

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.

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

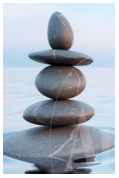
Eucharistic Adoration: Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass 7.30pm

Mon: Blanchardstown

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wed: Mulhuddart **Fri:** Corduff



Raindrops collected from a roof into a barrel are small things, yet so numerous they fill the barrel. In the same way, it is good to collect all the little gestures, remarks, tasks and say 'Lord,

these are all for You.' It takes many grapes to make a bottle of wine. Each grape is a small thing, yet it makes its contribution, it adds to the wine. Let all the sighs, looks, acts of today be like that, aspiring to love of God.

90,000 Reasons to Love God
Fr Adrian Crowley

'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' (John 12:37).

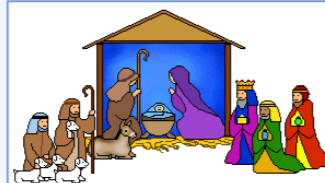
The Pope wanted to make a very clear statement about authority and kingship. Pope Pius XI created this feast in 1925. The Blackshirts under Mussolini were already in power in Italy. Adolf Hitler had just become leader of the Nazi party in Germany. The world lay in the Great Depression and atheism was on the increase. What Pius XI was doing in creating this feast was to say to the world that despite dictatorships and economic collapse and false values, Jesus Christ was still King of the Universe. In 1969 Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current date on the last Sunday in the liturgical year. He also established it as a solemnity (which is of highest liturgical rank) and gave it a new title – The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

This is a tremendous feast with which to end the liturgical year because it turns upside down all the pre-conceived ideas we have about hierarchy, kingship and what it means to be in authority. Their idea of kingship is of an all-powerful ruler, controller and dictator. Jesus' actions have made it clear that he is not that kind of king. He has not come to 'lord' it over people. He is not interested in an earthly type of kingdom. His kingdom is very different – it is not of this world. It is not simply that Jesus had spoken about a different place. His words and deeds presented a different way of living, one that is not about control or power but love and service. Jesus' power comes from God and it is a power that builds people up rather than diminishes them. He doesn't deny that he is a king but it is not the word he would use. The only thing that matters to him is the truth and that truth is God.

Those who belong to God listen to the voice of Jesus, the servant king, and follow his example. We're left with the question; who or what do we belong to?

HOPE-FILLED FUTURE

We humans are complex creatures. In our weakness, we can be possessed by evil. In our fragility, we can be closed down by pain. Yet in our endurance, we can be stretched by love. We live in extremely difficult times and the Church is certainly going through a difficult time. Yet today we remember that Pius XI created this feast to help us face the harsh realities of life. The message of this feast is that we have a hope-filled future and that things will get better for our Church if we can only open ourselves to the teaching, life and rule of our Universal King, Jesus the Christ, God's Suffering Servant.



Nativity Play

The Family Mass team are organising a simple Children's Nativity Play to be presented during the Christmas Family Mass which will be at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve 24 Dec.

The more children who participate the better; there will be roles available for anyone who wishes to take part. Practices will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays December 03, 10 & 17 (& on the morning of Monday 23 Dec if necessary).

Those interested should please leave their names, & contact details, with Jean in the office. (Please talk to Andrea Rock or Marie Feeney, or any of the parish team, for more details.)



Family Mass We welcome you all to our Family Mass today. A very special welcome to the children in our parish schools who are preparing for the sacraments in 2025. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you to the Family Mass Team for your dedication.



St Francis Hospice Traditional Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Blanchardstown Hospice on Thursday

5th December at 8pm

You can sponsor a light online - www.sfh.ie

or by phone— 01-832 7535



Thursday 5th December

After 10am mass, until 12:30pm, there will be a Sale of Christmas crafts and decorations and a book stall, in the pastoral centre. All proceeds will go to preparing care-packs for homeless people to be delivered by MQI Merchants Quay volunteers, at Christmas.



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.



The Eyes of the Storm

We will be hosting this inspiring photo exhibition from Trocaire in December. The exhibition tells the stories and describes the work of some of the brave individuals living on the frontlines of climate breakdown. More information in next week's Newsletter.



Why Pray?

The adult discussion group will run for the next 4 Wednesdays (ie for Advent) from this Wed 27 Nov at 7pm (in the Jubilee Room). All are welcome! As we explore: 'What is prayer?'

Kilnashane Castleview Advent Retreat

Led by Fr Frank Drescher on Saturday 14th December In St Brigid's Pastoral Centre Blanchardstown Beginning with mass at 10am. Tea/coffee/lunch included. Cost €20. Concluding at 4.30pm. Please register at the Parish Office.



Annual Night Vigil in Knock.

7th-8th December.

Details on the Church notice board.

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today;

Jesus tells us that he is a king – but not like any king we have seen before. Jesus is the king of love and truth.

Who is the king of truth?

A puzzle sum and a code

Do these sums, then use the code to change the number answer to a letter answer; the letter "S" has already been done for you.

1 + 3 =	
2 + 1 =	
1 + 0 =	S
1 + 1 =	
0 + 1 =	S

Code

1=S, 2=U, 3=E, 4=J

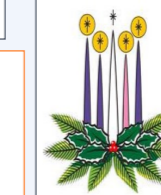
A Challenge!! Turn our world into the Kingdom of God. Draw a picture of what it would look like: are the children happy or sad? How are they caring for their pets, their playground and their park? How are they following Jesus' way?

A Prayer to say.. Thank you Jesus for inviting me to be part of your kingdom of love. Help me to make your kingdom real on earth by following your example and treating everyone I meet with kindness. Amen

St Brigid's Prayer Group meet every Tuesday in the Church extension at 8pm. On Tuesday 26th Nov, our celebrant will be Fr Peter McVerry. We will accept Christmas donations for charity on the night All are welcome.

The Meditation Group will meet on Wednesday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday 28th November at 7pm.



The Liturgy team have a limited supply of Advent Wreath packs for you to make your own Advent Wreath at home. The cost of each pack is €10 which is subsidised by the parish. If you would like to order one, please give your name to a sacristan or to Jean in the office during the week.

Dolores will do a demonstration after mass on Saturday and Sunday for those interested in learning how to put it together.

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Padraig Coughlan	Gerard Madden
Sun	Nancy, Dunny & Theresa Flanagan	Patrick Carr Richard Harrison
Mon	Kathleen Stanley (MM)	
Tues	Canice Foley	

Croi Mháire Foodbank delivers food parcels to 65-70 households every two weeks. Please place non perishable foods in the basket on the altar. As you do your own Christmas food shop, maybe get an extra few luxury items for our Christmas Hampers! Thank you.

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