



### CURRENT SCHEDULE

**Monday 30th December** 7.30pm Area Mass

**Tuesday 31st December** 10am Mass

**Wednesday 1st January**

Area Mass in Corduff at 9.05am

Area Mass in Mulhuddart at 10am & 7.30pm

**Thursday 2nd January** 10am Mass

**Friday 3rd January** 10am Mass

1st Saturday of the month followed  
by confessions

**Saturday 4th January** -10am & 7.30pm Vigil

**Sunday 5th January** Mass at 10.30am

**Monday 6th January** Mass at 10am and Area  
Evening Mass at 7.30pm

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

**Happy New Year!** On behalf of myself, the Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council, I'd like to wish the parishioners of St. Brigid's Blanchardstown a peaceful and Happy New Year. Fr John

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday 31st December and Friday 3rd January after 10am mass until 1pm.

### A New Year's Blessing

Lord, at the beginning of this New Year, we thank you for your gift of time. Let us embrace time as Mary did, as the experience of the unfolding of your plan of salvation. We measure time with calendars and watches.

You experience it as an ever-present "now."

Bless our ordered lists of weeks and months, of holydays and holidays, of feast and fasts, and all our special days of remembering.

Please bless these instruments with which we measure time.

Let them remind us that you are the master of time as we dedicate this New Year to you. Lord, bless this New Year, each of its days and nights.

Bless us with happy seasons and healthy lives.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of 2025. Grant that it will be a year of love and peace.

Amen



### New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions are too often made simply as fodder for jokes with the assumption that they won't last.

Our celebration of the Christmas Mystery, however, asks of us a response that is more than a half-hearted resolution. We cannot afford to take lightly our encounter with this mystery and its power to make a real difference to how we live.

After their marvellous encounter with the newborn Saviour lying in a manger, the shepherds returned to the ordinariness of their lives. Yet they were not the same. These scruffy shepherds had become messengers of the in-breaking of God's salvation.

When we come to the end of this year's celebration of the Christmas mystery, we will return to the ordinariness of our lives. How will we have been changed? What message will we proclaim to others during the rest of the year?

(Source: Living Liturgy)



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

FAMILIES ARE SPECIAL!

Jesus gets lost in Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph find him, he is in the Temple. Jesus is doing what God the Father wants.



Being selfish

Caring for others

Being unkind

Being a servant

Saying my prayers

Helping someone who is hurt

Giving money to the poor

Playing nicely with my brothers and sister

Keeping all my sweets to myself

Thinking of others

Draw a line from the paving stones which will make a path towards God. Draw a cross through those that don't take you to God.

### The Holy Family Word search

Find these words

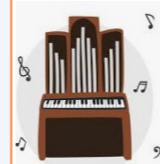
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### My family's portrait

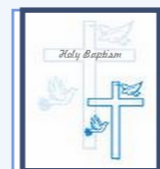
The people in my family are...

Thank you Jesus for my family, and for everyone who loves me.



### 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.



We welcome those baptised in the month of December; Zoey, Cadhla, Hugo and Chizzy

May they continue to grow strong in body, mind



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

**Christmas Dues Envelopes** Thank you to all who have returned their Christmas dues envelopes. If you did not receive a Christmas Dues envelope and would like to contribute to the Priests of the Parish and the Diocese, please take one from the tables in the Church.

Local Writer's Course for all levels starting in January. 6-week In-person course. Write Poems & Stories. Refreshments served. Phone Martin on 087 600 7100

### Mass intentions for the week

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| Sat  | Tony Long (MM)        | Christopher Critchley<br>Maria Antonia Macari |
| Sun  | Hannah & Moss Kennedy | Brian Condon<br>Kumar Family—thanksgiving     |
| Mon  | Noel Collins          |   |
| Tues | Brigid Heskin         |   |
| Thur | Millicent McDermott   |   |