



### 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. Church closes at 2pm.  
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

**Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday.** Mass will be at 11am with no evening mass. The Church will close at 2pm on Bank Holidays.

**Parish Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday in the Jubilee Room at 8pm. 1st & 3rd Tuesday ; Prayer Meeting. 2nd Tuesday ; Led Holy Hour with Adoration. 4th Tuesday ; Holy Mass.

Mass for the Holy Father Pope Francis Celebrated by Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio—St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin

Friday, April 25th,

Homily of Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

For me Pope Francis was a holy man. Holiness can conjure up a certain image for us, perhaps a somewhat detached, other worldly sense. For me, the most profound definition of holiness comes from the early Church theologian, Origen, he described holiness as 'seeing with the eyes of Christ'. I believe we can apply this understanding of holiness very comfortably to Pope Francis, a man who tried to see people and the world through the eyes of Christ. This informed his life and ministry and formed the very essence of his being. Holiness for him was not about perfection, it was about presence. This enabled him to be radical in his approach, understanding 'radical' in its truest sense as a 'going back to the roots'. Pope Francis was 'radical', not in a sense of breaking with Tradition, but rather he wanted to go back to the roots of the Gospel, to the encounter with Christ and share that encounter with the world in a joy filled, merciful way. We witnessed this from the very beginnings of his pontificate. His first trip in July 2013, was to the island of Lampedusa, the gateway for migrants from Africa to Europe. So many had lost their lives on that journey in the hope of finding a better life in a new land. Pope Francis presence announced to the world, in its 'globalisation of indifference', as he called it, that migrants are people with a story, a dignity, they are not merely some statistic that we can ignore. (The chalice we are using today is from Lampedusa, made from driftwood of a refugee shipwreck.)

Within weeks of his election, for Holy Thursday, instead of washing the feet of priests in St Peter's, he went to a local prison and washed the feet of prisoners, men and women, some of Christian faith and others from different faith traditions. From the beginning he was showing us that real leadership kneels in service before the other. The Church he believed in was a Church that walked with the wounded, a place where the forgotten would finally be seen. Compassion was more important than condemnation and mercy came before any judgement. This signalled a Pope who was reaching out to the peripheries. In his final message he stated that 'society's greatness is found in how it treats the most vulnerable'. He wanted a Church of the poor, for the poor. It was this that motivated him to raise awareness about the current and impending climate crisis facing the world. Sometimes, I believe, his message on the environment was misunderstood. For Pope Francis, care of creation, as a gift from God, was not some fashionable ecological fad, but rather a moral, real 'life issue', especially when the lives of those living in the poorest of nations were being threatened by those in powerful positions, exploiting the earth's resources in the name of self-interest. His groundbreaking exhortation *Laudato Si'*, published ten years ago this year, was and is a prophetic statement in the area of climate justice. The document established bridges between the Church and the World at large, especially those who may not profess Christian faith.

**For the full text please see:**

<https://dublindiocese.ie/mass-for-pope-francis-homily-of-bishop-dempsey/>

### Easter Dues Envelopes

If you did not receive an Easter Dues envelope and would like to contribute to the Priests of the Parish, please take one from the tables around the Church, or you can donate on the parish website. A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

**FINGAL Proms 2025**

### FINGAL PROMS

Ronan Collins, Broadcaster and Singer, brings his show 'Showbands Hits to Fingal Proms 2025. With his knowledge of the showbands and stars and songs of that golden era, Ronan will sing the hits and tell the stories from an amazing time in Irish life. **Saturday 24th May - Ronan Collins Showband - St Brigid's Extension, Blanchardstown. Doors 7pm, Show 7.30pm** Tickets Euro10 plus booking fee. <https://bit.ly/FingalProms-Blanchardstown>

Tickets also available from the parish office and the sacristy.

### ROSARY RALLY—Ireland needs

**Fatima.** Saturday 10th May at 4pm.

Meet at Millenium Park, Blakestown Roundabout

### St Brigid's Parish Mass Cards

We have a selection of signed Mass Cards for sale from the sacristy. Sympathy cards, Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Christening, Birthday Mass Cards and First Holy Communion etc

### Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 8th June. €699.00

pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, B&B. Guest speaker Marion Carroll who was cured at Knock. All entertainment, excursions and transport included—Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Limited single rooms. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

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

Jesus' friends have been fishing all night and have caught nothing. They aren't expecting to see Jesus, but he helps them catch so many fish they can't haul in the nets! They all share breakfast – Jesus really is alive again!



### 1st Holy Communion

Next Saturday 10th May at 11am and 1pm, the children

from Scoil Bhríde, will receive their 1st Holy Communion. 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, teachers and all who form their circle of love and care.

### Croi Mháire Foodbank Please

place non perishable foods in the basket on the altar. Thank you for your support

### St Vincent de Paul;

the outdoor monthly collection for St Brigid's will be taken up next weekend at both masses.

### Lourdes 2025

A group from the parish will travel to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage from **4th to 9th Sept.** For information and to book, please contact Jean in the Parish office 01-8115412.

Your friends didn't expect to see you, Jesus, but you turned up and helped them. Help me to recognise you when you help me too. Amen.

**Castleknock Community College Parents Association**  
Carpenterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15

**PLANT SALE**  
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**Saturday 10th May 10am – 5pm**  
**Sunday 11th May 10am – 5pm**

Summer Bedding Plants - Fruit & Vegetable Plants  
Hanging Baskets - Window Boxes  
Pots - Tubs - Shrubs - Garden Accessories  
Compost - BBQ - Coffee Shop & Cake Sale  
Facepainting & Music  
Biodiversity workshop (Sat 10th May @ 2.30pm)

### We pray for our recently deceased



David Nolan

Agnes Meehan

Vincent Weldon

Always loved, never forgotten



### Mass intentions for the week

Sun	Mary Conway (MM)	Richard Brabazon
	Michelle Kelly	Kay McNally
Mon	Paddy and Michael O'Neill	
Tues	Terry Brown	Fr Patrick Culhane
Fri	Bridie O'Mara	



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