



**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 until 11am

**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](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

*\* Please note that our standard schedule may be subject to some change in the current circumstances.*



**Father**

We see God as Father, a loving and compassionate Father. Not a daunting patriarchal figure but one that is easily approached and who can be addressed by the familiar and intimate term *Abba* (Abba, compare the English 'Papa' or 'Ah Ba' in Chinese and other languages). He is the creator and giver of all life. Everything good that can be discerned in the world around us comes from him and through him. In him, through him and with him all things exist. He is the one who cares, the one who waits for the Prodigal to return and forgives completely and immediately. He is the Father of truth, the Father of love and compassion, the Father of justice. The whole of this beautiful world in which we live is a testimony and, at the same time, only a faint indication of what he really is. If we really look at the world he has made (and not at the one we have unmade), our hearts can only be overcome with praise and thanks.

**Son**

We see God as Son, who in an extraordinary way came to live among us, and whom, in a paradox beyond all understanding, we humans killed. In the Son as a human being, we can see, hear and touch God. We see something of the nature of our God as Jesus heals the sick, identifies with the weak and socialises with the sinful. We see him challenge the dehumanising values that form the fabric of most of our lives and, in the process, he is rejected by those he loves. Though he is God, he empties himself of all human dignity, that he might open for us the way to true and unending life.

**Spirit**

We see God as Spirit, becoming, as it were, the soul of his people. All the good that we do, all our evangelising work, our hospitals, schools, works of social development and social welfare, our care of the sick, the weak, the oppressed and the outcast – all are the evidence of God's Spirit working in and through us. Wherever there is genuine loving, there is the Spirit of God at work.

**Growing into his likeness**

And yet, being aware of all this, we still cannot say that we know our God. But there is more than enough here – if we pray and reflect on it – that is already overpowering in its significance.

We need to remember that we have been called to be and to grow into the image of God himself. What has been revealed to us through Jesus and the Scriptures both challenges us and helps us to draw closer to our God. Our ultimate goal, and it is the only goal for all living, is to achieve perfect union with him. We do that, above all, by loving as he loved, by loving unconditionally and continuing to love where no love, and even hate, is returned. For this we need the creative power of the Father, the compassion of the Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. They are all available to anyone who opens their heart to receive.



**Prayer for those doing exams:**

Lord, I know you are with me and love me. Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study. Help me to focus on my books and notes. Keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me. Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying and help me to remember it when the time comes. Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study and for the many gifts and talents you have given to me. Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself. *Amen*

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**1st Holy Communion**  
 Congratulations to the children from Scoil Oilibhéir and Pelletstown Educate Together who received their 1st Holy Communion this weekend. Great work and preparation has been put in by the pupils and their teachers. May the Lord continue to bless the children, their parents, families and teachers. Thankyou to Deacon Michael for preparing the children and to Dolores O'Leary and Mary Ronayne for the beautiful flowers in the church!



**Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today**

Jesus meets his friends on the mountain. When they see Jesus, his friends bow down because they know he is special. Jesus asks his friends to tell everyone all over the world how much God loves them. And he tells them he will always be with them. Jesus will be with us forever.

**Everyone is special**

Jesus' friends showed they thought he was special by bowing.

Put a circle around some of the ways we can show people that they are special.

**listening hugging hurting**  
**caring helping ignoring**

**JESUS IS SPECIAL!**

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help me to show everyone I meet today that they are special. Amen.

Jesus told the disciples to meet him on the mountain.

Draw Jesus waiting for the disciples on the mountain.



**Mass of All Nations and our Parish Family Fun Day**  
 - **Midday Mass** Sunday 9th June. The Theme this year is 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit'.

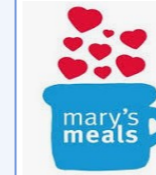
**Mulhuddart Blessing of the graves**– Sunday 16th June

**Annual Heritage Parish Pilgrimage. Saturday 22nd June.** We will travel to Faughart and St Joseph's Redemptorists Monastery, visiting St Brigid's Well and the shrine. It is a full day trip departing at 9am, to include prayers, morning coffee/scone and a 3 course dinner on our return. Please come to the office to add your name to the list. The price is €59.99!! Limited availability!

**Cry of the Poor: Mary's Meals** is a no-frills charity

who provides daily meals and education to 2.5 million

children in the poorest parts of the world. 97c from every euro donated goes directly to feeding a child. The Dublin Volunteer group are holding a church gate collection *next weekend*. They will also sell raffle tickets for a raffle to be held on June 23rd. Thank you for your support.



**First Saturday**

Next Saturday, 1st June, is the first Saturday of the month so mass will be at 10am followed by confessions until 11am.



This Sunday, 26th May, the Ordination of Father Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin and the welcoming of Bishop Paul Dempsey as he begins his ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin will take place in Saint Andrew's, Westland Row. The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed at 3pm [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie) and at [www.facebook.com/dublindiocese/](http://www.facebook.com/dublindiocese/). We hope will join us for this event via the livestream. Please keep Father Donal and Bishop Dempsey in your prayers.

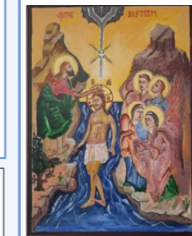


All welcome to our coffee mornings which continue every Thursday morning after 10am mass. Please come along to meet some old and new friends!

**Meetings in the Pastoral Centre this week:**

PPC meeting rescheduled to Thursday 30th May 7pm

**We welcome those baptised in the month of May;**



Jacob, Lauren, Laura,  
 Adam, Mia, Connell & Sadie.

May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

**Our Adult Discussion Group will meet on:**

**Wednesday 29th May @7pm**  
**Topic for discussion this week:**

It is said Marriage is past its sell-by date; how would you answer?

Come along to enjoy just one session, or come for all the sessions.

**Mass intentions for the week**

Saturday	David Adams (MM) John Griffin (MM) Sanela Angel (Intention)
Sunday	Paddy O'Neill (MM) David Adams (MM) Valerie Smith Mary Fahy Alexandra Counihan
Monday	Lili & Joe Byrne