



*A New Time – a different way of being Church
 the Journey with the Lord*

The Church happens in our lives. As we change, our Church changes. We are called to recognise how the Church is changing, and discern where the Good Shepherd is leading us. Our lives are a journey, and our faith is a journey too. The Church is our journey in faith *together*. As Pope Francis is always pointing out, we are on our journey of faith *together*. As in any real journey, there is going to be a lot of discovery and surprise; there will be difficult times; and we will change as we travel. Like the great journey of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, *through the desert*, to the Promised Land, the journey of the Church is not an easy journey. Like theirs, and Christ's, the journey of the Church is filled with risk and loss. But it is real, and shapes us into the people of God.

Fear Not, little flock... One of the contours of this new place we are brought is the diminishing number of priests available to serve in the parishes and other ministries in the Archdiocese, and a reducing number of people who celebrate the sacraments regularly, and the increased resources required to maintain the existing parish infrastructure. As you can understand, this means that it is no longer possible for me to appoint a resident priest to every parish. This has consequences for the appointments for priests in ministry. The partnership of parishes will therefore necessarily deepen their ties to each other, cooperate more fully in providing sacraments and pastoral care, and require a much greater involvement of the lay faithful in the partnerships of parishes to enable them to fulfil their mission and ministry. This will permit us to continue to serve the communities which is after all what we are about.

This real journey confronts us with something new, but something we do not clearly understand. We feel perplexed, even that the Lord has abandoned us. We feel that we have lost our way. These are important parts of our journey. *Fear not, little flock,* says Jesus, "for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32) The kingdom is a gift. This can be a very painful learning for us—in your memory of huge numbers, and of a secure, strong Church. But Jesus' flock is a little flock. This not about who will say our Masses, or who will 'teach the faith.' This is not a prayer that seeks people to carry on what we have known. That would be a very self-centred and impoverished prayer. Let us pray for people – young women and men, who would "hear his voice," entrust themselves to it, and witness to it, and show us all how God is near.

Vocations Sunday April 2024– Homily of Archbishop Farrell

**NEXT SATURDAY, 4TH MAY, IS THE
 FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.
 WE WILL HAVE MASS AT 10AM
 FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS UNTIL
 11AM.**

All Ireland Rosary Rally—the Annual Rally will take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday 1st June. It is an occasion to celebrate with families and friends in our belief in the power of prayer. The day will start at 1pm with a talk by Mother Adela Galindo and the main Celebrant will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore. Please see posters for more information.



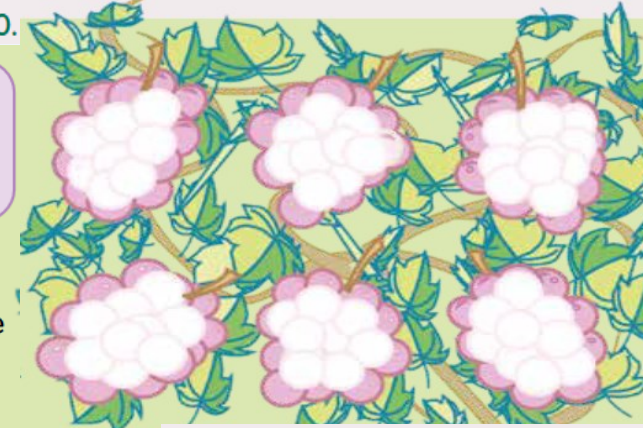
Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus says that he is like a vine and we are the branches. If we are attached to the vine, we will grow lots of fruit. The fruit we grow is all the good things we do.

I AM THE VINE!

Jesus is like a vine and we are like the bunches of grapes!

Draw your face on one of the bunches of grapes - and the faces of your family and friends on some of the others.



Help me to grow good fruit, Jesus. Help me to be kind today. Help me to always trust you and stay in your care. Amen.



Mass of All Nations -
 Sunday 9th June.

Mulhuddart Blessing of the graves– Sunday 16th June

Annual Heritage Parish Pilgrimage. This will take place on **Saturday 22nd June** to Faughart and surrounding areas. It is a full day trip to include morning coffee and dinner on the return. We will update you when we have finalised the details.

Parish Family Fun Day -
 Sunday 1st September.



CURRENT SCHEDULE *
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
 Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30am, Church closes at 5pm
Monday: Area Mass at 7.30pm preceded by Rosary and Novena at 7pm
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 at 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 7.30pm
Mon: Blanchardstown
Tues & Thurs: Castleknock
Wed: Mulhuddart **Fri:** Corduff
 * Please note that our standard schedule may be subject to some change in the current circumstances.

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PLANT SALE
 SPONSORED BY: **Centra**
 Kenna's Laurel Lodge

Saturday 11th May 10am – 5pm
Sunday 12th May 10am – 5pm

Summer Bedding Plants - Fruit & Vegetable Plants
Hanging Baskets - Window Boxes
Pots - Tubs - Shrubs - Garden Accessories
Compost - BBQ - Coffee Shop & Cake Sale

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Saints in the Church's Calendar
St. Catherine of Siena, Evangelist – Monday 29th.
 A mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.
St. Joseph the worker – Wed 1st. This feast was instituted in 1955 by Pope Pius XII. Jesus was himself 'the son of the carpenter' and St. Joseph presents a wonderful example of how even the most seemingly menial work can be sanctified.
SS Philip & James, Apostles – Fri 3rd. St Philip asks to see and having seen, he tells the Good News to others. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. St James, the son Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church of Jerusalem and led a life of penance.

Confirmation Ceremonies
 Congratulations to the boys and girls from Saint Francis Xavier school who were confirmed on Thursday at two separate celebrations. We thank our Team and the florists! We hope you enjoyed your special day!
*May the Holy Spirit guide you in your lives ahead.
 May your Faith be active and alive.*

St. Teresa of Avila, a 16th century Spanish mystic, wrote, "The Lord walks among the pots and pans." This quote serves as a reminder that joy can be found even in the most mundane of tasks. This quote encourages us to find joy in all aspects of our lives, not just the more exciting or glamorous parts.

Adult Faith Adult Discussion Group
 Our Adult Discussion Group will meet on:
Wednesday 1st May @7pm
Topic for discussion this week:
What is both the source and the summit of Christian Life?
 Come along to enjoy just one session, or come for all the sessions.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday	Sanela Angel (intention) John Paul Molloy MM
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We pray for our recently deceased;
Pat O'Reilly
Delia (Deya) Ladaru
Brendan Kinsella
John (Seán) Griffin
Always loved, never forgotten

