

St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, 30th 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

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 have Parish Christmas Cards on sale this week, including cards to send overseas.

Advent Appeal for our friends in Haiti

Our Parish Appeal for our friends in Haiti continues this week. Online and Envelope donations are coming in and we hope to have enough collected to be able to send some initial funds to Lira Perrier and his team next week. The need is urgent, so everything we can give is gratefully received and put to good use for the children, their school and the community. Please continue with your generous support.

The poor... are our beloved brothers and sisters... they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel— Pope Leo XIV

Thank You

Thursday 4th December St Brigid's Christmas Fair

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 cakes. Raffle tickets available on the day! All proceeds will go to preparing care-packs for homeless people to be delivered by MQI Merchants Quay volunteers, at Christmas. The sale will continue after mass on Sunday until midday.

Welcome to our Family Mass. We extend a special invitation Mas 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.

St Brigid's Community Choir Wednesday 3rd December 7.30pm. 'Christmas Cheer Concert' in the church extension. Donations on the night for Chroi Mhaire. Please come along to sing-along!!!

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-ofeducation/campaigns/primary-school-survey/

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION The diocesan collection for the Dublin Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place on December 6th and 7th



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 Contacts: Parish Priest: V Rev Fr. John Gilligan 087 410 3239 Chaplain: Fr Peter Kwale Deacon: Michael O'Connor 087 294 1729 Sacristy: 8238354 Faith Development Worker: Catherine Flynn: 8115414 Parish Finance: Christine Carleton. Parish Secretary: Jean Rogers: 8115412 email: office@blanchardstownparish.ie website: www.blanchardstownparish.ie

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Next Saturday, 6 December is the first Saturday of the month so mass will be at 10am with confessions thereafter.

> Annual Viail 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

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

We don't know exactly when Jesus is going to arrive. Stay awake and be ready to welcome Jesus!

spy

We need to look out for Jesus. We can see lots of things when we look carefully. Look around you in church.

Can you spy something beginning with A?

Can you spy something beginning with C?

Can you spy something beginning with P?



A PRAYER TO SAY......Help me Jesus to be ready to welcome you at Christmas. Help me to keep my eyes and ears open so that I can help people in need—then I'll be welcoming you too Amen

Ladyswell Partnership Penitential Service

The Parishes of Blanchardstown, Corduff and Mulhuddart will hold our Advent Penitential service (with all 6 priests present) on Tuesday 9th Dec at 7.30pm in Corduff Church.



There will be Confessions in Blanchardstown on Christmas Eve after 10am mass.

Parish Partnership of Hartstown, Huntstown/Littlepace, and Mountview/Blakestown

During Advent we are offering a little gift to encourage you to make space to look after yourself during this busiest of seasons. This free booklet is to help you find moments of peace, hope, joy, and love in the middle of your busy life!

https://www.mountviewblakestownparish.ie/blog/? permalink=the-advent-pause

Adult Discussion Group All are welcome to our Gospel reading. Wed 3rd Dec will focus on Luke 22:00-24:53

We welcome those baptised in the month of Sun November;

Blake, Clay, Séamus, Daniel, Bear, Lennon-Gray, Daphne & Mila



May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

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-onlineadvent-retreat



We pray for our recently deceased John Smyth Always loved, never forgotten

Mass intentions for the week

Bernadette Dromey (MM) Anna Burke Tony Long (1st Anniv) Sat Tom & Marie Russell and sons; Fr Michael, Fr Tom, Paul & Kevin John & Josephine Brooks

John Dredge Kitty & Martin Handrick Padraig Coughlan Evelyn Balfe Mon John Kelly Thu Michael Concannon Sat 10am Bernard Keville

Lakeside Memorial Park Portmarnock will open in March 2026. It is a peaceful, thoughtfully designed sanctuary that offers a range of memorial options for families. Columbarium Walls & burial plots.

