

St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Sunday 17th August 2025

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA - NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL

I invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate Sunday 24th August as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This appeal, which I am making in conjunction with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, unites us in prayer before God, crying out for an end to all the terror and violence being perpetrated with tragic results for all.

As Pope Leo said, addressing the young people gathered for the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, and encouraging them in their desire to transform our world for the good: 'We are with the young people of Gaza, we are with the young people of Ukraine, with those of every land bloodied by war. My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible: a world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons but with dialogue.' (Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 3rd August 2025). May we all be a sign, by our prayer and action, that a different world is possible, and that a route to peace and reconciliation can and must be found through dialogue.

+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

followed by confessions.

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

Also on Phoenix Radio-92.5FM Eucharistic Adoration: Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

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

Last Tuesday of the month

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass 7.30pm

Mon: Blanchardstown Tues & Thurs: Castleknock Wed: Mulhuddart

St Brigid's Parish Mass Cards

We have a selection of signed Mass Cards for sale from the sacristy & the office. Sympathy cards, Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Christening, Birthday Mass Cards and Healing mass cards etc

Religious Items available for purchase in the Phone Shop across from the Church.

Feasts of Mary

Believe it or not, there are a number of Church feasts in the Month of August to Our Lady (The Assumption; Our Lady of Knock and the Queenship of Mary). Strong in faith, generous in love, cheerful in hope. Our Lady played a key role in the life of Our Lord which earned her the great title of Mother of God. She plays an im-



portant role now in the life of the Church and is increasingly called Mother of the Church, the church that was born on Calvary and received its mission at Pentecost. She was there on Calvary suffering birth pangs, as it were, as the church was born from the pierced side of Our Blessed Lord. She was present in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles. She is Mother, always there, always interested, always available - a bit in the background, but constantly there. We are reminded of her presence whenever a feast of hers takes place. Has it occurred to you to consider that Mary (though it seems odd to put it this way), the most distinguished of all the followers of Christ, was a lay person? Has it occurred to you that she whose heart was pierced by a sword, she who suffered most closely with her Son, was not in fact a martyr? But of all those who followed, none was stronger in faith, more generous in charity and more cheerful in hope. Our Lord went out of his way to praise her faith and her love. How could there be a greater vocation than to bring the Son of God, himself truly God, into the world to be at the same time truly man, and to care for him and help him prepare for his work.



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Esker Cemetery Lucan

Annual Mass for the Deceased will be celebrated on Sunday 31st August 2025, at 3pm (weather permitting) Cemetery Collection in aid of St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Group

is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law.

Visit https://bethany.ie

Children's Corner: **JESUS BRINGS**

In the Gospel Today;

FIRE!

Jesus wants us to change the world! It won't be easy, but Jesus wants us to treat other people with love and kindness. When we treat people fairly, we spread peace.

Can you find the message by using the first letter of each picture?















Jesus, I want my heart to burn with your love. Help me to stand up for you and what is right, even if other people don't LOVE PEACE agree with me. Help me to make a better world. Amen.

The fire that Jesus brings will get rid of bad things. Can you find some of these good things that Jesus brings?



TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH 2024

Many thanks to all who have returned their CHY3 forms which enables the parish to benefit further from their donations through the Tax Refund for Donations to Eligible Charities scheme. CHY3 forms are valid for 5 years and some have now expired. To enable the parish to continue to benefit from this scheme for 2024 and onwards, we have issued new CHY3 forms to some parishioners. We would appreciate if you could complete and return your form at your earliest convenience. Again, many thanks to all who have already returned their forms.

Saints in the Church's calendar:

St Bernard 1090-1153 became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux and was chosen as abbot. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. Patron of beekeepers.

The Queenship of Mary – Friday 22nd.

During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's queenship and with the Assumption.

Mass intentions for the week		
sat	Kathleen Lawlor	Terrie Fitzpatrick
Sun	Sarah Coyle (MM)	Mary Farrell (MM)
Tues	Kathleen Somers Sinéad O'Carrol	Desmond McDermott I (1st Anniversary)

We pray for our recently deceased **Marie Cummins** Angela Massey Tony Arnold **Dominic Gilhooley** Matthew O'Connor Always loved, never forgotten