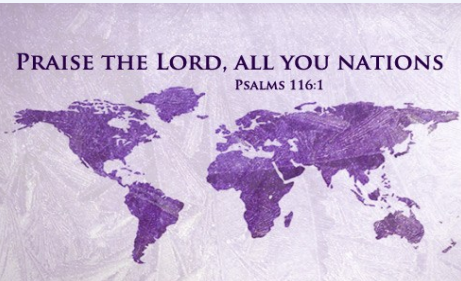


# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sunday 24th August 2025



### DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA

Archbishop Dermot Farrell wrote to us last week saying, "I invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate Sunday 24 Aug as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East." Archbishop Eamon Martin made a similar call to all of Ireland. And it echoes a call from Pope Leo for "a day of prayer and fasting" on Fri 22 Aug for all those who suffer because of war.

Castleknock Parish is organising a 24-hour vigil in their church from 3pm on Sun 24 Aug to 3pm on Mon 25 Aug. Here in St Brigid's we are going to have a short period of prayer for peace immediately after the 10:30 mass on Sun 24 Aug.

You are free to join in either of these periods of prayer for as long or as short as you can manage. Or you might light a candle at home, or say some prayers at home, or fast for a day, or do something else, with the purpose of praying for peace in the Holy Land. Please do join in this initiative in some way.

### Santo Niño de Cebu

From 17-24 August, we have a statue in our Church called The Santo Niño de Cebu. The devotion to Santo Nino is one of the oldest and most beloved religious traditions in the Philippines. Santo Niño is a small statue of Jesus as a child. Just over 500 years ago the original was given as a gift by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan to Queen Juana of Cebu on the occasion of her baptism. The statue has been lost and then miraculously found and has survived wars, fires, and bombings. As it dates back to the start of Christianity in the Philippines, this image has become a powerful symbol of faith, and resilience for the Filipino community. Devotees honour the Santo Niño as a source of protection, blessings, and miracles, especially for children and families.



There is an A4 leaflet available in the church which gives more details on Santo Nino. There is also a special prayer which we are all encouraged to pray daily as part of this devotion:-

### O miraculous Santo Niño!

**We prostrate before Your sacred Image, we beseech You to cast a merciful look on our troubled hearts. Let Your tender love, so inclined to pity, be softened at our prayers, and grant us that grace for which we ardently implore You. (You may mention your particular intentions here) .. Take from us all unbearable affliction and despair. For your sacred infancy's sake hear our prayers and send us consolation and aid that we may praise You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.**

### 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

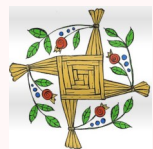
**Wed:** Mulhuddart

**Fri:** Corduff

### 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.



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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

### Upcoming Pilgrimage to Lourdes

For those who cannot travel to Lourdes, there will be an opportunity next week/weekend to write a petition to Our Lady of Lourdes which will be placed at the Grotto during the pilgrimage by our Parish Group. You can also become an associate member and keep all pilgrims in your prayers.

The summer is coming to a close, so the schools are reopening this week! We hope all are well rested. Sacramentally, it is an important year for the 2nd and 6th classes. We pray that the journey and preparations for the Sacrament of 1st Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation are exciting and rewarding for the pupils, their families & teachers. It is also an important year for the Junior & Leaving Certificate classes 2026 – we wish them well and assure them of the prayers of the whole Parish Community.

### Saints in the Church's calendar:

**St Louis 1214-1270—Mon 25th** King of France, Patron of French monarchy, military & barbers.

**St Monica—332-387 Wednesday 27th** converted her pagan husband to the faith by her prayers brought her son St Augustine to Christianity Patron Saint of Mothers.

**St Augustine Thursday 28th** 354-430. Bishop of Hippo. Patron of Theologians.

**The Passion of St. John the Baptist—Friday 29th** The gospels relate how St. John fearlessly condemned Herod Antipas's unlawful marriage to Herodias, who had been previously married to his half-brother. The outraged Herodias had him imprisoned. In a moment of weakness Herod promised to grant the heart's desire of Salome, the daughter of Herodias. She asked for John the Baptist's head, which was promptly fetched for her. Thus the Precursor of the Lord preceded his master through his passion.

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

Jesus invites us all to come to him – but we might have to fit through a narrow door! Putting other people first is the way into Jesus' party.

### Quiz

How can we follow God's way? Tick all the things that will help us get through the narrow door to Jesus' party.

I can be kind

I can tidy up

I can share my things

I can shout at my mum

I can hit my brother

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to your party! Help me to share your love with the people I meet so that I will fit through the narrow door. Amen.

Can you find these words in the puzzle?

W	A	Y	L	E
G	Z	D	O	L
B	K	O	V	A
X	L	O	E	S
F	I	R	S	T

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### 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.

### Gods Cottage and the Bible Chapel, Glendalough.

If you are feeling down, God's Cottage is a very special place to go. Have a chat with the assistant in the shop, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, leave your intentions in the box, perhaps light a candle. Feel free to ask to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Relax over a coffee in the Coffee Dock, take a walk in the stunning monastic grounds or by the lakes.

### Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Bernie Tierney	Rose Sinnott	Paul McElhinney
	Mick & Phyllis Lynch	Thomas & Josephine Cronin	Mary & John 'Sonny' Flynn
Sun	Aeneas Lane	John Whitty	James Donlon



We pray for our recently deceased  
**Matthew O'Connor**  
**Michael Fennell**  
Always loved, never forgotten