

St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 2nd March 2025

WHY DO YOU OBSERVE THE SPLINTER IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE AND NEVER NOTICE THE PLANK IN YOUR OWN

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.



Novena of Grace – our Parish Retreat 4-12 March at 10am each day

ST FRANCIS XAVIER – 1506-1542 St Francis Xavier has promised that all who make the Novena of Grace, will receive great graces. Nine days when we come close to God

and allow God come close to us; when we renew the graces of our Baptism and receive the Eucharist; when we ask for specific graces and just spend some time with Jesus Christ. The Novena of Grace from 4th-12th March each year promises the graces of God to those who take part.

Fr Bryan Shortall OFM will be leading this year's Novena of Grace. Everyone is welcome.

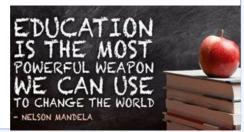


This Sunday sees the launch of our <u>Parish</u>
<u>Education Outreach to Haiti</u>. During this
Lent 2025 we will endeavour to raise
funding for the needs of a small school in a
remote are of the country. The school is run
on an entirely voluntary basis and provides

vital education to disadvantaged children. This new Outreach has it's roots in our 2021 Haiti Water Project, which was organised in conjunction with the Sisters of La Sainte Union who, based on their experience in Haiti, are also

advising us on this new initiative.

The Project will be launched at both masses this weekend, 1st/2nd March.





Lourdes 2025

After the success of last years trip, we plan to travel as a parish again this year. Some early details of our **2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage**: The dates are **4th to 9th September 2025**, 5 nights full board in La Solitude Hotel. Direct flights to and from Lourdes. Private coach transfer to / from hotel.

€959 per person sharing, single supplement €42 per night. For information and to book, please contact Jean in the Parish office.



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Spring Memorial Walk in the

months of March and April to remember a loved one and raise funds for St.
Francis Hospice. Your support helps us provide high quality care for patients and their families at no charge. Registration fee of €25 per adult, children under 16 are free. You can raise additional funds by requesting a sponsorship card.

Table Quiz! Charity Quiz in Kavanagh's pub Laurel Lodge on Monday 3rd March at 8pm. Proceeds directly support Kiltegan Fathers work in the schools in Riwoto, South Sudan. €40 for a table of 4 people.

PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

This year the theme of the pilgrimage will focus on the Jubilee year. The pilgrimage takes place on Saturday April 26, and will include workshops, outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell.

We hope to join them with a group from Ladyswell Partnership. To book, please give your details and a €10 booking deposit to Jean in the Parish Office. Posters are on the noticeboard with full details.

Ash Wednesday - 5th March

Ash Wednesday a day of fast and abstinence and the beginning of the Season of Lent.

Why do we put ash on our forehead? - Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasises our call to continual conversion and holiness of life. Mass will be at 10am and 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday.

We have a selection of signed Mass Cards for sale from the sacristy— Sympathy cards, Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Christening and St Patrick's Day cards.



Our next <u>Teen Hope</u> session will take place on Friday 7th March, 7-8.30pm. Pizza, chat, fun and prayer.

We pray for our recently deceased



Margaret Delaney Seán McAuley Always loved, never forgotten

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus says, "Don't find fault with other people, look at yourself first. A good tree grows good fruit. If your hearts are good and loving, you will do good and loving things."

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We call the good things we do "fruit".

Find the good fruit in the wordsearch.

The words can go in any direction and letters might be used more than once!

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good fruit. Draw a
tree filled with good
fruit and colour it in.

A Prayer to Say
Thank you Jesus
for loving me.

A good tree grows

A Prayer to Say
Thank you Jesus
for loving me.
Give me a loving
heart, so that I
will do kind and
loving things just
like you.
Amen

Slí Dhála CCÉ and friends present 'Beyond Brigid': An evening of music, song, dance and spoken word. Sunday 9 March, 7pm at St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown. Admission free. Booking essential dublinfloadboughts 2025 @gmail.com or tout 0872454142

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To celebrate International Women's Day, Dublin Fleadh 2025,

Dublin Fleadh 2025; OPEN SESSION

Friday 7 March, 8.30pm, The Wren's Nest, Strawberry Beds. All Welcome!

Confirmation - Ceremony of Light

This Ceremony continues, during which the parents hand the lighted candle lit from the Pascal Candle directly to their children. We welcome the Confirmation Candidates from **Pelletstown Educate Together** this Thursday evening at 7pm for their Ceremony of Light.

First Penance; The celebration of First Penance/ Confession commences for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes.

We welcome the children from Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí and Cailiní on Thursday morning.

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday 7th March and will continue on each Friday morning at 9.30am in place of the rosary during Lent.

Mass intentions for the week

;	Sat	John Fitzpatrick (MM) Ann Delaney (1st Anniv) Susan & Dermod Monaghan	Dolores Molloy (MM) Thomas McMahon
٦	Sun	Tom & Kathleen O'Toole Anne Duffy	Joseph Brennan
	Thurs	Phyllis Maher Kennedy	
	Frí	Patrick Bruen	