



Parish of St. Brigid, Blanchardstown
Christmas Arrangements 2024

CHRISTMAS WEEK CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 24th December: After 10.00am Mass

MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December: 10.00am Mass

Tuesday 24th December: **6.00pm FAMILY Mass** (for Christmas)
 8.30pm Carol Service
 9.00pm **VIGIL Mass** (for Christmas)

Wednesday 25th December: 9.00am & 10.30am
 (Masses for Christmas Day)
 No evening Mass

Thurs 26th & Fri 27th Dec: Area Mass in Corduff at 10am
 Saturday 28th Dec: 6.00pm Mass (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday 29th Dec: 10.30am Mass
 Monday 30th Dec: 7.30pm Mass
 Tuesday 31st Dec: 10.00am Mass
 Wednesday 1st Jan: Area Mass in Corduff at 9.05am
 Area Mass in Mulhuddart at 10.00am and 7.30pm
 Thursday 2nd Jan: 10.00am Mass
 Normal Mass Schedule resumes



The Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to wish the parishioners of St. Brigid's a joyful and Happy Christmas.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tues 24th or Friday 27th, however there will be Adoration on Tuesday 31st December and Friday 3rd January after 10am mass until 1pm.

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A Christmas message from our Parish Priest Fr John Gilligan

A happy and blessed Christmas to one and all. Enjoy the presence of children and I hope Santa is good to all. Have time for family, neighbours and friends. Let no neighbours Christmas be long and lonely because no one comes to visit. Be generous to needy causes and give what you can. Have time to say a prayer and count your blessings. Especially give thanks for the goodness of the people in your life. Let us all gather together in church to joyfully give praise and thanks to God.

Let us remember the story of our own families over the years, the joys and the sorrow, the births and the deaths. Maybe even look through old photographs. In families, periods of enormous loss or pain are so often followed by genuine healing and new hope and happiness. Recalling the past, see the wonderful loyalty, care and love of your own family through the years.

On a personal level, I thank you all for the warm welcome to the parish. It is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working alongside you in the time ahead. It's a very vibrant parish with lots of activities and most generous volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your contribution to the life of the parish during the year in the various ministries and activities that support so many. Thanks to all the volunteers whose dedication to local organisations and charities, so enrich our communities through culture, sport or assistance for people in need.

A special welcome to all who have come home for Christmas and that you enjoy time with family.

I wish you and yours a truly Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

John Gilligan PP



Prayer for the 4th Sunday Of Advent

This Advent-time we remember Mary and Joseph, giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage and obedience, stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit, playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan to bring your prodigal people home again. We pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives, that when your gentle whisper breaks through the clamour of this world and into our small corner, we might be ready to listen, and having listened, to act.

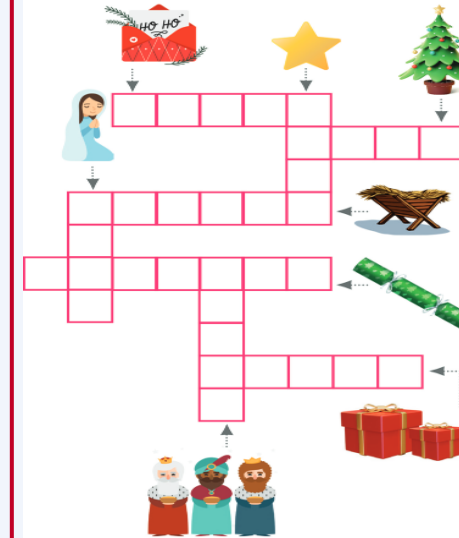
Amen

Children's Corner: In the Gospel Today



Elizabeth is so excited to see Mary! Even Elizabeth's baby knows that Mary's baby is someone very, very special.

Puzzle

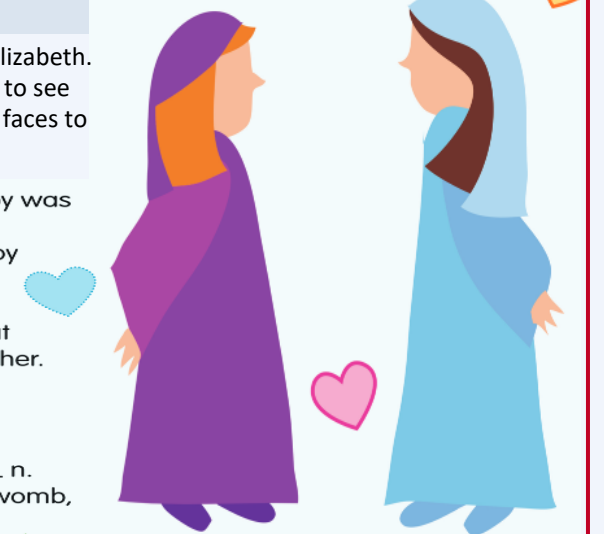


Here is a picture of Mary meeting Elizabeth. They are really excited and pleased to see each other. Put a big smile on their faces to show how happy they are.

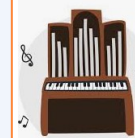
Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was very special. Even the baby in Elizabeth's womb knew the baby Jesus was very special. He jumped for joy! Fill in the spaces to find out what Mary's cousin Elizabeth said to her.

Hail M _ _ _ , full of gr _ _ _ .
 The L _ _ _ is with you.

Blessed are you among w _ _ _ n.
 B _ _ _ s _ _ is the fruit of your womb,
 J _ _ _ s .



I am so excited it's Christmas! Help me to be excited about you Jesus, and not just my presents. Help me to bring your love into the world. Amen



Choir Director/Organist

Thank you to Michael Minnock who has very graciously led our choir for the month of December. Is there someone in our community or among a wider circle that you think might be interested in the permanent position of Choir director/organist? If so, please contact the office for further details. Kindly note that remuneration will be determined in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

The process has begun to establish a Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Dublin Diocese, which will be commissioned at the beginning of Lent 2025. Following from the Synodal and Task Force listening exercises, having a Diocesan Pastoral Council was seen as an essential part of moving forward. It will be made up of the Archbishop and 21 laity, religious and clergy. The makeup of the membership will reflect the entire People of God with the good of the whole Diocese in mind. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide all who are involved both the nominees and those engaged in the discernment process. As this continues we will keep you updated and let you know the key moments as they happen.

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.



We are pleased to announce that a selection of Mass Cards are now available for sale from the office, including Christmas Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Christening and anniversary cards.



Christmas GOAL Charity Mile
 Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid of GOAL'S humanitarian and development work in developing countries on **Christmas Day at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park**, any time from **10.30 to 12 noon.**



We look forward to our Family Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve as it will include the nativity play that the children have been rehearsing under the guidance of Andrea Rock and Marie Feeney.

Local Writer's Course for all levels starting in January. 6-week In-person course. Write Poems & Stories. Refreshments served. Phone Martin on 087 600 7100

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Maeve Quirke (MM) Anna Brophy (1st Anniv) Stephen McGrath Denis Prior John Moran Edward & Irene Tierney Margaret Kenny Noel Royal (birthday rem) John Ennis
Sun	Frances Creighton (MM) Siobhan Moran Rose Gill Tony Conway Harry Carroll Norah & Donal Doolan Mary Daly
Tue	Alice, Louis & Anne McAuley

We pray for our recently deceased
 Mary Cusack Cora Maher
 Joe Cumiskey
 Always loved, never forgotten.

