

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent—20th December 2020



Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalm: 88

2nd: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the

Lord: let what you have said

be done to me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

A little reminder: (What to remember when attending Mass)

1. We are mandated to wear masks—you're cooperation is much appreciated.
2. We still need to keep social distance—please be careful.
3. We need to leave promptly after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday
4. If you have five minutes to spare, could you help out with the sanitising—everyone will get home faster.

Covid is still out there, this is a whole parish job and we all protect one another by our behaviour.

Current Arrangements

Level 3+ of the Living with Covid-19 plan

All Masses & services are available on the webcam
www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am

church open for private prayer after Mass until 3pm

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*, 12 noon & 7pm

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

HOLY HOUR

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections. A time out to rest with the Lord.



Donations still welcome at this time and can be left in the sacristy or office

Christmas GOAL Virtual Charity Mile

Register at <https://www.goalglobal.org/goal-mile/> to support GOAL's work with the poor in developing countries.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Celebrating the Birth of Christ 2020
Christmas Weekend: 24th - 27th Dec.

Join us to celebrate the birth of Christ

Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve):
4.30pm 6.00pm **8.00pm*** & 10.00 pm
***additional Mass**

Friday 25th (Christmas Day):
9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon

Saturday 26th (St. Stephen's Day):
11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 27th Dec:
9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon
Attendance in church subject to latest Government guidelines

Other Masses & Services

Mon. 28th Dec. - Fri. 1st Jan.: Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Thurs. 2nd Jan 2021: 10.00 a.m. Mass resumes

CONFESSIONS - CHRISTMAS WEEK

Mon. 21st—Thurs. 24th Dec 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.

To all parishioners,

Thank you for applying for tickets for the Christmas Masses. Please be aware that you **may not** have received tickets for your stated preferred Mass. While a large number of tickets have already been collected, some still remain in the parish office awaiting collection. **Please remember admission to all of these Masses is ticket-only—if you no longer require yours, please let us know.**

Due to the sharp increase in the spread of Covid-19, and where anyone is doubtful, anxious or concerned about themselves or a vulnerable person that they may be in contact with, we recommend you stay home, stay safe and well, and join us online for any of our Masses at www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

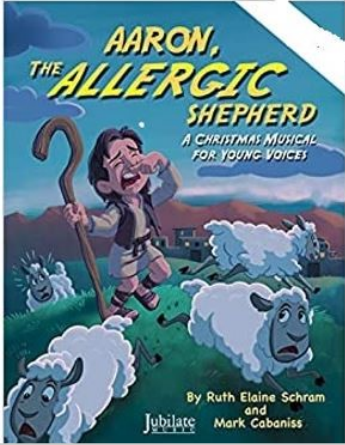
Thank you for your understanding.



Send many thanks for your generous donations and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Parish Office and Pastoral Centre
Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday

Christmas Events



Blanchardstown Parish Choir presents online, **Carols for Christmas** on Wednesday 23rd

Keep an eye on the website www.blanchardstownparish.ie for posts on how you can actively join us online at 6pm Mass to welcome baby Jesus

Blanchardstown Parish Junior Choir Presents: **Aaron the Allergic Shepherd** – a short Christmas musical, online after the Carol Concert, via the Parish Website.



Don't forget to follow the signs and visit our crib (behind the church)



Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line
freephone **1800 70 77** 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday
Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People
7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call **0818 222 024**.
Accord – support line : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555
Crosscare Blanchardstown **01-8219892**

AgeAction

Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time www.ageaction.ie



We remember our recently deceased Paddy Scarlett

To live in hearts left behind is not to die

Intentions	19th/20th December
7pm	-
10.30am	Hugh Dowling MM Margie Sheridan Tommy & Theresa Thornton & Mary Dunphy Siobhan Moran
12 noon	Dermot Monaghan
	Stephen McGrath

Children's Corner



A Star or an Angel for our Crib

Check out our website for a link to more information and a template for a star or an angel which you can colour in.

We will put these up in the Pastoral centre by the crib

(don't forget to come and visit)

In the Gospel this week The Angel Gabriel says to Mary, "Hail, full of grace", and tells her she is to have a baby who will be the Son of the Most High. Mary trusts God and says she will do whatever God wants.

Sudoku

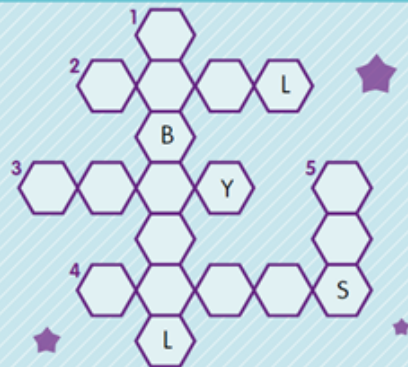
Can you fill the grid with the letters **MARY** in each row, each column and each mini-grid?



Make sure that no letter is repeated!

Crossword

1. What was the angel's name?
2. The angel's "hello".
3. Who did the angel come to see?
4. What was the baby going to be called?
5. What did Mary say?



A prayer to say Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Amen.

Baptisms

We are currently open for Baptism bookings for the New Year. As normal, a minimum of 2 weeks notice is required. Please note, in line with current restrictions, there is a limit of 12 persons per family group.



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