



LENTEN PREPARATION
FORTY DAYS OF RENEWAL

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



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Saint Patrick – March 17th; Principal Patron of Ireland. It would no doubt take the modest St Patrick by surprise to know how widely his feast is celebrated and marked! We know something of the man himself from the few documents which have come down to us. His return to those who enslaved him shows great character; even more outstanding is his commitment to Jesus Christ, the Scriptures and to his calling as apostle and evangelist. Let us mark the feast with thanksgiving and renewed faith. Prayer - Father, you brought the Gospel to life among the Irish by the preaching of the great St Patrick. Help us rediscover the spark of faith, that it may shine brightly once more among us.

St Patricks Day Mass will be at 10am with no evening mass.

Jubilee of Deacons—Rome, February 2025

The Jubilee of Hope was a powerful and inspiring gathering for the 4,000 permanent deacons and their 2,000 family members who travelled to Rome. With 11 deacons representing Dublin, including our deacons—*Jim and Michael*, the event provided a unique opportunity for reflection, learning, and shared experiences.

Over the four days, deacons from around the world presented insights into the current state of the permanent diaconate in their respective countries. The event was deeply spiritual, highlighted by the ordination of 22 new permanent deacons, reinforcing the vital role they play in the Church.

Although Pope Francis was unable to attend in person, his message to the deacons resonated deeply. He urged them to make selfless service the core of their ministry, emphasising humility as the foundation of their calling. His words served as a reminder of the essential mission of the diaconate: to serve with compassion and dedication, always putting others before themselves.

Parish Education Outreach to Haiti

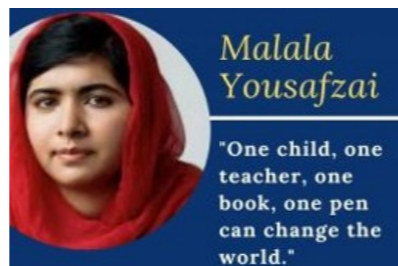
This week we began the process of transferring the money collected in the first week of our Lenten Programme (almost €1,000) to Lira Perrier and his fellow teachers in the rural community of Beaumont. The first priority for



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St Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

June, July and August. Advance Booking Essential Cost €145 includes coach, boat and stay on Island. Direct Coach departs Parnell Square at 8.00am sharp. For further information please contact St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage Office Tel: 086 385 3027

Croi Mháire Foodbank

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

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today

Jesus goes up a mountain with his friends. While he prays, Jesus is changed and shines with God's glory! Jesus' friends hear God the Father say, "This is my son. Listen to him."



God's glory

Jesus shone with the glory of God. We can let God's glory shine when we live like Jesus.

Put the words in the right order



I can let God's glory shine when I...

Write, or draw, your ideas in the candle.

A Prayer to Say

Thank you Jesus for helping me when I try to be like you. Help me to shine with your love. Help me to be kind and loving to everyone I meet. Amen

OUR 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 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, Pelletstown Educate Together and Scoil Oilibhéir this week. Please keep the children and their families and teachers in your prayers.

Lourdes 2025

After the success of last years trip, we plan to travel as a parish again this year. 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.

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.

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.

Parish Meeting

Wednesday 19th March—Meeting for parents of those children to be baptised in April. 7.30pm.

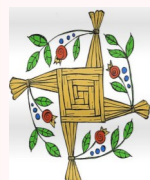
Stations of the Cross

will continue on each Friday morning at 9.30am in place of the rosary during Lent.

Mass intentions for the week

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| Sat | John Melody (1st Anniv) Fr Seamus McGeehan PP Margaret Kehir | Kathleen McGlynn Julia & Nick Farrell |
| Sun | Betty Beirne | |
| Thur | Michael O'Neill—birthday remembrance | |
| Fri | Margaret Walsh | |

We pray for our recently deceased
Babs Critchley
Always loved, never forgotten



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