



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

Huge thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Lourdes Pilgrimage fund. The sum of €2,432.50 was donated. Mass was offered for your intentions at the Grotto.



A reason to love God is music! It lifts us and refreshes our hearts. The Lord puts inspiration in music to gladden our hearts, dispel gloom, drive away pessimism. We love it and can love God for it. It glorifies the creative One who gives the gift.

90,000 Reasons to Love God
Fr Adrian Crowley



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World Day of the Poor

Today is the **8th World Day of the Poor**; with the motto, chosen by Pope Francis, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (cf Sir 21.5). The Pope reiterates that the poor have a privileged place in the heart of God, who is attentive and close to each of them. God listens to the prayers of the poor and, in the face of suffering, becomes "impatient" until he has done them justice. In fact, the book of Sirach goes further, stating that, "the judgment of God will be in favour of the poor". In his *Message*, Pope Francis invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust. *World Day of the Poor* is an opportunity to become aware of the presence of the poor in our cities and communities, and to understand their needs. As always, the Pope also mentions the "new poor", those who are victims of violence and wars, "bad politics carried out with weapons" (n. 4), which causes many innocent victims. Prayer must find its true authenticity by being expressed in concrete works of charity. In fact, prayer and good works go together: "If prayer is not translated into concrete action it is in vain; (...) however, charity without prayer risks becoming philanthropy which soon runs out" (n. 7). This is the legacy of many saints in history, such as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who always repeated that prayer was the place from which she drew the faith and the strength she needed to serve the poor. Let us not forget, however, the numerous people in our cities who continue to dedicate a large part of their time to listening to and supporting the poor. They are ordinary people who, with their example, "give voice to God's response to the prayers of those who turn to Him" (n.7). The *World Day of the Poor* is also an opportunity to remember each of them and thank the Lord for them. Pope Francis' *Message* for this VIII *World Day of the Poor* invites everyone to pay more serious spiritual attention to the poor, who need God and need a human presence – someone who is a concrete sign of listening and closeness to them. (See <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/gmdp/2024.html>)

Altar List of the Dead

Forms & envelopes are available in the Church. There is still time to submit new lists which will be added to those already placed in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. Mass on the First Friday of each month throughout the year will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. Please hand completed lists into the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Saints in the Church's Calendar this week:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Thursday 21st November, on this day was the dedication in the year 543 of the Church of Our Lady near to the Temple in Jerusalem. This feast celebrates Mary in her grace filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit. This feast prepares for Advent and Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of her Divine Son into the world.

St. Columban (Columbanus), abbot and missionary – Saturday 23rd November. He was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.



Online Advent Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a **FREE OF CHARGE**

online retreat "Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God."

Visit our website

prioryinstitute.com



St Francis Hospice Traditional Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Blanchardstown

Hospice on Thursday 5th December at 8pm

You can sponsor a light online - www.sfh.ie or by phone— 01-832 7535



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.

Dunboyne Flower and Garden Club

Christmas Gala

A flower demonstration by Diane Gallagher
 Dunboyne Castle Hotel
 Wednesday 27th November at 8pm
 Admission €15 - includes a light supper (supporting As I Am . Ireland's autism charity)

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 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

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today:

Jesus tells us that the world might look frightening, but we must not worry. Jesus will come again.

Who will come back?

Join the dots together to find out. When Jesus returns, the sun, moon and stars will shine brightly. Can you draw them in?

HOPE IN JESUS!

A Prayer to Say....

Sometimes I am frightened by what I hear about the world. Help me to remember, Jesus, that you are always with me. Help me to trust you. Amen



The Liturgy team have a limited supply of Advent Wreath packs for you to make your own Advent Wreath at home. The cost of each pack is €10 which is subsidised by the parish. If you would like to order one, please give your name to a sacristan or to Jean in the office during the week.



What is Prayer?

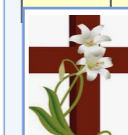
Adult discussion group will run for 4 weeks— Wed 27 Nov to Wed 18 Dec. Details to follow.



Next Sunday 24th November, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10.30am. All welcome!

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Patricia Shaughnessy-Gagne
Sun	Ellen Regan Christopher & Christina Wall Myra & Christopher Wall Phil Webster Max Webster (1st Anniv) Rosaleen Boylan



We pray for our recently deceased
 Bernie Johnson
 Always loved, never forgotten.