



**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](http://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.*

**Esker Cemetery Mass, Lucan**  
 The Annual Mass and blessing of Graves will be on Sunday 1st September at 3pm.

**St Mary's Clonsilla—Church of Ireland**  
 Ecumenical Graveyard Service with Blessing of the Graves—Sunday 8th September at 3pm. All are welcome!

**Feasts of Mary**

Believe it or not, there are a number of Church feasts in the Month of August to Our Lady (The Assumption; Our Lady of Knock and the Queenship of Mary).

*Strong in faith, generous in love, cheerful in hope.*



Our Lady played a key role in the life of Our Lord which earned her the great title of Mother of God. She plays an important role now in the life of the Church and is

increasingly called Mother of the Church, the church that was born on Calvary and received its mission at Pentecost. She was there on Calvary suffering birth pangs, as it were, as the church was born from the pierced side of Our Blessed Lord. She was present in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles. She is Mother, always there, always interested, always available – a bit in the background, but constantly there.

We are reminded of her presence whenever a feast of hers takes place. Has it occurred to you to consider that Mary (though it seems odd to put it this way), the most distinguished of all the followers of Christ, was a lay person? Has it occurred to you that she whose heart was pierced by a sword, she who suffered most closely with her Son, was not in fact a martyr? But of all those who followed, none was stronger in faith, more generous in charity and more cheerful in hope.

Our Lord went out of his way to praise her faith and her love. How could there be a greater vocation than to bring the Son of God, himself truly God, into the world to be at the same time truly man, and to care for him and help him prepare for his work?

But the true value of a person lies in the way that person listens to God and is prepared to respond by wanting the things God wants. And what is this listening and this mutual wanting but the basis of true love? The future was hidden from Mary. There was much she did not understand. She would suffer, see her husband die and her child leave home. She had to cope with the ordinary worries and anxieties of everyday living and then the real trial: those last days and hours when she stood at the foot of the Cross. But she believed and she loved, so she trusted. She stood at the foot of the cross and shared the agony of her son. As he was dying, he gave his mother to be St. John's mother. It was just a simple gesture. At that moment we were all being represented by St. John, he was each one of us, so to speak. This explains the unique role played by Mary in the lives of Christians, the family of those reconciled to God through the passion and death of Christ: Mary his mother is our Mother also.

Art and other forms of devotion down through the ages have tried to express this truth of Mary as mother. A notable example is the sculpture in St. Peter's in Rome, fashioned by Michelangelo, which represents Mary cradling her dead Son in her arms.



*(Source the Mystery of the Cross—*

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie)

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

There will be a mass on Monday 26th August at 7.30pm for those travelling on our Pilgrimage to Lourdes this September, followed by refreshments.

**Saints in the Church's Calendar**

**The Queenship of Mary – Thursday 22nd.** During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's queenship and with the Assumption.

**St. Bartholomew, Apostle– Saturday 24th** Was originally from Cana in Galilee and is usually identified with Nathanael, who was introduced to the Lord by St. Philip. According to Tradition, after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia. He is the patron of tanners, plasterers and leatherworkers.



Clonsilla Heritage Festival takes place on 14th and 15th of September. More information to follow next week....

**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024**

For those who cannot travel this year to Lourdes, there will be an opportunity next week/weekend to write a petition to Our Lady of Lourdes which will be placed at the Grotto during the pilgrimage by our Parish Group. You can also become an associate member and keep all pilgrims in your prayers.

We will also hold the annual collection to support the work of the Pilgrimage after our weekend Masses on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug and 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Thank you for your continued support.

**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!

**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**

Our food is good for our bodies. Jesus shows us how to love others so that our spirits grow strong. Jesus is the living bread who feeds us and helps us grow strong and happy.

**A recipe for life**

To follow Jesus you need to

B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in Jesus  
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 L \_ \_ \_ other people  
 S \_ \_ \_ \_ God's love

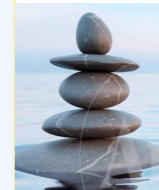
Love Share  
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**Sandwich Sudoku**

Can you complete the grid so that every row, column and mini grid each has one sandwich ingredient?


Thank you Jesus for giving us the food we need to be strong and healthy and for showing us how to live happily. Amen.

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Think of the variety of climates. The ice caps of north and south poles, the sun baked Sahara, European springs, fruitful autumns, sunny days.. For all of these.... Love and praise God.

**Fr Adrian Crowley. '90,000 Reasons to Love God'**



*We pray for our recently deceased;*  
 Brendan (Frank) Salmon  
 Lily Valentine

*Always loved, never forgotten*

**Mass intentions for the week**

Saturday	Desmond McDermott Kevin O'Gorman	Kathleen Lawlor
Sunday	Lily Valentine (passed away recently in Edinburgh)	

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