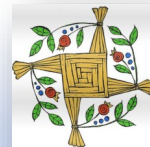




# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

## Second Sunday of Christmas Sunday 4th January 2026



### CURRENT SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30am, Church closes at 4pm

**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. Church closes at 2pm.

All services available on

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://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

### Message for World Day of Peace 2026

"Peace be with you all. Towards an unarmed and disarming peace" is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Peace 2026 which will be celebrated on January 1, 2026. The Holy Father invites everyone to welcome peace and become witnesses to it because it "exists; it wants to dwell within us. It has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence. Peace is a breath of the eternal". Christians must become witnesses, and quoting St. Augustine, the Pope invites them "to forge an unbreakable bond with peace". We are all invited to walk this path traced by the Risen One. He himself embodied unarmed peace because "his was an unarmed struggle".

Peace is a gift that must be safeguarded, in fact if it "is not a reality that is lived, cultivated and protected, then aggression spreads into domestic and public life" and one can fall into the trap of thinking that in order to achieve it, one must prepare for war by embodying the "irrationality of relations between nations, built not on law, justice and trust, but on fear and domination by force".

The Holy Father recalls that St. Augustine recommends "not to burn bridges or persist in reproach, but to prefer listening and, where possible, engaging in discussions with others".

In order to achieve disarming peace, we must embody meekness because "goodness is disarming. Perhaps this is why God became a child".

Peace comes from evangelical humility. A child, in all its fragility, could change hearts, question our choices, and lay down our weapons.

Pope Leo reminds us that peace is possible, it is not a utopia, and that ecumenical and interreligious dialogue are privileged ways to achieve it. Nor must we forget to embark on "the disarming path of diplomacy, mediation, and international law," which requires mutual trust, loyalty, and responsibility in the commitments we make.

"This is the peace of the risen Christ – a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally" Pope Leo XIV

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM HAITI

The children wish a joyful Christmas to all the members of the St. Brigid's Parish Council, and send a big thank you to everyone for all that you do for them. The teachers also send their best wishes. Lira has informed us that the 9th Grade class is back in action and they are doing well, making progress along the Haiti Department of Education syllabus. We have more donations to send to Lira in the New Year.



Happy New Year! On behalf of myself, Fr Peter, the Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council, I'd like to wish the parishioners of St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, a peaceful and Happy New Year. Fr John

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### NOTICE

For the months of January and February the Church will close at 4pm every day.

#### Thank You from GOAL

Many thanks to the many families and individuals who came out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in Phoenix Park. Your generous donations on the day and online raised over €13,000 for GOAL's humanitarian work in developing countries.

### CHILDREN'S CORNER: in the Gospel today....

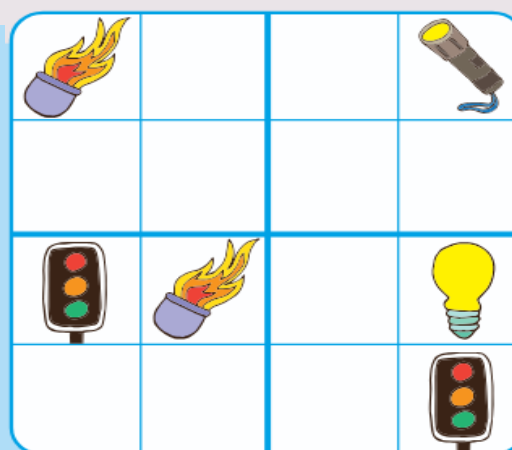
Jesus chose to come and live with us. He is the light of the world who shines in the darkness. We are God's children who are shining with God's love.

### Sudoku

Can you fill the grid with light?



Each row, each column and each mini-grid should have just one of each type of light.



THANK YOU JESUS FOR COMING TO LIVE WITH US. BE WITH ME IN ANY DARKNESS, THE WORRIES AND DIFFICULTIES, IN MY LIFE. HELP ME TO SHINE BRIGHTLY WITH YOUR LOVE TODAY. AMEN



### Solemnity of the Epiphany

This feast day is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Saviour of the World. The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the three Magi, or Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) from the East. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times are as follows:

Monday 5th Jan (Vigil) at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 6th Jan at 10.00am

Our Faith Development Worker Catherine, invites us all to join in prayer and reflection on the First Monday of each month in our pastoral centre. Commencing this coming Monday 5th January at 7pm

### Christmas Dues Envelopes

Thank you to all who have returned their Christmas dues envelopes. If you did not receive a Christmas Dues envelope and would like to contribute to the Priests of the Parish and the Diocese, please take one from the tables in the Church.

### Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Alan Moore (MM)
	Johnny Maundsley (1st Anniv)
Sun	Mona Hughes (1st Anniv) Patsy Boyle
	James, Agnes & Tracy Griffin
Mon	Aimee Devaney Celine Kelly
	Michael O'Sullivan (1st Anniv)
Tues	John Smyth (MM) Joan O'Keeffe
	Canice & Lily Brady Margaret French
Wed	Joe Dowling Daniel, Ann & Phyllis Sinnott
	Richard & Sunil (recently deceased)
Thurs	Catriona Farrell
	Rose Harrison



The Feast of the Epiphany & Nollaig na mBan - Women's Christmas is celebrated this week! January 6th is a special day when we celebrate the women who work so tirelessly throughout the year.