



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.

The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

6. "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

Reflection Jesus was given a jar of sour wine, drank and then said, "it is finished."

Mary, some women and John were standing at the foot of the cross. They stayed with Jesus and heard these words and helped them to be the first to discover the meaning of this death. They were to learn that the death of Jesus is not an ending. Rather, it is the beginning of the ongoing ministry of the Church which we share in. We see lots of endings and beginnings. When Pope Benedict resigned we wondered what his ending would bring to the Church. The Conclave was held and we were surprised with the selection of Pope Francis I. There was an ending and we have seen a new beginning has brought joy, hope and new life to the world.

Silent Prayer

Lord, help us to stand at the foot of the cross in order to come to know the full meaning of endings and beginnings. May we see by your death and resurrection our lives find meaning. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Stations of the Cross



The Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time. My Jesus, even with the help of Simon You fell a third time. Were You telling me that there may be times in my life that I will fall again and again despite the help of friends and loved ones?



The Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments. It seems that every step to Calvary brought You fresh humiliation, my Jesus.

Reflection Our clothes are often a window into our personality. The superficial elements of life when regarded as essential or vital are like invisible chains. They stop us from being who we are called to be. It is the same with the call to carry our cross. It calls for letting go and allowing ourselves to be stripped of our earthly garments.

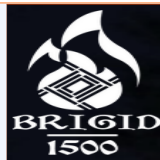


Saint Patrick – March 17th Principal Patron of Ireland. It would no doubt take the modest St Patrick by surprise to know how widely his feast is celebrated and marked! We know something of the man himself from the few documents which have come down to us. His return to

those who enslaved him shows great character; even more outstanding is his commitment to Jesus Christ, the Scriptures and to his calling as apostle and evangelist. The spark of faith has shone among the Irish, sometimes brightly, sometimes dimly, ever since. Let us mark the feast with thanksgiving and renewed faith. Prayer - Father, you brought the Gospel to life among the Irish by the preaching of the great St Patrick. Help us rediscover again the spark of faith, that it may shine brightly once more among us.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MASS WILL BE AT 11AM WITH NO EVENING MASS

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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

Parish Meetings

This coming week in the Pastoral Centre
 Wednesday 20th March – 730pm. The Baptism Team will meet with parents of children to be baptised in April.

Wednesday 20th—Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7pm.

Friday 22nd March Teen Hope —7.30pm

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?



'Lectio Divina' - a reflection on the Scripture will take

place on Wednesdays during Lent. Our final meeting is on Wednesday 20th of March 11am—12noon in the parish centre. All are very welcome!

We pray for our recently deceased,
John Gallagher
Kay O'Leary
 Always loved,
 never forgotten



Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus knows that he is going to die but he also knows this is how he will show us how much God loves us. Jesus explains that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it will not make more plants. The grain brings life into the world - and so will Jesus, in an even more wonderful way!

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 G R O U N D R N C
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Word search

Find these words from the Gospel today:

GROW

WHEAT

DIE

GROUND

LIFE

EARTH

GRAIN

NEW

Grow with Jesus

What new things can you do now you are no longer a baby?



Thank you, Jesus, for showing me how to be loving and kind. Help me to grow more like you every day. Amen.

Confirmation Ceremonies



The celebration of the Sacrament of

Confirmation for our

parish schools begin this week.

On Friday 22nd March at 11am,

we will welcome the children

from **Scoil Oilibhéir**. Please keep

the children and their families in

your prayers.

Confirmation Ceremony of Light

This beautiful Ceremony continues

this week. The parents hand the

lighted candle lit from the Pascal

Candle directly to their children.

This symbolises that the 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.

Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm –

St Francis Xavier

Intercessions for Vocations

Fifth Sunday of Lent – In our second

reading, St Paul writes to the persecuted

church in Rome encouraging them “Unless

you possessed the Spirit of Christ you

would not belong to him.” We pray for

those discerning a vocation to priesthood,

diaconate or religious life, that they may

be possessed by the Spirit of Christ and

respond to His call.

Lenten Penitential Service

There will be a Partnership Reconciliation

Service on **Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm**

in St Patrick's Church in Corduff. We will be

joined by Priests from our Partnership

Parish, Mulhuddart. You have a special

chance with the penance service or

individual confessions in Holy Week to

receive the grace of the sacrament. It may

help to see receiving the sacrament of

reconciliation as a spirit of repentance to

renew our baptismal promises at Easter,

and to think more of God's mercy than of

your sins.

Easter Cards are available for collection in the parish centre by the usual distributors—Thank you!

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday	Kay McGlynn	Betty Beirne	Michael & Betty Fahy
	Desmond, Nellie & baby David	Finegan	Fr Seamus McGeehan
Sunday	Fr Seamus McGeehan	Thomas Rooney	James Duffy Una Nulty
Monday	Julia Farrell	Fr Seamus McGeehan	Tuesday Frank Barrett (1st Anniv)
Thursday	Seán Frawley (1st Anniv)	Friday	Jane Maher