



**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.

*We are now well beyond 90,000 reasons. If we count the people we met on life's journey.... Each is a reason. Remember those who died, what joy it will be to meet them again, in the definitive life which matters, to sing with them in that celestial choir. There is much to celebrate.*

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



**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Making a Difference**

There's a certain definiteness in the gospel today. Like a team taking to the sports field, we are either with Jesus or against him, and this is proven in our way of life. Following Jesus does not necessarily mean being different from others. It means throwing ourselves into the everyday life and needs of people and giving what we can. Jesus is asking for a defined lifestyle and a desire to make a difference. Faith is more than assent of the mind, but a way of life and of trust - a way of life that does not hinder others, but rather helps them through compassion and good deeds. Our way of life is a sharing of faith one to another, Pope Francis says that 'Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another.' The people who make a difference are building blocks, not stumbling blocks. Every good cause will inevitably have its begrudgers. The apostles are a good example, and they, bit by bit, realised that following Jesus can be interpreted in many ways. In the giving of cold water or hot soup, or in making a difference to another in any way at all, is being a true follower.

*Remember a time you made a difference in someone's life. Ask to continue to be able to do this. Lord, teach me to serve you as you deserve.*

**Donal Neary SJ**

An amazing week for Saints

**Mon - 30 Sep - St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church.** C. 347-420, translated the Bible into Latin (known as the Vulgate). He went to Bethlehem to concentrate on this work. Also wrote many Scriptural commentaries and theological works. Patron of librarians.

**Tues - 1 Oct - St Thérèse of Lisieux.** 1873-1897. The 'Little Flower' entered the Carmelites at 15 and died of TB at age 24. She lived an exemplary life focused on doing small things well. On the orders of her superiors, she wrote about herself and her simple spirituality in *The Story of a Soul*. Published after her death it immediately became a classic. She was canonised in 1925 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

**Wed - 2 Oct - The Guardian Angels.** Each person has a guardian angel; we rightly rejoice in their company, seeking their constant protection.

**Thur - 3 Oct - Bl. Columba Marmion.** Born in Dublin in 1858; ordained in 1881. He served as curate in Dundrum and then as professor in Clonliffe College. In 1886 he entered the Benedictine Abbey of Maredsous in Belgium, being Abbot from 1909 to his death in 1923. His writings are some of the most influential spiritual writings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as he aimed to bring people to God and bring God to people.

**Fri - 4 Oct - St. Francis of Assisi.** 1181-1226, son of a wealthy merchant who abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron saint of ecologists.

**Sat - 5 Oct - St. Faustina.** 1905-1938. As a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy, in Poland, she had a deep devotion to our Lord who is Love and Mercy. She inspired the movement dedicated to proclaiming and imploring Divine Mercy on each and every person.

**Job announcement Pastoral Coordinator** We are delighted to announce that the Parish is seeking to hire a part-time (20 hrs/wk) Pastoral Coordinator. The primary focus is on sacramental preparation with the schools, but the role can include all aspects of faith development in the parish, be it for children, youth or adults. If you are interested, or are aware of anyone else who might be, please get in contact with Jean in the office who can give you the full job spec.

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Brigids-Parish-Blanchardstown-44438662375848/>



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

**Healing Mass**

There will be a Healing mass led by Fr Brendan Walsh in St Patrick's Church Corduff on Friday the 4th of October at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**We welcome those baptised in the month of September;**



Remy, Harry, Noah & Tadhg May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

**REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2025**



Online registration for the Sacraments in our parish schools **will open next week**. The registration link will be provided to parents from your school as soon as it is available. We would appreciate a quick return of the online registration forms. Our first Parents Meeting will be on 23rd October at 7pm. An exciting year ahead! Thank



**First Friday**—Friday 4th October will be the first Friday of the month. The mass intentions will be for all of those on the Altar List of the Dead. On each *1st Friday* of the Month, a minister of the Eucharist brings the Blessed Sacrament to those who are sick or housebound in the parish. If you would like a visit, please advise a sacristan or contact the office.



**Teen Hope - 1st Meeting** The first Teen Hope gathering for 24/25 was held last Friday. It was a lovely evening and went very well. Teen Hope is for teenagers to gather in a safe space, to enjoy the chat, the time for prayer and exploring their faith, the craic and the pizza! Please keep this initiative in your prayers.

**Our next meeting will be on October 18th.**



Welcome all this weekend to our Family Mass as it resumes after the summer holidays. A special welcome to our Youth Choir under the direction of our new Youth Choir Director Teresa O'Donnell.



*We pray for our recently deceased*  
**Diana Gin Marku**  
*Always loved, never forgotten*



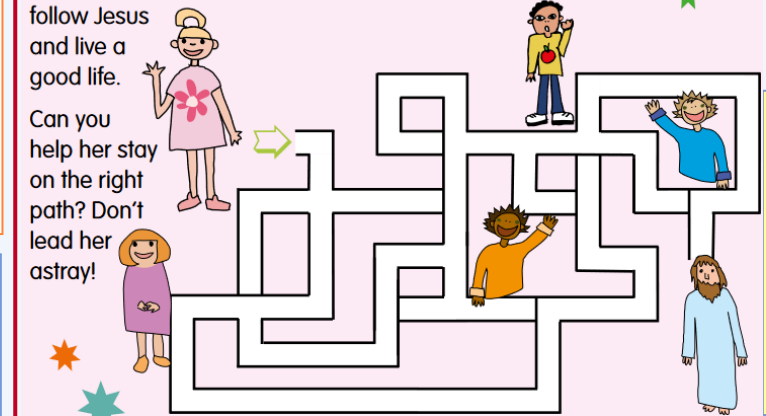
**Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today;**

Jesus says that anyone who is doing good things is doing his work. We must not persuade people to do anything wrong but must use every part of ourselves to do what is right.

**Maze**

Here is Emily. She wants to follow Jesus and live a good life.

Can you help her stay on the right path? Don't lead her astray!



Draw a picture of your hands doing something good to help someone.

Help me Jesus to show that God is good. Help me to use every part of me to share your love with others. Amen

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Catholic Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage – more fun, spontaneity, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is November 8 to 10. Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking only: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)



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.

**1st Saturday of the Month**

6th October is the first Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by confessions.

**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](http://vocations.ie).

**Mass intentions for the week**

Saturday	Evelyn Higgins (1st A) Belle Fitzpatrick Carmel McCormick	Rose Curran Mary Farmer Richard Farmer
Sunday	Paddy Hehir Joan Keaney (1st A) Soosa Sebastian	Maureen O'Hehir Rita Smith Bill Murphy
Thursday	Michael Smith (A)	