



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

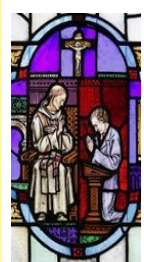
Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

Mon: Blanchardstown 7.30pm

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wednesday: Mulhuddart

Friday: Corduff



First Saturday

Next Saturday 2nd March, is the first Saturday of the month so we will have mass at 10am followed by confessions until 11am.

St Philip the Apostle Church Mountview.

During Lent there will be **7am Mass** on weekdays. There will be no evening Masses during Lent.

The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

'Woman, Behold your Son! ...Behold your mother.' (John 19:26-27)

Reflection Good Friday has seen the disintegration of Jesus' community. It is not just any community. It is our community. This is the birth of the Church. He does not call Mary 'Mother'. He says 'Woman'. This is because she is the new Eve. The old Eve was the mother of all living beings. This is the new Eve who is the mother of all who live by faith. So this is our family. Here we see our mother and our brother.

Reflection There is a miniature picture of the Ascension in the 6th century Rabbula Gospel Book from Syria. In this image we see the apostles in confusion as Jesus is taken up to heaven while Mary stands calmly in prayer amid the chaos. That is the precious gift that Jesus gave to us and to the Christian community at Calvary, a woman of prayer and understanding. We cannot turn to Mary, our Mother, without acknowledging her Son to whom she gave birth. At Cana, Mary saw the embarrassment of the hosts at the wedding and immediately acted because she knew that her son would not let the people down. By changing the water into wine Jesus offered more than a miracle of physical transformation but the symbol of a baptism that was more than some superficial washing. This baptism into the family of Christ, the Church, in blood and water makes us 'blood' brothers and sisters of each other with all that goes with such a relationship.

Silent Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Stations of the Cross

Third Station - Jesus Falls the First Time

Reflection



The first fall of Jesus under the heavy weight of the cross reminds us of our own weaknesses and failings and how easily we can fall into old ways. We look into our own hearts, examine our conscience and ask for mercy:

I have neglected my relationship with God in prayer
 I have made a God of my ambition and my pride
 I have spent too little quality time with family and friends

I have spoken unkindly or untruthfully about others
 I have been jealous of the gifts of friends and neighbours
 I have been unfaithful in honouring my solemn commitments to others



Fourth Station - Jesus meets Mary, his Mother

Reflection

What must that meeting have been like as their eyes met? What a loving exchange of concern and compassion and at the same time expressions of horror and fear. Did Mary remember all the joys and the sorrows that came with bringing the Son of God into the world? 'Our Lady's normal life which served as the basis for the unique relationship and profound dialogue which unfolded

between her and God, between her and her Son. Mary's 'yes', already perfect from the start, grew until the hour of the Cross. There her motherhood opened to embrace every one of us, our lives, so as to guide her Son. Mary lived perpetually immersed in the mystery of God-made-man, as his first and perfect disciple, by contemplating all things in her heart in the light of the Holy Spirit, in order to understand and live out the will of God.' – 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



Intercessions for Vocations

Second Sunday of Lent - In our first reading we read that "God put Abraham to the test". Abraham responds with complete trust "Here I am". We pray for those discerning a vocation that they may have the grace and strength to trust in God and respond like Abraham – "Here I am".

Acts of love for Lent

Give someone the gift of your presence. Ask how they're doing and then really listen instead of just waiting to talk.

First Penance

The celebration of First Penance/ Confession continues for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes. On Thursday 29th February we welcome the pupils from St Francis Xavier Junior School at 11.15am.

Confirmation - Ceremony of Light

Over the next 5 weeks the Ceremony of Light for the Confirmation classes will be celebrated. This Ceremony is developed around the Pascal Candle. When children are baptised the parents/godparents receive a light to their Baptismal Candle from the Pascal Candle. In this Ceremony, the parents hand the lighted candle lit from the Pascal Candle directly to their children themselves, symbolising that they, their parents have fulfilled their promise to bring their children up in the faith and will continue to fulfil it and that their children now make the step of confirming their faith for themselves. Thursday 29th February at 7.30pm – Scoil Bhríde Cailíní.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Sunday Mass Collections

Many thanks for your continued support of these collections which are vital for the support of the priests of the diocese. You can contribute to the Mass collections by:

Putting your offerings in the 'white boxes' around the Church or by leaving your Envelope into Parish Office during the week. *Envelopes are provided on seats or you can have an Envelope supply in your home for convenience.*

Using the 'Tap and Go' machines. Many parishioners find this quite handy. Using the online 'Donate' facility on the Parish Website. See

www.blanchardstownparish.ie where you can select both one-off and recurring payments.

The Mass collections are divided – 60% to the 1st – Common Fund for Priests; 40% - to the 2nd – Share.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus takes his friends, Peter, James and John, up a high mountain. Suddenly Jesus looks gloriously different and his clothes shine brightly. Then they all hear a voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son. I love him. Listen to him."

Jesus gives some advice Who comforts you when you are afraid? **Work out the code to hear Jesus' advice.**

Peter, James and John were afraid when they saw Jesus shining and bright. What do you do when you are afraid?

LISTEN TO HIM!

What a shock

What happened on the mountain was a great shock to Jesus' three friends.

Sunday 25 February
2nd Sunday of Lent
Mark 9:2-10

Legend:
 a = ● (purple circle)
 b = ◆ (yellow diamond)
 d = ■ (red square)
 e = ▲ (pink triangle)
 f = ✕ (green cross)
 i = ✱ (purple star)
 n = ✓ (green checkmark)
 o = ○ (green circle)
 r = ✦ (blue diamond)
 t = ⊕ (blue cross)

Thank you for loving me, Jesus. Help me to show you how much I love you by listening to you and living as you ask. Amen.



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 Sept 5th to 10th. If so please ring Jean in the Parish Office or speak to a sacristan.

Parish Meetings in the Pastoral Centre Monday 26th February– The Finance Team will meet at 2.30pm.

We pray for our recently deceased;

- Noreen Connolly
- Karl Kuliesa
- Carmel Mullally
- Robin Cunningham
- John Nolan



Always loved, never forgotten

The Transfiguration



Extract from a homily by St. John Paul II

"In the event of the Transfiguration we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history, which is being built every day, and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven in full union with Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

We, pilgrims on earth, are granted to rejoice in the company of the transfigured Lord when we immerse ourselves in the things of above through prayer and the celebration of the divine mysteries. But, like the disciples, we too must descend from Tabor into daily life where human events challenge our faith. On the mountain we saw; on the paths of life we are asked tirelessly to proclaim the Gospel which illuminates the steps of believers... we are made for eternity and eternity begins at this very moment, since the Lord is among us and lives with and in his Church".
In 2002, St. John Paul II selected the Transfiguration as one of the five Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

Mass intentions for the week

Sun	Mary Hehir	David Panergo	Marie Brown
Mon	Chris Brady	Tony McGlinchey (MM)	
Tues	Joseph Coughlin	Thurs	Michael O'Loughlin
Sat	John Martin		