

St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 9th February 2025

I have appointed you prophet to the nations

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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025—PLENARY INDULGENCES

The Holy See issued a decree on May 13, 2024, outlining the many ways that Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year.

A **plenary indulgence** is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized. Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences for the deceased in one day, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary.

To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions of detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope must be met.

I.- Pilgrimages

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site.

II.- Pious visits to sacred places

A pious visit includes spending a "suitable" amount of time during a prayerful visit in Eucharistic adoration, either in exposition or before the tabernacle, meditation, and concluding with praying for the intentions of Pope Francis, the recitation of the Our Father, any legitimate form of the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

III.-Works of mercy and penance

Uniting Oneself Spiritually with Those on Jubilee Pilgrimage Those who cannot go on pilgrimage or make a visit to a sacred place for serious reasons will be able to gain the Indulgence wherever they are by uniting themselves spiritually with those who do so, and reciting the Our Father, the Creed, and other prayers connected with the Holy Year while offering up their sufferings or hardships.

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.

We have a selection of signed Mass Cards for sale from the office and the sacristy— Sympathy cards, special occasion, Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Christening, anniversary cards etc.. We will soon stock St Patrick's Day cards.

to Medjugorje 19-26 April Accompanied by Fr Adrian Crowley Details are on the Church

noticeboard.

Easter Pilgrimage

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.

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Confirmation:

This week we welcome St Francis Xavier boys and girls schools for their Ceremony of Light on Thursday evening at 7pm.

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.

NOTICE

The Church will be CLOSED on

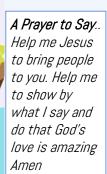
Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February due to essential repair works on the floor in the Church

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus tells Peter to put out his nets and try again to catch some fish. Peter does what Jesus asks – and catches so many fish the net breaks! Jesus says that from now on the apostles will be catching people, not fish.

Jesus chose the fishermen to become apostles. An apostle is a messenger for God. How many differences can you find?

The Apostles spread the good news that Jesus loves us all!



There was great activity in the Parish last weekend in honour of St Brigid. Many thanks to all who helped organise the events; St Brigid's cross making workshops, hospitality and the concert on Monday evening, in conjunction with Blanchardstown Village Tidy Towns, we had a full house! A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all! We are delighted to announce the proceeds of the concert totalled €1,960! This will be divided between St Francis Hospice and the Women's Refuge.

Our parish was vibrant and full of life and we are so grateful to our volunteers for their continued dedication. We are looking forward to next year already!

Croi Mháire Foodbank Please place non perishable foods in the basket on the altar. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

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

ATTENTION 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.

The monthly outdoor collection for Blanchardstown St Vincent de Paul will take place after both masses this weekend. Thank you for your generous



We pray for our recently deceased Paddy Kennedy Always loved, never forgotten



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of February 15/16. All donations are appreciated.

SONGS OF PRAISE - Monday 17th February 8pm Dominican Convent Chapel, Cabra, will host an evening of music led by Fr Pat O'Donoghue and members of the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

All are welcome to attend.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION—If you are living with a heart condition and would like support, information or a chance to meet with others on the same journey, please come along to Blanchardstown Library on Friday 14th February 1030am-1230pm.

Mass intentions for the week

John Curran Ken Devitt **Eugene Kettle** Martin and Claire Corry

Dorothy Sheridan (MM) Jim Sullivan (MM) **Evelyn Hobbs** Paddy Fox Patrick Mullins Carmel Lippert Paddy Collins