



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

SAINTS THIS COMING WEEK

St. Ita,- Wednesday 15th, born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. She founded a monastery in Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland'. She died in 570.

St Anthony, Abbot - Friday 17th -died 356, 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

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Thought for the day....

We are at the start of the new civil year and beginning again is an invitation to look in two directions. What happened for me in the last year, both in my ordinary life and in my life as a believer, a person of faith? For what do I ask forgiveness? For what do I give thanks? We also look forward, and the new beginning gives us a chance to start again on the way of discipleship. Both thanksgiving and renewal are to be found in today's readings. The Gospel is an invitation to wake up, to keep watch, to live fully the present moment under God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Prayer: Wake us up, O God, at the start of a new year and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person every day of our lives.
 Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Meetings this month;

17th January—Teen Hope is for teenagers to gather in a safe space, to enjoy the chat, time for prayer and exploring their faith, craic and pizza! Please keep this initiative in your prayers. Our next meeting will be on 17th January at 7pm

22nd January—Baptism meeting for parents of those to be baptised in February will be held in the parish centre at 7.30pm.

23rd January—Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7pm.

The Christmas collection for St Brigid's parish amounted to €12,890! Thank you for your extraordinary generosity!

The next monthly collection will take place in February, there will be no January collection.

DICTIONARY OF IRISH SAINTS

Four Courts Press is currently taking pre-orders for *A dictionary of Irish saints* by Pádraig Ó Riain. It is a second edition, the first having been published in 2011, to great acclaim; Professor Ó Riain is one of, if not the leading hagiographers in Ireland. The dictionary contains accounts of approximately 1,000 saints, from early Christian times down to the 12th Century, each of whom has been extensively researched. It has been variously described as essential, a treasure trove and, importantly, accessible. Visit <https://www.fourcourtspress.ie/>.

Copies of the Prayer for the Jubilee are on tables around the Church. Please take one home and pray the Prayer of Hope this year.



Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

John baptises everyone with water, but someone is coming who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. When John baptises Jesus, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit comes down and God the Father says, "You are my Son. I love you."

BAPTISM!

Symbols in baptism
 Different symbols are used during baptism. Can you unscramble the words to find out what the symbols are?

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After his baptism Jesus began his new job telling everyone the Good News and sharing God's love. When we were baptised we were given this job too. How will you share God's love today? Draw or write your ideas in the flame

A PRAYER TO SAY—
 thank you loving Father for loving me and for welcoming me into your family when I was baptised. Help me to share your love with the people I meet today. Amen

Our Thursday Coffee Mornings are back! All welcome to join us for tea/coffee and a chat after 10am mass each Thursday. We are always on the lookout for helpers if anyone would have a spare half hour once a month.

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.

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11. Find out more on the website—There is a 2 minute introductory film on the website—Prioryinstitute.com

St. Francis Xavier Senior School together with other schools in Dublin will be performing as part of Laudate Festival singing a number of hymns in Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road (Laudate Festival Night) on Tuesday 28 January from 7.00-8.15p.m. Entry is free. This is part of Catholic Schools Week.

Take extra care while walking: footpaths etc. can be extremely hazardous/slippy due to ice. Thank you to Seán Feeney who has gritted the church grounds in the evenings to make it safe for all parishioners.

We pray for our recently deceased
 Margaret Ormsby Mona Hughes
 Winifred Quane
 Michael O'Sullivan Patrick Tiernan
 Always loved, never forgotten.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS
 If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

SYCAMORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED
 Sycamore returns to St Mochta's parish centre, Porterstown on Monday 23rd Jan at 7.30pm. A series of talks and informal discussions on Christian faith, based on the Scripture and the catechism of the Catholic Church. Presenter is Fr Stephen Wang, esteemed speaker and author. Refreshments served at 7.30pm. Newcomers always welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT-The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This Freephone Service is open from 10am-1pm, Monday to Friday—1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

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

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

Mass intentions for the week		
Sat	Sheila McNulty (MM) Patricia Howard Deceased members of Nolan & Evers families	Marie Marsland
Sun	Kumar Family thanksgiving	