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# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter First Sunday of Lent - Sunday 9th March 2025



#### **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

# Planned Giving / Family Offering

(This is our main source of income for the maintenance and development of the parish). Thank you to all who have collected their Planned Giving/Family Offering envelope boxes for the coming year and thanks to those who delivered them. If you didn't receive a box and would like one, please call in or contact the parish office. Standing order forms are also available around the Church if you would prefer to donate this way. You can complete this form and bring it to your bank or set it up through online banking. Contributions to the Family Offering can also be made through the Donate button on the parish website.



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

ST FRANCIS XAVIER (1506-1542) 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 continues this week until Wednesday. Fr Bryan Shortall OFM leads this year's Novena. All welcome.

Our Parish Education Outreach to Haiti, launched last weekend, is now in full operation and donations are already arriving by envelope and online. Our sincere thanks to all who have contributed thus far.

We hope to be able to send some initial money to Haiti in the coming days, to begin addressing the urgent need for schoolbooks for the 9th—12th grade children.

"Education is

not the filling

of a pail, but

the lighting

of a fire.

-William Butler Yeat





#### 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.

To celebrate International Women's Day, Dublin Fleadh Slí Dhála CCÉ and Friends present 'Beyond Brigid'; An Evening of music, song, dance and spoken word.



Sunday 9th March at 7pm in our church extension.

Admission is free but please book at dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com or text 087 245 4143

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#### OUR PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Retreat for Men on the Feast of St Joseph at 7pm on 19th This year the theme of the pilgrimage will focus on the March. Retreat for Women on Tuesday 25th March at 7pm. Jubilee year. The pilgrimage takes place on Saturday April 26, and will include workshops, outdoor walks, the Thank you to all who supported the charity pub quiz in Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, which Kavanaghs last week in aid of the Kiltegan Fathers schools will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. and vocational training centre in Riwoto, South Sudan. €5461 was raised. This money will help to improve the lives of children and disadvantaged young adults in the Parish.

We are joining them with a group from our Partnership. To book, please give your details and a €10 booking deposit to Jean in the Parish Office. The bus will depart St Brigid's Church at 9.15am. Posters are on the noticeboard with full details.

First Penance; The celebration of First Penance/ Confession continues for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes. We welcome the children from St Francis Xavier on Thursday morning.



St Vincent de Paul; the outdoor monthly collection for St Brigid's will be taken up this weekend at both masses.

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

#### St Brigid's Parish Mass Cards

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

We pray for our recently deceased



Babs Critchley Phílomena Renníck Always loved, never forgotten

# Mv Lenten promise



### In the Gospel Today

Jesus goes into the wilderness to be alone. He is tempted three times to do something wrong. Every time he is tempted, Jesus makes the right choice and does what God the Father wants.



A Prayer to Say Thank you Jesus for showing me that I can make the right choices, just like you did. Help me to be truly alive by filling my life and my heart with good things. Amen

#### CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, CABRA

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

continuing generosity!



#### Monday 17th March is St Patricks Day Mass will be at 10am with no evening mass.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 19th March 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, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Mass intentions for the week	
Sat	Tom Quinn (1st Anniv) Pat Murphy (2nd Anniv) Tom Tyrell Tom Coughlan Mary Lawlor Patrick Mansfield
Sun	Nora Reilly John McNally Peter & Louise Downey Valentina Semeshko Albina Zidziuniene & Vytautas Lapinskas
non	Geronimo da Calos David Panergo Junior
Thurs	Frank Barrett