



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

A rich reason to love God is the goodwill of others, but anger is an obstacle to love. Also envy, grumbling, criticising, they are not love. Pride is cold, unloving greed is selfish, idleness loses precious time. Gossip, arguments, resentment, lies... they are not love. To look with narrow, prejudiced eyes on your neighbour to carry a subtle hate in your heart.. Is not love. To love God truly, we must prune the vine of such things. 90,000 Reasons to Love God. Fr Adrian Crowley



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Welcome, Fr John !

This Sunday we welcome our new PP, Very Rev John Gilligan, to our parish of St Brigid's in Blanchardstown. We wish him well in his new home and in his new role. We trust that he will settle in quickly and have many happy years with us. We pray for Fr John, that the Lord will guide and protect him and help him to be a good shepherd to his new flock.

For the last 8 years Fr John has been living in Saggart and in charge of the combined parishes of Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Brittas. In his "free time", he is the Director of the Permanent Diaconate in the diocese and, up to last month, has also been the Spiritual Director of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes!



Today we come together for a truly incredible celebration of solidarity and unity within our Church— World Mission Sunday! Today, every single parish worldwide – and YOU – share what you can so the life-transforming work of missionaries overseas can continue. Today, through your prayers and contributions, you are fully appreciating the dedication of our missionaries who live and work in communities that are struggling and often war-torn. Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet' (Mt 22:9) for World Mission Sunday 2024. Mission, he said is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him. Just as Jesus, the Good Shepherd and Messenger of the Father, went out in search of lost sheep.

We pray and reflect on the mission of the church and our own personal call to mission. World Mission Sunday is a unique effort for the entire church to provide help for over 1,150 mission dioceses, and to offer practical help to the poor and the marginalised, through local Churches and their witness to Christ.

Today's collection will be 60% to the missions 40% to the Common Fund.



Our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday 12th December in St. Brigid's Church at 7:30pm. A service of readings and carols provided by our Senior and Youth Choirs.

Sunday Mass Collections

Many thanks for your continued generosity; these collections are vital for the support of the priests of the diocese (Common Fund) and other diocesan projects (Share). You can contribute to the collections by:

- Putting your offerings in the 'white boxes' around the Church
- By leaving your Envelope into Parish Office during the week. (*Envelopes are in the church or you can have a supply to take home for convenience*).
- Using the 'Tap and Go' machines.
- Using the online 'Donate' facility on the Website. www.blanchardstownparish.ie where you can select both one-off and recurring payments.

Combined donations are split – 60% to the 1st (the Common Fund for Priests); 40% - to the 2nd (usually Share). **Thank you so much for your generosity**

Synod on Synodality - October 2024

Representatives of all our church leaders (both clergy and lay, male and female) are meeting in Rome this month to progress the Synod called by Pope Francis in 2021. There will be a printed Synod Newsletter available in the church each week in October to give you updates. For further info see dublindiocese.ie/synod2024 or www.synod.va.

Job announcement—Pastoral

Coordinator We are delighted to announce that the Parish is seeking to hire a part-time (20 hrs/week) 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.



Parents/Guardians of Children who are making their First Holy Communion in 2025 are invited to a meeting in our church on Wednesday next 23rd Oct at 7:00pm.

Next weekend the Parents/Guardians and the children are invited to attend either mass (6:00pm Sat or 10:30am Sun) for their enrolment rite to start the parish programme of preparation.



Age Action is currently recruiting volunteers for our Getting Started Digital skills programme in Blanchardstown Library. As part of this programme, volunteer tutors are matched with an older person for 5 weeks and will teach them how to get online and use their device.

There are Free one-on-one digital literacy classes for older people with basic or no computer/smart device experience. Anyone interested can email us on volunteering@ageaction.ie or call 0818 911 109 to find out more and to apply.



Youth 2000's Leinster Retreat is taking place in Ashbourne Community School, Co Meath from October 25th-27th! This will be a beautiful weekend of adoration, talks, prayer, and time together, connecting with other young people and encountering Jesus. The retreat is donation only! To register and for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email office@youth2000.ie

Thursday (October 24th 7pm-9pm): Living with Loss: A Bereavement Information Evening for the Public. This is a FREE event hosted by the Dublin North Bereavement Network. In the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. This event will also be live streamed via Zoom. Please book your place via EVENTBRITE.

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today;

Jesus' friends want to be important. They don't understand that if we want to be important, we need to make ourselves unimportant. Helping and serving others is how to be important in God's eyes!

Word search

A slave works for other people. Jesus says we must be like slaves. We must work for other people. We need to think about other people before ourselves. If we do this we will be very important people. Here are some words which describe how we can be important:

SERVE CARE SHARE HELP
 SLAVE LOVE WORK



I want to be important, Jesus. Help me to understand that it is only by serving others that I will be really important. Amen

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 7 week film series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues', starting on Sunday the 27th of October at 7:30pm. To join this free course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Sycamore is a series of interactive sessions exploring life, faith and meaning. No pressure, no charge! Every Monday at 7.30pm in St Mochta's Parish centre, Porterstown. It will run for 6 more weeks. All welcome.



Croi Mhaire Foodbank

Croi Mhaire Foodbank is based in St Ciaran's Church in Hartstown and covers all of Dublin 15. They work in partnership with St Vincent de Paul, and alongside the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living and Empower. Croi Mhaire currently delivers food parcels to 65-70 households every two weeks. The number continues to rise weekly. Please place non perishable foods in the basket on the altar.

A huge thank you to all who donated to Anne Maybury's recent Hospice Coffee morning, raising €1,528.15!



ST BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE

In October, the **relics of St Bernadette** will visit two more churches in Dublin: Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, October 23-24; and Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, Oct 25-26. For more information, visit www.stbernadette.ie

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Joseph & Kathleen McGregor & grandson Mark O'Connor
Sun	Kathleen & Bernard Hall Catherine Fagan Eileen Flynn Jimmy Farrell Hugh Dowling Edward & Bridget Fitzgerald Eddie Fitzgerald (birthday rem)