



Mary has been taken up to heaven

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.

Our Lady of Knock



In response to Elizabeth's greeting, Mary not only proclaims the greatness of God, but also acknowledges that God "has done great things" for her. Her greatness is brought to completion in her assumption when this lowly maiden of Nazareth is "clothed with the sun". God's greatness and Mary's greatness commingle through her 'yes' to being the mother of our Saviour. God's greatness fills us when we, like Mary, say yes to God's plan of salvation and give birth to the Son through the way we live each day. The most honest we can be with and about ourselves is to acknowledge, like Mary, the great things God has done for us.

Mary responded to God's initiatives with her whole being and life, and now "all generations will call her blessed". On this festival we honour Mary for her fidelity and we celebrate God's faithfulness in bringing us salvation through the divine Son. Mary's assumption of body and soul into heaven is a dogma defined by the church. It is fitting that we thus honour Mary because it was her body which was the first temple for the Son of God. She conceived, nurtured, allowed to grow, and gave birth to Jesus – all because she willingly gave her body as an instrument for God to work the wonders of salvation.

By her assumption into glory, God has "shown the strength of his arm" and the greatness of his love. God will do the same for us. God's greatness – gifts, goodness, strength, mercy, justice – fills us when we, like Mary, say yes to God's plan of salvation and give birth to the risen Life of the Son through the way we live each day. When we are generous, it is God's gifts shining through us; when we respond to the needs of others, it is God's mercy shining through us; when we are strong in face of wrong, it is God's justice enacted through us. Our "success" as God's children is drawn from the greatness of God. Like Mary, our faithfulness will one day bring us to the completion of God's Life within us, to the glory of the Son.

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from 14 to 22 August. In this Year of Prayer, the theme for the Novena is 'Whispering with God—How do you pray?' Novena ceremonies take place each day at 3pm and 8pm in Knock Basilica. Daily workshops take place at 12.45pm. Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. There will be a candlelight Procession each evening. Sunday 18th will be a Family Day!



Feast of the Assumption – Thursday August 15th

This feast day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Wednesday 14th August (Vigil) at 7.30pm.

Thursday 15th August at 10.00am

Saints in the Church's Calendar

St Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr Wednesday 14th August - 1894-1941, a Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Thursday 15th. This feast is in some ways, the paramount feast of Our Lady, since it commemorates her passing, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, where she stands beside her Son 'in garments of gold'. Though the dogma of the Assumption was only defined in 1950, it was widely believed by the earliest Christians. The Blessed Virgin truly leads the way; she fulfilled her vocation in humility and, given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body.

Where she is now, we hope one day to be. This is a celebration that offers to all humanity an exemplary and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfilment of our highest hopes. Their own future glorification is happily in store for all those who Christ has made his brothers and sisters by taking on their flesh and blood'. Patronal Day of France, India, Malta, Paraguay.

Our Lady of Knock – Saturday 17th. In August 1879 fifteen people witnessed an apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, together with the Lord (as the Lamb of God) outside the church at Knock. It grew into an International shrine and was visited by St John Paul II in 1979.

SVP St. Vincent de Paul; The outdoor monthly collection for St Brigid's will be taken up **this weekend**.

TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH 2023

Many thanks to all who have returned their **CHY3 forms** which enables the parish to benefit further from their donations through the Tax Refund for Donations to Eligible Charities scheme. CHY3 forms are valid for 5 years and some have now expired. To enable the parish to continue to benefit from this scheme for 2023 and onwards, we have issued new CHY3 forms to some parishioners. We would appreciate if you could complete and return your form at your earliest convenience. Again, many thanks to all who have already returned their forms.

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus is the living bread, sent from heaven by God the Father. If we follow Jesus, we will have life forever with God!

JESUS the **BREAD** of **LIFE** makes us **STRONG, LOVING** and **KIND**.

Can you find the coloured words in the word search?

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In church the priest uses a special kind of bread for Holy Communion.

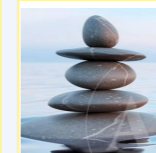
LIVING BREAD!

It is called a host.

Draw the priest with the host.

Holy Communion

Thank you Jesus for showing me how to live. Help me to be loving and kind, just like you. Amen.



Happiness is a reason to love God. The various

happiness's of life, when we tasted some kind of glory, exam success, graduation, good friends, nice places. We were happy for an hour, a day, a week. These preliminary 'tastes' of happiness, are also reasons to love God. If they were pure, good, true and wholesome, they were 'of God'.

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We Need You! Volunteer Just a few hours of your time each week can really make a difference in someone else's life. **AWARE** needs you! For more information, visit aware.ie/volunteering or call 01-611 7211



We pray for our recently deceased, **Michael J. Pooney (In India)**

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday	Dolores Brophy (MM) Liam Maher Freddy Brooks Áine & Sheila Hill Patrick, Bridget & Eamonn O 'Doherty
Sunday	Idowu Eweke (MM) Brian O'Leary Kumar Family—thanksgiving

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Esker Cemetery Mass, Lucan

The Annual Mass and blessing of Graves will be on **SUNDAY** 1st SEPTEMBER at 3pm, Weather Permitting.