



I KNOW THEM & THEY FOLLOW ME
 JN 10:27

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 love to You, not only for 90,000 reasons, but for 90 million reasons, for You are infinitely good and Your good works beyond calculating. Glory is merited for all, especially for the love infused into lonely lives. Then they are not lonely nor empty any more, but filled with meaning.

90,000 Reasons to Love God. Fr Adrian Crowley



Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

On the 5th September at 6am, 37 parishioners travelled to Lourdes as part of the annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - over 1000 people in total including 130 leaving cert students from 29 schools in the diocese who travelled as helpers. We also had 7 assisted pilgrims from our parish here in St. Brigid's who were cared for in the Accueil Notre Dame for the entire time. The pilgrimage was led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, and Auxiliary Bishop Paul Dempsey. Monsignor Eoin Thynne was our spiritual director.

Over the 5 days we participated in all the liturgies including Mass at the Grotto, Mass and Anointing of the Sick, the Eucharistic and Torchlight processions, a Penitential Service, Youth Mass and the Water gesture which replaces the immersion baths in recent times. We prayed the Stations of the Cross on the high and low stations.

The music at all the ceremonies was very uplifting. Some of our group participated in walking tours of the Sanctuary area and parts of the town associated with St. Bernadette. We prayed for all in our parish, delivered all your petitions to the Grotto, had Mass offered for your intentions and lit a parish candle on our last day. The days were busy, the weather changeable but we had time for a bit of relaxation and enjoyed an ice cream, a glass of wine and a sing song! We look forward now to Lourdes 2025! Photos of our trip are on display on the extension stage.



Archbishop Dermot Farrell with some of our parishioners.

We owe huge thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Group Leader Larry Kelly who gave generously of his time before and during the trip, to ensure a thoroughly enjoyable and spiritual pilgrimage for all.



The parish celebrated Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick last Sunday. It was a very moving and special occasion celebrated by Msgr Eoin, Fr Adrian and Deacon Jim. Many thanks to all who helped in the lead up to the day and on the day itself. Especially Anne Maybury & Kathleen Nolan.

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Saints in the Church's Calendar

St. Vincent de Paul, priest – 27th Sept. 1580-1660, was born in France and ordained a priest at age twenty. After being falsely accused of theft, he dedicated himself to evangelising the poor and the suffering. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity. These congregations, together with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, continue his charitable work today.

SYCAMORE Sycamore

is a series of interactive sessions exploring life, faith and meaning. No pressure, no charge! Every Monday, for 10 weeks, starting September 23rd at 7.30pm in St Mochta's Parish centre, Porterstown. All welcome!

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 CHILD SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTION SERVICE

This Sunday is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. This year Archbishop Farrell has asked us to focus on all the things we do to make our parish a safe and welcoming place for children and vulnerable adults. The new child safeguarding policy for the Catholic Church in Ireland, is called *A Safe and Welcoming Church*. The reason for the new title is that we have come to a point where we recognise that safeguarding can no longer be seen as a response to a crisis, brought about by abuse within the Church and the failure of many Church authorities to adequately address this abuse. Now we understand safeguarding as deeply rooted in gospel values, scripture and church teaching. Further, we commit ourselves not just to the prevention of harm but to the promotion of good, to the creation of the material and spiritual conditions for children's full development, as described by Pope Francis. The updated safeguarding statement is on the notice boards in the church and in the extension. It includes contact details for the Diocese Safeguarding and Protection Service. *Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Aileen Connelly and we thank her for her dedication and commitment to this role.*

Lourdes Pilgrim Fund This outdoor collection raised the amazing amount of €2,432.50. Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity! This will benefit the assisted pilgrims this year.



Join our wonderful gathering of community at **Anne Maybury's annual Coffee Morning** with friends & neighbours on **Tuesday 24th September** after 10am mass in the **Community Centre next to the Church**.

St Francis Hospice Blanchardstown will also host a coffee morning—on Thursday 26th, 10am-1pm. Come along to enjoy coffee and cakes! There will be a raffle & a sale of hospice merchandise. Raising much needed funds ensuring that hospice care is available to all.



We pray for our recently deceased;
ANNIE FOX
 Always loved, never forgotten



Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today;

Jesus' friends are arguing. They want to know who is the greatest. Jesus says that anyone who wants to be first must put themselves last. The greatest of Jesus' friends is a servant to everyone.

SERVE OTHERS!

We are Jesus' friends. How can we be the greatest?

Quiz

Draw a circle around the correct answer.

Jesus says you will be first if you;

- a) are the fastest runner true or false?
- b) get the best marks in school true or false?
- c) have the best hairstyle true or false?
- d) put other people first true or false?

A prayer to say....
 Sometimes Jesus, I want everyone to think I am important. Help me to remember that loving other people is the only way to be like you and so be really important. Amen



Our Family Mass will recommence after the summer break on **Sunday 29th September** at 10.30am. We will have a meeting of the Family Mass Team on Thursday 26th September at 6pm and would love some new members! So please come along!



We have returned to our **Thursday coffee mornings after 10am mass**. All welcome! We need volunteers to commit to set up each week or our Thursday mornings cannot continue. Please drop your name in to the office any morning. Thank you!

Croi Mháire Foodbank

Non perishable food items wanted. Please leave in the basket on the altar.



Please see posters around the Church for details of the Visit of the Relics of **St Bernadette, to Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun 25/26/27 September.**

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD

There will be a Vocations Day "Exploring Priesthood" on **Saturday, October 12**, in UCD, for men who wish to find out more about diocesan priesthood and how they may take steps to discern a vocation. Further information can be found at vocations.ie.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday	Bernie Tierney (MM) Christine & Diarmuid Dineen Catriona Farrell Eileen & Jim Fitzpatrick	Gerry Dromey Billy O'Dwyer
Sunday	Owen & Donal Garrigan	
Tuesday	Vincent Scully	