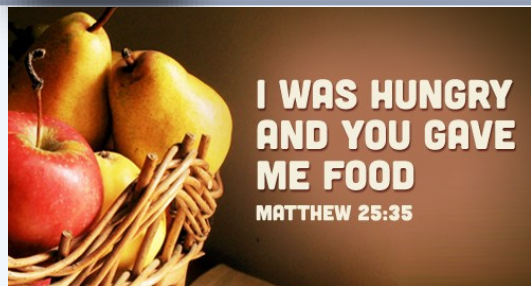
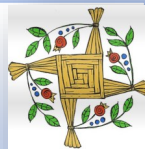




St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

Christ, King of the Universe, Sunday, 23rd November 2025



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

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

Advent Appeal for our friends in Haiti

Our Haiti school Appeal continues this week and we are grateful to those who have already made donations to help Lira Perrier, his team of teachers and the children. So much depends on our support at this difficult time for the school and the community of Beaumont so please give what you can. Pope Leo has described love for the poor as "the burning heart of the Church's mission" so in this Season of Advent may we be encouraged to show that love on a practical way.

Donations can be made in two ways:

- online via the Haiti Advent Appeal tab on the Parish Website - by cash or cheque to the Parish Office using the donation envelopes available in the Church.

Thank You

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BICENTENARY

Pope Leo XIV has designated St Mary's Pro Cathedral in Dublin as the city's official Catholic Cathedral, becoming the first in the capital for 500 years. It is appropriate that this announcement should be made in the context of our celebration of the exemplary service which St Mary's has given to our diocese over 200 years. Archbishop Troy and the people who were behind the vision and building of this Cathedral could never have imagined where we would be at as a Church 200 years on after they opened St Mary's in 1825. What they did at that time was sow the seeds for what was to come. In a sense we find ourselves in a similar position.



The Family Mass team are organising a simple Children's Nativity Play to be presented during the Christmas Family Mass which will be at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve 24 Dec. The more children who participate the better; there will be roles available for anyone who wishes to take part. **We are seeking some older children who could be a narrator!** Practices will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursdays 04, 11, 18 December (& on the morning of Monday 22 Dec if necessary). Those interested should please leave their names, & contact details, with Jean in the office.

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

St Brigid's Prayer Group Monthly Mass will be said by Fr Peter McVerry on Tuesday 25th November at 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

For those who ordered an Advent candle pack, please see the following video for a demonstration on how to put it together. <https://vimeo.com/482573789>



St Brigid's Parish Mass Cards

We have a selection of signed Mass Cards for sale from the sacristy. Sympathy cards in English and in Irish, Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Christening, Birthday Mass and Healing mass cards etc We will have Parish Christmas Cards on sale this week.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION The diocesan collection for the Dublin Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place on the weekend of **Sunday, December 7**



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Healing Mass

There will be a healing mass on Friday 28th Nov

in St Patrick's Church Corduff at 7.30pm with adoration and confession from 7pm. Celebrant is Fr John Walsh from Limerick. All welcome! There will be a cup of tea after the mass in the pastoral centre.



Annual Vigil in Knock in honour of The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady

Bus leaves Church Ave, Blanchardstown Sunday 7th December at 4pm. Contact Michael for bookings: 086 865 0708

Thursday 4th December

After 10am mass, until 12:30pm, there will be a Sale of Christmas crafts and decorations and a book stall, in the pastoral centre. Please come along for tea/coffee and a mince pie. All proceeds will go to preparing care-packs for homeless people to be delivered by MQI Merchants Quay volunteers, at Christmas.



Adult Discussion Group

All are welcome to our Gospel reading. Wed 26th Nov will focus on Luke 17:1—21:38



Confirmation Enrolment Mass.

Will take place on Thursday 27th November at 7pm here in St Brigid's Church. It is the first parish event for candidates, and their parents/guardians, who expect to celebrate their Confirmation in this academic year.

First Saturday Conference in Knock—To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday in December - December 6th.

Parish Book Club Next meeting will be on Saturday 29th November at 4pm. The book is 'Jesus and Jewish Roots of the Eucharist'. For further information contact Patrick.fiehn@dublindiocese.ie New members welcome!



We pray for our recently deceased Eithne McArdle Always loved, never forgotten

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Jesus is not like other kings. He does not use his power to be important and help himself. Jesus helps other people. Even when he is dying Jesus promises new life to the criminal who believes in him.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come..."

Jesus' kingdom comes:



BE FRIENDS!

When people c _ _ _ (e r a) for each other.

When people f _ _ _ _ _ (e v i g r o) each other.

In Jesus' kingdom

everyone tries to follow God's rules.

A PRAYER TO SAY..... Help me Jesus to make your kingdom come. Help me to be like you. Amen

Scoil Bhríde Cailíní (Girls) and Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí (Boys)

Enrolment for Junior Infants for 2026/2027 will close on Monday 24th of November @ 2pm.

More information is available on our school websites below or by calling 01-8201717 (Girls) and 01-8201299 (Boys)

www.scoilbhridecailini.ie and www.scoilbhrideb.com

St Francis Hospice Traditional lighting of the Christmas Tree in Blanchardstown Hospice on Thursday 4th December at 8pm. You can sponsor a light online - www.sfh.ie or by phone— 01-832 7535



Online Advent Retreat.

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a **FREE OF CHARGE** online Advent retreat. Please register using this link: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2025-online-advent-retreat>



Next Sunday we will have our Family Mass. We extend a special invitation to the children in our parish schools who are preparing for the sacraments in 2026. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Gerard Madden	Martin Handrick
Sun	Frances Creighton (1st Anniv)	Kitty Handrick Jim Sullivan (1st Anniv)
Tue	Canice Foley	Richard Harrison (35th Anniv)