



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

Seven candles

You will have noticed the 7 candles, I hope! On the First Sunday of Lent all seven candles are lit.

Gradually each Sunday of Lent a candle is extinguished. As we extinguish the candles we recall one of Jesus' Last Seven Words: Father forgive them, for they know not what they do (Lk.23:34) **(b)** I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise (Lk.23:43) **(c)**Woman, Behold your Son...Behold your mother (Jn.19:26-27) **(d)**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Mk.15:34) **(e)** I thirst (Jn19:28) **(f)** It is finished (Jn.19:30) **(g)** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit (Lk.23:46)



The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

Today you will be with me in Paradise (Luke 23:43)

Reflection The process of building up the kingdom of God here and now which is begun in faith will be completed at the resurrection of the dead when we are embraced fully into the peace of eternal life. Our Credo - I believe in the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting goes hand in hand with these words of Jesus on the cross 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Reflection This man says to Jesus, 'Remember me when you come into your Kingdom. He recognises that Jesus is a King. What can it mean to accept that this humiliated and powerless man on a cross is a King? What it means is this: Jesus promised us that we will attain happiness, and we will. Human beings are made to be happy and all the powers that threaten our happiness will not prevail. Happiness is not an emotion that we just may or may not have. It is being alive. We will attain our destiny and nothing can stop that because Jesus rules.

Silent Prayer

Gracious God of hope and promise, fill us with a spirit of generosity and enthusiasm so that step by step we will build a stairway to paradise by our work for justice, love and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.



The Stations of the Cross

First Station - Jesus is condemned to death

Reflection

Those upset by the ministry of Jesus and his preaching were quick to accuse and condemn him. There are people who 'rattle our cages' from time to time because of what they say or do. It might be because they are different to us.

We may hold a racial or social prejudice against them. Maybe their good example embarrasses or threatens us. Often we get a set against someone we don't even know because of what we read or hear about them. People are condemned out of our mouths when we deal in gossip or innuendo. We may take someone's name out of spite as we look for attention or try to keep the spotlight off our own wrongdoings. This is not Christ-like behaviour. Christians are called to be people of truth, to act for justice and to see the good in others.

Second Station - Jesus is made to bear his Cross

Reflection

Christ Jesus, source of mercy, You take our burdens upon yourself. You suffer with all who bear the cross of suffering in whatever form it takes, so that with you we can move forward: From worry and anxiety to trust, from darkness to light. With you accompanying us, even what pains our heart, Even our darkness can be made bright by the inner light of the Holy Spirit. You stretched out your arms on the cross And reconciled us to one another and to the Father. You brought God and humanity together in your body. Wrap your arms around our broken lives and restore us to the harmony that exists in you.



The source of these stations of the cross is from the Vatican for the Jubilee Year of Mercy 2016



Stations of the

Cross; Stations will continue on Fridays at 9.30am before mass during Lent.



Next Sunday 25th February we will have the Family Mass at 10.30am with the Youth Choir, followed by refreshments.

From the Pastor's Desk



Trocaire

In Ireland, Lent is synonymous with Trocaire or is it the other way around! The Trociare boxes are in the packets on the tables of the Church along with included information with the theme for this year being 'Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.' (Amos.5:24). Please take a box home - it can be quite amazing how much loose change can amount to.

Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggestions on ways of fulfilling Friday penance: *Abstaining from meat or some other food; *Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking; *Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer; *Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Friday's; *Visiting a Church or the Blessed Sacrament; *Making the stations of the Cross;*Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy; *Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Intercessions for Vocations

First Sunday of Lent - We pray for vocations and for those who are being called to discern a vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life. Today's Psalm says "Lord, make me know your ways ... teach me your paths ... make me walk in your truth... for you are God my saviour". We pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide those who are being called to discover their vocation.

Acts of love for Lent "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the Sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." Pope Francis.

First Penance The celebration of First Penance/ Confession continues for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes. On Tuesday 20th February we welcome the pupils from Scoil Oilibhéar at 7.00pm. On Thursday 22nd February we welcome the pupils from SFX Junior School at 11.15am.

Hospitality Team Our fantastic Hospitality Team are hoping to recruit a few new volunteers to help with occasional events in the parish. Would you have an hour or so to spare once in a while? We would really appreciate it—please contact Jean in the office.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus goes into the desert by himself for forty days. He is tempted by the devil but the angels look after him. After this time, Jesus goes into Galilee to tell everyone the Good News that God loves them. Jesus tells people to turn back to God and believe in him.

TIME TO THINK!

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to keep my Lenten promise. Help me to make your kingdom real by sharing your love with the people I meet. Amen.

My Lenten promise

Are you doing anything special this Lent? Write, or draw about, your Lenten promise here.

In Lent I promise to...

Lourdes 2024

Would there be an interest in a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes? I would envisage us joining with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will travel from September 5th to 10th. If so please ring Jean in the Parish Office or speak to a sacristan.

St Philip the Apostle Church Mountview. During Lent there will be **7 am Mass** on weekday mornings. There will be no evening Masses during Lent.

ACCORD The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend, replacing the Share collection. **ACCORD continues to offer:** Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups. Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone. **ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously.**

Parish Meetings in the Pastoral Centre

- Tuesday 20th February**– The **Confirmation Team** will meet at **11am** to review the recent retreats.
- Wednesday 21st February - 7.30pm** **Parents and Baptismal Team** - The parents of children for Baptism In March are invited to meet the Team and have a presentation on the symbols of Baptism along with a short period of prayer.
- Thursday 22nd February** – The **Family Mass team** will meet at **6.00pm**.
- Thursday 22nd February** – The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet at **7.00pm**.

Friday 23rd February - Teen Hope -The teenagers are invited to gather at **7.00pm** – Pizza, chat, games, reflection and prayer and FUN.

We pray for our recently deceased;
Paddy Collins Noreen Connolly
Always loved, never forgotten



Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Maureen Ryan	Keith Dillon
Sun	Patrick Doolan (A)	Seamus & Maree McGuinness (A)
	Charles & Eileen O'Malley (A)	Maureen & John Keane (A)
	Zofija Vedreviciene (A)	Santos Pedro Pascual (intention)
Tues	Imelda Healy (MM)	Thurs Bill Barry Thomas McMahan

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