



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



The Feast of the Epiphany.

This feast day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times on Monday 6th January are as follows:

10am and 7.30pm.



Logo for the Jubilee The logo shows four figures stylised to indicate humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. They are embracing each other to indicate the solidarity and brotherhood which joins the people. The figure at the head is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which embraces, but also of the hope which can never be abandoned because we are always in need of hope, especially in moments of great need. It is helpful to observe the rough waves underneath; this indicates that life's pilgrimage does not always move in calm waters. Life's circumstances and the events of the world often demand a greater call to hope and because of this we see that the lower part of the cross has been turned into an anchor which stands out in the wave. The anchor has often been used as a metaphor of hope. Finally, the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Pelegrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), is very visible in green.



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2025 New Year's message by the Church Leaders

"May the language of hurt and division be confined to the past so that the words we use, and the actions we undertake, may be focused on love rather than hate, peace rather than war, light rather than darkness."

'For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.' Jeremiah 29:11

The dawn of a new year gives us cause to reflect on the past twelve months and to look forward, with a little trepidation and excitement, to what lies ahead. It is hard to believe that in 2025 we will mark a quarter of a century since the new millennium began. At that time there was much fear that on the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve 1999 all computer technology, and indeed the world, would grind to a halt and everything as we knew it, would end.

Those fears were thankfully unfounded yet the world we had hoped to see emerging in this new era, with people living at peace with their neighbours, and with more kindness and respect, has sadly not been realised. Instead, we are now living on a planet that is shrouded in the darkness, pain and sorrow of war and violence in so many different places. Calls for peace, reconciliation and love for our neighbours have been ignored or unheard.

The poet T.S. Eliot wrote, 'For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.' As we begin a new year may the language of hurt and division be confined to the past so that the words we use, and the actions we undertake, may be focused on love rather than hate, peace rather than war, light rather than darkness.

We believe that our beginnings and our endings are in Jesus Christ. In faith we never journey alone, for He is our guide and the voice of truth and hope. May we all journey well in 2025, and 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13.

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. Jesus shows us what God our Father is like by showing us how much he loves us.

Puzzle

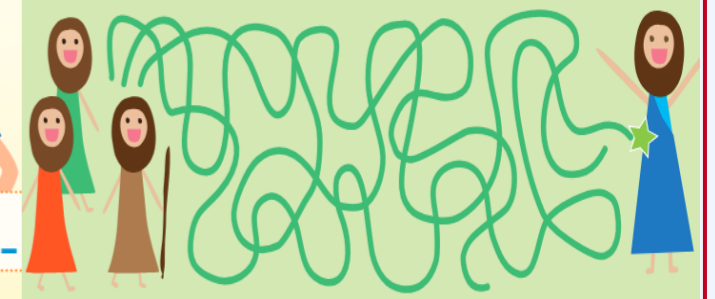
This little boy is trying to sort out these jigsaw pieces so he can learn what it says.



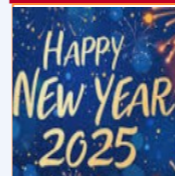
Jesus



John the Baptist told everyone that Jesus was going to arrive soon. Can you follow John and help him find Jesus?



A PRAYER TO SAY; Thank you Jesus, for bringing light and life into our world. Help me to share your light by being kind and loving to the people I meet. Amen



A sincere word of thanks to all volunteers for your support in preparing the Church for the Christmas period and also for your continued commitment and dedication throughout the year. A huge thanks to Dolores O'Leary, Jean Hamilton & Mary Ronayne for the wonderful altar displays and to the Liturgy Team. We wish all our parishioners a peaceful and Happy New Year!



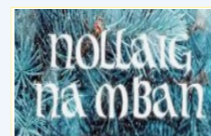
Thank You from GOAL

Many thanks to the many families and individuals who came out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in Phoenix Park. Your generous donations on the day and online raised over €12,500 for GOAL's humanitarian work in developing countries.



Choir Director/Organist Vacancy

Is there someone in our community or among a wider circle that 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.



The Feast of the Epiphany & Nollaig na mBan

– Women's Christmas is celebrated this week! January 6 is a special day when we celebrate the women who work so tirelessly throughout the year.

Mass Booking Diary—The 2025 Diary is now available in the Sacristy if anyone wishes to 'book' Masses for the coming year.



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.



We pray for our recently deceased
 Theresa White John Fitzgerald
 Mona Hughes Margaret Ormsby
 Michael O'Sullivan
 Always loved, never forgotten.



The monthly St Vincent de Paul collection will take place next weekend 11/12 Jan after both masses. Thank you for your continued generous support.

We welcome those baptised in the



month of December; Zoey, Cadhla, Hugo and Chizzy

May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	John Madden
Sun	Margaret French Joan O'Keeffe Danny Corr Canice & Lily Brady Brigid Kelly Matilda Dowling Daniel, Ann & Phyllis Sinnott Joe Dowling & members of the Dowling family
Mon	Rose & Richard Harrison
Tues	Meehan & Horgan Families