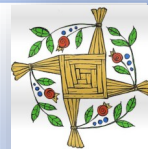




St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, 7th December 2025



**PREPARE
A WAY FOR THE LORD**
LUKE 3:4

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

We were very pleased to be able to send a first transfer this week, from the funds collected so far, to Lira Perrier and his team of teachers in Haiti. They will now be able to accelerate the work of repairing storm damage and supporting the school children and their families to bring the vital gift of education to their small community.

Donations are continuing to come in and we are truly grateful for the generosity of the people of



St. Brigid's. Please continue to give what you can via envelope in the church 'pouch' collection or to the Parish Office, or via the Donate function on the Parish Website



The works of Charity are "the burning heart of the Church's mission" Pope Leo XIV

St Brigid's Christmas Fair



Our Sale of Christmas crafts, decorations and a book stall, in the pastoral centre continues on Sunday 7th December after mass until midday. Raffle tickets available! All proceeds will go to preparing care-packs for homeless people to be delivered by MQI Merchants Quay volunteers, at Christmas.



Monday the 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no mass on Sunday evening. There will be two masses on Monday at 10am and 7.30pm.

Our Lady's Well 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.

Christmas Warmth Concert

St Mochta's Church Porterstown. Children's choir, St Mochta's choir and Mary Flynn & friends. Refreshments & raffle afterwards. **Sunday 14 Dec at 4pm.**



No charge. Donations on the night.

St Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 13/14 Dec

Next weekend St Vincent de Paul will hold their Annual Church Collection in the hope of raising funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. Funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs. This collection will replace the usual Share Collection. See www.svp.ie **Thank you for your support!**

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



TEEN HOPE;

Our next Teen Hope meeting will be on Friday 12th December from 7pm–8.30pm. A time for teens to relax with pizza, chat, prayer and fun! All 1st and 2nd years are welcome!

Mount Sackville, 160 years of Cluny Education, written by teacher and historian Mary Delaney, is a specially commissioned hardback book €25. Tracing the history of the school founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny in 1864. .

The book is available to purchase from the school directly in person by phoning 01-8214061

The Children's Nativity's next rehearsal will be on Thursday 11th December at 6pm in the Church. Thanks to all our children who have volunteered and to our Family Mass Team.



Parish Christmas Cards

The cards are available for distribution. We would be grateful if our usual volunteers would offer their services once more. We are also looking for some new recruits for our ever expanding parish! You can collect your bundle from the Pastoral Office during the week. Thank you to George Maybury and the parishioners who organise the Christmas cards and dues envelopes.

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/>

CHILDREN'S CORNER: in the Gospel today....

Jesus is coming! John the Baptist has been sent to tell us all to get ready to welcome Jesus.

Colour in the picture of John the Baptist and translate the message that he is saying.



Your home

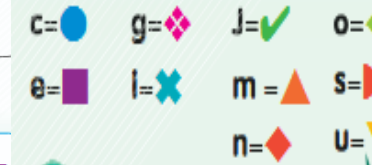
Inside a front door you sometimes see a mat. This is that mat Jesus would see if he came to visit you. Colour this mat and write the letters **WELCOME**



PREPARE A WAY!

A PRAYER TO SAY

I am so excited that you are coming soon, Jesus! I want to be ready to welcome you. Please help me to make good, kind choices in the things that I do. Amen.



CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL As the cost of living continues to rise, more families than ever are turning to Crosscare for help. This year, almost 3,000 people sought basic food support, while nearly 12,000 affordable meals were served in the Portland Row Community Café. More than 10% of people in Ireland are now at risk of food poverty, and emergency parcels alone can't address the growing pressures families face. Please support our 2025 Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. Your donation will help provide food, stability, and a pathway towards independence for those who need it most. **Donate at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011.**

Nollaig Le Ciara Christmas Concert series featuring Soprano Ciara Breen with accompanying musicians. **In St Brigid's Church extension on Thursday 18th Dec at 7pm. Tickets €10 available from the office.** Come along for a wonderful evening of entertainment! **Blakestown Drive Community Group**

Mass intentions for the week

	Kevin Kilmurray	Michael & Kathleen Kelly
Sat	Sheila McNulty (1st Anniv)	Sheila & Patrick Fitzpatrick
	Maurice Hennessy	Larry O'Sullivan
	Phyllis & Mick Lynch	
Sun	Tom & Kitty Hegarty	Myra Murphy
	Patrick & Bridget Keane	Mary & Kevin O'Brien
	Angela Bake	Bernard Keville
Mon	Denis Murray	Miriam Foote
	Anthony Cruze	



We pray for our recently deceased
EUGENE FLYNN
EILEEN RYAN
MIRIAM FOOTE
MONICA STEWART
Always loved, never forgotten



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