



Parish Pilgrimage to Dundalk and Faughart—Saturday 22nd June



Our annual heritage pilgrimage went off wonderfully last weekend. Our primary goal was Faughart in Co Louth, the birthplace of St Brigid. We visited Dundalk on the way, starting with St Joseph's. After some delicious home-made bread and scones, tea and coffee, the PP, Fr Brendan Callinan, gave a very informative talk on the church and the history of the Redemptorists in the area. We then moved down the road to St Patrick's cathedral, followed by the County Museum which, among many interesting items, had an impressive collection of St Brigid's crosses of various designs. Leaving Dundalk, we drove to the Hill of Faughart where we were met by our guide, Róisín. She explained that St Brigid's birthplace was special, not just for the spectacular views but also because it always has been a key border location on the edge or limit of many divisions. Having visited St Brigid's well we moved on to the national shrine to St Brigid a little further on, down the hill. The shrine is a lovely combination of wooded groves and open grassed areas linked by a stream fed from St Brigid's well. A key feature is the ancient healing stones which can cure all sorts of ailments. We were very lucky that Fr Adrian could join us at this stage and he celebrated mass for us in the oratory at the shrine. All good things come to an end so we had to take our leave and head back to home. But not before stopping off at The Snail Box for a delicious, and very welcome, meal and a chat. We were blessed with the weather and all agreed it had been a great day. We are already looking forward to next year! We will have some photos on display shortly in the parish centre and on the website.

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 Holiday: Mass 11am only, no evening mass
 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.

Saints in the Church's Calendar;

St. Oliver Plunkett—Monday 1st July. He was ordained in Rome in 1654, and appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669, when the penal laws were possibly at their worst. He was arrested in 1679 and was taken to London. He was found guilty of high treason 'for promoting the Catholic faith'. He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn in 1681, the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn.
St. Thomas, Apostle – Wednesday 3rd July. Called 'the twin' and is chiefly remembered for doubting the reality of the resurrection until he saw the Lord for himself. Once he was satisfied, he made a heartfelt profession of faith: 'My Lord and my God'. St. Thomas, who probably suffered martyrdom as a result of preaching the Gospel in India, comforts us when our faith is weak.
St. Maria Goretti, Martyr – Saturday 6th July Born near Ancona, Italy, to a poor peasant family, St Maria (1890-1902) was known for her hard work, cheerfulness, piety and chastity.

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National Grandparents Day
 On Sunday 28th July the Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead a pilgrimage at Knock Shrine commencing at 2.30pm with anointing of the sick, and mass at 3pm followed by the Rosary Procession.

1st Saturday
Saturday 6th July is the first Saturday of the month so mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by confessions.

"Extraordinary Achievement" for the greater Blanchardstown area, gaining **3rd place in Ireland** in the IBAL awards. *Irish Business Against Litter*. Huge result to achieve considering it is a national result! Keep up the great work everyone!!



Summer Break; Our wonderful choir, under the direction of James Murphy, have begun their well earned summer break. A big thank you to the choir for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. We pray they have a good summer and return to provide our liturgical music once again in September.

Family Mass The Family Mass and Family Mass Team now take their summer break. This Mass returns on 29th September. Thank you to the Team for their enthusiasm and commitment.



We welcome those baptised in the month of June;

Cillian, Millie, Jacqueline-Marie, Nessa, Parker, Caelan, Jackson, Henry & Poppy.
 May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

Next weekend; 6th & 7th July, we will have a talk from the Franciscan Missionaries for Africa. They will have an outdoor collection afterwards.

Mount Sackville Primary School has been approved by the Department of Education, to enroll boys, starting in Junior Infants this September. Enrolments are now open!

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jairus asks Jesus to heal his poorly daughter. Jairus has faith and knows Jesus can help her. Jesus goes to his house and heals the little girl. Everyone is amazed!

I believe in you
 Here's an important word from today's Gospel.
 Unjumble the letters to fill the gaps.
 F _ _ _ _ i t h a
Do you know what it means?

Jesus Heals
 Jesus cured many sick people. Who helps us get better when we are sick? List the names or jobs of the people you can think of!
 Thank you, Jesus, for all the people who look after me when I am sick. Amen.

SUMMER DUES 2024 Envelopes for this collection will be left in the Church for the next few weekends if you would like to contribute to the Common Fund (Income for priests&retired priests). A letter from Archbishop Farrell is available in the Church.

RALLY FOR LIFE takes place on Saturday 6th July at 1.30pm at Parnell Square.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!
 'School is out for the summer!'
 People are taking to the beaches, mountains and to the air! To everyone heading off on their holidays we wish you a safe, restful break. We pray for a sunny dry few months!

The annual **Peter's Pence** collection takes place this weekend. This collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world and will replace the usual Share (2nd) Collection.

Mass intentions for the week	
Sat	Bernard McGarrell
Sun	Pat O'Donnell (MM) Olivia Beirne Pat McElroy Gilbert Fagan John Balfe Norah & Donal Doolan Ann Hanley
Tues	Fr Micheál Russell (OFM)
Thurs	Kevin Russell