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St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter The Presentation of the Lord - Sunday 2nd February 2025

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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

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:

If you are a new parishioner or just visiting St. Brigid's you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr. John. We would also be grateful if you could fill out a Registration Form in order to register with the parish. They are available at the back of the Church.



St Brigid's Weekend Events;

This weekend we will host cross making workshops on both Saturday 1st February (after 10am mass) and Sunday 2nd February (after 10.30am mass).



Join us in celebrating St. Brigid! An **Evening Concerc** Immerse yourself in the enchanting Concert.

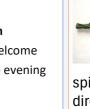
Date: Monday 3rd February Time: 6.30pm Doors, Show 7pm. Tickets: €10 - On sale after both masses or from the office during the week, also available on eventsinfingal.ie/stbrigid. Join us for a magical celebration of St Brigid through the soul-stirring performances of Fingal-based artists!

Featured Artists and Performances: Leah Barniville & The Blue Belles Don't miss this extraordinary Evening Concert in St Brigid's Church extension. Supporting the Women's Refuge and St Francis Hospice.

The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Sunday 2nd February; If you would like candles blessed on the Feast Day, please leave them in the Sacristy or bring them on the day and place on the table in the sanctuary. Candles can be purchased from the Sacristy at €2 each.

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SAINTS THIS COMING WEEK



St Brigid, abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland Our Parish Feast Day - Saturday 1st February Known as 'the Mary of the Gael', St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving, and

care of the sick. She was born c. 454. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St. Brigid's Cross remains a popular sign of God's protection.

St Blaise — Monday 3rd February—died 315. He was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the 8th Century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

As this is a bank holiday, throats will be blessed at the **11am Mass** to mark the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be no evening mass on Bank Holiday Monday.

Lourdes 2025

After the success of last years trip, we plan to travel as a parish again this year. We will join the Dublin Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will take place from 4th to 9th September, led by

Most Rev. Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin. We will have more information in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

Parish Contacts: Parish Priest: V Rev Fr. John Gilligan 087 410 3239 Deacons: Rev Jim Adams 086 223 2411 Rev Michael O'Connor 087 294 1729 Sacristy: 8238354

Easter Pilgrimage

Accompanied by Fr

to Medjugorje

Adrian Crowley

19-26 April

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Confirmation;

This week we welcome St Brigids boys and girls schools for their Ceremony of Light on Thursday evening

Confirmation is a cherished milestone in a child's faith journey. It's a time to celebrate their commitment, growth, and connection to the Church. Please keep the boys & girls and their families in your prayers.

RTE Thursday 6th February Fr John will celebrate Fr John will celebrate mass at 8am for transmission on RTE1 at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend the mass at 8am or to tune in to RTE television at 10.30am.



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When Simeon and Anna see Jesus, they know that he will do great things when he is older. What great things will you do when you are older?

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK - APRIL 26 This year the theme of the pilgrimage will focus on the Jubilee year. The pilgrimage takes place on April 26, and will include workshops, outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. More details to follow

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th February 2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, B&B. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 included.

Fr Frank Drescher in the Parish of St Kevin and St Kilian in Kilnamanagh-Castleview recently unveiled Replicas of the Shroud of Turin during Masses at St Kilian's Church, Kingswood, and St Kevin's Church, Kilnamanagh. The replicas are now on display in both churches.



ATTENTION OF There is a vacancy for Choir Director/ Organist for the Senior Choir in

St Brigid's Church. For full details regarding the position please contact Jean in the parish office.

We have a selection of signed St Brigid's Day Mass <u>Cards</u> for sale from the office and the sacristy. We also stock Sympathy cards, Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Christening, anniversary cards etc..

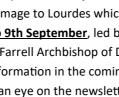
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