



**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](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

 A leaf falls from a tree into a river and it flows away, swept on. Dozens of leaves fall, then hundreds, then thousands. In spring they were green and fresh, now withered, they fall. For all this feast of life, our love to You, Lord. We are included in this. We too fall, like the leaves, we age and let go and the River welcomes us and sweeps us on to eternity. River of divine love, take us where you will, sweep us on, we trust in You.  
**90,000 Reasons to Love God.**  
 Fr Adrian Crowley

**Parish of St. Brigid, Blanchardstown  
 Christmas Arrangements 2024**

**CHRISTMAS WEEK CONFESSIONS**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** After 10.00am Mass

**MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.00am Mass


**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 6.00pm FAMILY Mass (for Christmas)  
 8.30pm Carol Service  
 9.00pm VIGIL Mass (for Christmas)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.00am & 10.30am (Masses for Christmas Day)  
 No evening Mass

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> & Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Area Mass in Corduff at 10am

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 6.00pm Mass (Vigil for Sunday)

**Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Advent**

 This is Advent, the season of preparation. The shops are full of gifts that we might give or receive. Streets are decorated and choirs are singing carols. As we prepare, we remember another, John the Baptist, who came to prepare the Jewish people for the arrival of Jesus. John, who would prepare a way through a call to repentance, so that hearts and souls would be ready to receive the One who was to come. God our Father, prepare our hearts not only for the celebration to come, but also for sharing that Good News with friends, family and work colleagues should opportunity arise. Grant us courage and a real willingness to talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us.  
**Amen**


**IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK....**

Wednesday 18th Dec at 7.30pm  
 Meeting with the baptism team - parents of babies to be baptised in January.

Wednesday 18th at 7pm  
 Church extension—  
 St Francis Xavier School  
 Carol Service— all welcome.

 We are pleased to announce that a selection of Mass Cards are now available for sale from the office, including Christmas Mass Bouquet cards and anniversary cards.

**Why Pray?**

 The adult discussion group finishes this Wednesday 18th Dec (i.e. last Wed before Christmas) at 7pm (in the Jubilee Room)  
 All are welcome, as we explore:  
*How should we pray?*

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

John explains that God wants us to be fair and treat people well. God wants us to share what we have with people who do not have as much as us.

People ask John the Baptist what they should do in order to be better people. Translate John's words so that you can be a good person too!

**Puzzle**  
 Can you fit these words into the grid? The first one has been done for you.

3 LETTERS:  
 INN

4 LETTERS:  
 STAR, TREE, SNOW, PIES WRAP, WINE

5 LETTERS:  
 SHARE, HAPPY

6 LETTERS:  
 CAROLS CANDLE

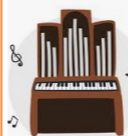
7 LETTERS:  
 PUDDING, SINGING

8 LETTERS:  
 PRESENTS

**Share**  
 Who has more toys, Sam or Martha? Can you help Sam to share his toys with Martha? Put a circle round the toys that Sam can share with Martha. Draw a line from the circles to Martha to show that she can play with those toys.

**SHARE!**  
 Help me to share, even when it is hard. Help me to be ready to welcome you, Jesus. Amen

**Choir Director/Organist**

 Thank you to Michael Minnock who has very graciously led our choir for the month of December. Is there someone in our community or among a wider circle that you think might be interested in the permanent position of Choir director/organist? If so, please contact the office for further details. Kindly note that remuneration will be determined in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.


**MQI** A huge thank you to all who contributed to our recent coffee morning and sale of crafts in the Parish Centre. We raised a huge **€2,141.45!** The raffle was a great success. This will go a long way in helping to fill back packs for homeless people this Christmas with Merchants Quay Ireland

**Peter McVerry Trust** We have beautiful packs of Peter McVerry Christmas Cards available to purchase in the parish centre. 10 cards for €5.

**A Time to Remember** **St Francis Hospice** At Christmas we remember all those we have cared for through our Tree of Life Ceremonies held in December. The Tree of Life is symbolised by large Christmas Trees in the grounds of the Hospice. Lights on the Christmas Tree may be sponsored until the end of December, €6 per light.

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom a two part series: **St Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction** with Bishop Barron and Franciscan Friar Fr Dave Pivonka on Sunday the 15th & 22nd of Dec- 7:30pm. To join this free series email Paul [alphanbayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphanbayside@gmail.com)

**Christmas Décor**


 Thank you to Tim Ryan, Donal Glennon, & Seán Feeney who decorated a beautiful Christmas tree for our parish. The Liturgy Team have done a wonderful job in the Church. A sincere thank you to Justin who has supplied us with a magnificent tree and wreaths, free of charge. We will complete the Church decoration during the week for all to enjoy during Christmas week.

**Launch of Bag Collections**

We are pleased to announce the launch of leather bags for collections during all weekend Masses. To ensure this runs smoothly, we are looking for regular Mass-goers to volunteer to help distribute and collect the bags as part of the offertory. If you can assist, please leave your name on the sign-up sheet in the church or extension after Mass. Training / instructions will be provided. Your support would be greatly appreciated as we continue to build our parish community.

**Mass intentions for the week**

Sat	Stephane Motard (MM) Gerard & Nuala Farmer Frances & Christy Howard	Pat Mulloy Larry O'Sullivan
Sun	Alice Margie Sheridan Marie McCabe	Kevin Bernie Eamonn Gough Martin Cronin
Tue	Michael Casey	Michael Ryan
Thur	Patrick, Peggy & Pat Igoe	

 We pray for our recently deceased  
 Sheila McNulty Fr Anthony Scully  
 Always loved, never forgotten.