



With the Lord there is mercy  
 Psalm 129

**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](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



God says three things to us. Firstly, 'as far as the East is from the West so far I will remove your sins'. Think of it... Secondly, 'though your sins be red as scarlet, I will dye them white as snow'. A joy to hear such words!

Third, 'I will take your sins and bury them on the floor of the sea'. These three lines are grand reasons for there is such a depth of mercy in them, an available mercy.

**90,000 Reasons to Love God**  
**Fr Adrian Crowley**

Our Parish Church, dedicated to St Brigid, is both a temple of bricks and mortar and a symbol of the living Church, the Christian community. In their Letters the Apostles Peter and Paul understood the church building as a 'spiritual edifice' built by God with 'living stones' (ie us parishioners) upon the one foundation which is Jesus Christ, Who is also described as the 'cornerstone'. On Saturday next, November 9th, the Church celebrates an important feast day—the 'Feast of St. John Lateran' or the feast of 'The dedication of the Lateran Basilica'.



The Church of St. John is located on the Lateran hill in Rome and is described as the 'Mother and Head of all the churches in the City and the World' (Urbi et Orbi). It is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome and was called 'St John' after the two monasteries once attached, dedicated to St John the Divine and St John the Baptist. It is actually dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour.

The beauty and harmony of churches, which are intended to give praise to God, also invite us, to gather together to celebrate the Liturgy as the community of the baptised, coming together to hear the Word of God and to draw nourishment from the Body and Blood of Christ. And each community, in fact, has the duty to protect its own sacred buildings, which constitute a precious religious and historical heritage.

We know that God is everywhere. Yet when the people of God build a building, a church, and dedicate it totally to God's service, God's glory comes to dwell in that building in such a way that the building can now be called the house of God.

We show respect for this by the way we behave: dressing in a decent manner; signing/blessing ourselves with holy water on entering or leaving the church; genuflecting, or bowing, to the altar or the tabernacle, before taking one's seat or before leaving the church; not chatting in church, and lowering one's voice when one has cause to talk. The sacredness of the church building is important. Coming to Church, to Mass is not another social gathering. But when we realise that the church is a holy place, a place of encounter with God, with one another and with oneself, then we bring a certain disposition of mind and body to church service which helps make worship an uplifting rather than a boring experience. This weekend's Mass, as indeed at all weekends, invites us to renew our faith in the church as a house of prayer and to cultivate habits and practices that make it easier for a visit to the church to be an encounter with our God.

**Saints in the Church's Calendar**

*All the Saints of Ireland - Wed 6th Nov.* Ireland, especially in the early Christian centuries, was known as an isle of saints and scholars. Many of these combined pastoral care with observance of the monastic life. The Irish also did much to bring the faith to other parts of Europe and, if we are to believe the story of St. Brendan, even further afield.

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Saturday 9th Nov.* - See above

**Job announcement—**

**Pastoral Coordinator**

The Parish is seeking to hire a part-time Pastoral Coordinator. The primary focus is on sacramental preparation with the schools, but the role can include all aspects of faith development in the parish, be it for children, youth or adults. For further information please contact Jean in the office.

**Croi Mháire Foodbank**

delivers food parcels to 65-70 households every two weeks. Please place non perishable foods in the basket on the altar.

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

Jesus says nothing is more important than loving God and loving other people. When we love God and other people as much as love ourselves, we are doing everything God wants.

**Love God and Love others**

Where are the children going?  
 Both places are good.



Help me Jesus to show that I love God by the way that I treat other people with kindness.  
 Amen

**Mass of Remembrance**



On Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate its Annual Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass, each person will be remembered by name. If you have a relative or friend who died this year outside the parish and would like them to be remembered, please give their name in to the sacristy or office. All are very welcome, especially family and friends.

**Confirmation Enrolment Mass.**



Will take place on Thursday next 7th November at 7pm here in St Brigid's Church. It is the first parish event for candidates, and their parents/guardians, who expect to celebrate their Confirmation in this academic year.



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
 The outdoor monthly collection for St. Brigid's Blanchardstown Conference of St Vincent de Paul will be taken up NEXT weekend at both masses.

**Sunday Mass Collections**

Many thanks for your continued generosity; these collections are vital for the support of the priests of the diocese (Common Fund) and other diocesan projects (Share).

You can contribute to the collections by:

- Putting offerings in the 'white boxes' in the Church
- By leaving your Envelope into Parish Office during the week. (Envelopes are in the church or you can have a supply to take home for convenience).
- Using the 'Tap and Go' machines.
- Using the online 'Donate' facility on the Website [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie) where you can select both one-off and recurring payments.

Combined donations (eg in a single envelope) are split – 60% to the '1st Collection' (the Common Fund for Priests); 40% to the '2nd Collection' (usually Share).

**Thank you so much for your generosity**

St Brigid's Prayer Group meet every Tuesday in the Church extension at 8pm. All are welcome.

The Meditation Group meet on Wednesdays in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm.

Teen Hope will next meeting on November 15th at 7pm

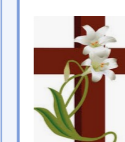
Baptism meeting for the parents of those to be baptised in December will meet on November 20th at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**Altar List of the Dead**

Forms & envelopes are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Saturday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. Mass on the First Friday of each month will also be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. Completed lists can be handed into the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

**Mass intentions for the week**

Sat	Teresa Cody (MM) Joan Nolan	Patrick Herlihy
Sun	Patrick & Sheila Scully Frank & Kathleen White Patrick & Ethel Harte	David Panergo
Mon	K.J. Francis	
Thurs	Mairead Concannon	



We pray for our recently deceased

Patricia O'Brien  
 Kathleen Stanley

Always loved, never forgotten



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