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well and he said to her, 'Give me water'. At the beginning and the end of the story Jesus asks us to satisfy his thirst. This is how God come to us, in a thirsty person wanting something that we have to give. God's relationship with creation is entirely that of gift.

Reflection Jesus stands there alone. His friends have vanished. He has nothing but the worn clothes that he wears. Yet that austerity is his strength. This is a different kind of austerity to the political one. It is that mark of simplicity, of rejection of extravagance, of harmony with the natural world, of fixing on the values which endure and which free us from the pressures to conformity, to fashion, to what is empty, and above all free us to service and to feel compassion for others and to transform that compassion into a way of life and into a society which really cares.

Silent Prayer

Gracious God, we unite our anxieties and our sense of abandonment with the lonely pain of Christ on the cross. Be with those who feel deserted and alone today. We ask this in the spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Stations of the Cross

Seventh Station - Jesus Falls the Second Time



Reflection Despite our best resolutions we slip into old ways when faced with temptation and provocation. As we reflect on Jesus falling for the second time we stop a moment and take stock again of what we have done and what we have failed to do again and again as we ask for mercy.

Eighth Station - Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem



Reflection These women remind us of the common humanity in which we all share. 'Weep not for me,' Jesus said, 'but for yourselves and for your children.'

One Who Weeps (Anselm Grün)

Scripture tells twice of your weeping,
 But undoubtedly there were other times
 Besides your tears for a friend entombed
 And a heartless city swept up in selfishness.
 Surely your tender tears continue to emerge
 As you look upon this hurting planet today.
 Tears for children who are brutally betrayed
 And every person's wrenching desolation,
 Tears for the world's greed and plunder
 And the careless way we treat one another.

– Pope Francis (The source of these stations of the cross is from the Vatican for the Jubilee Year of Mercy 2016)

From the Pastor's Desk



Lourdes Thank you for your expressions of interest in travelling to Lourdes. I'm delighted to say that enough were interested to actually book our trip. There are posters around the Church; to book please contact Jean in the Parish Office. We are travelling with the Dublin Archdiocese from 5th to 10th September.

Intercessions for Vocations Fourth Sunday of Lent - In our Gospel St. John tells us that God sent His Son so that the world might be saved through Him and Jesus is the light in the darkness of the world. We pray for those who the Lord calls to bring the light of faith to those in darkness, that they will respond to the call of Jesus to follow as a priest, deacon or religious.

Acts of love for Lent

Call someone who's struggling with grief, depression or loneliness, just to ask how they're doing. It's not the most wonderful time of the year for everyone but your thoughtfulness can make it a little brighter.

Novena of Grace – our Parish

Retreat

The Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier continues to Tuesday 12th March. The Novena Prayer will be prayed at all Masses. It is going very well. As part of the Novena Canon Paddy will hear Confession on:
 Monday 11th March at 9.30am
 Tuesday 12th March at 9.30am

First Penance The celebration of First Penance/ Confession finishes for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes. On Tuesday 12th March we welcome the pupils from Pelletstown Educate Together at 3pm.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Parish Meetings

This coming week
 Thursday 14th March – The Liturgy Team and the Sacristans will meet in the Pastoral Centre at 2.00pm

St Luke's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 13th April. Price includes return coach from St Lukes Mulhuddart and a 3 course meal. Register your interest; 8205480. €45 adult/ €28 child.

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

God sent his Son Jesus to live with us in our world so that we can see and feel just how much God loves us. Jesus is the light that shines to show us the way to be good.

Jesus is the light of the world

Can you find all these sources of light in the word search?

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A PRAYER TO SKY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Thank you for showing me the way to live. Help me to follow your example and be even more loving to the people I meet every day. Amen.

God loved the world so much that he sent his Son, _____, to bring light and love into the dark world.

Confirmation - Ceremony of Light

This beautiful Ceremony continues during which, the parents hand the lighted candle lit from the Pascal Candle directly to their children. This symbolises that they, their parents have fulfilled their promise to bring their children up in the faith and will continue to fulfil it. Their children now make the step of confirming their faith for themselves.

Tuesday 12th March 7pm – Scoil Oilibhéir. Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm – St Francis Xavier

Confirmation reflection

Zoom meeting for the parents and candidates in which they reflect together on the Sacrament of Confirmation are held over three Mondays and they began last Monday. It is run by Deacon Michael and the Confirmation Team.



St. Vincent de Paul: The outdoor monthly collection for St. Brigid's will be taken up this weekend at all masses.

ST BRIGID'S BLANCHARDSTOWN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

Accompanied by Spiritual Director

05-10 SEPTEMBER 2024

5 nights full board La Solitude Hotel

€949 per person sharing

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- 20kg bag included
- Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme including Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information & to book, please contact **Jean a)** in the Parish Office (in the Pastoral Centre)
b) phone: 01- 811 5412
c) email: office@blanchardstownparish.ie

We pray for our recently deceased;

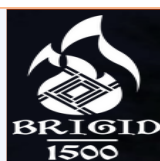
Mary Brady
Anne Delaney
Tom Quinn



Always loved, never forgotten

Mass intentions for the week

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| Saturday | Tom Coughlan | Pat Murphy | Susan Monaghan | Ann Carberry |
| Sunday | Nora O'Reilly | David Panengo (1st Anniv) | John McNally | |



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