



HAPPY IS HE WHO
DOES NOT LOSE FAITH
MATTHEW 11:5

A Christmas message from our Parish Priest Fr John Gilligan

A happy and blessed Christmas to one and all. Enjoy the presence of children and I hope Santa is good to all. Have time for family, neighbours and friends. Let no neighbours Christmas be long and lonely because no one comes to visit. Be generous to needy causes and give what you can. Have time to say a prayer and count your blessings. Especially give thanks for the goodness of the people in your life. Let us all gather together in church to joyfully give praise and thanks to God.

Let us remember the story of our own families over the years, the joys and the sorrow, the births and the deaths. Maybe even look through old photographs. In families, periods of enormous loss or pain are so often followed by genuine healing and new hope and happiness. Recalling the past, see the wonderful loyalty, care and love of your own family through the years.

On a personal level, I thank you all for all your support. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for your contribution to the life of the parish during the year in the various ministries and activities that support so many. Thanks to all the volunteers whose dedication to local organisations and charities, so enrich our communities through culture, sport or assistance for people in need. A special welcome to all who have come home for Christmas and that you enjoy time with family. I wish you and yours a truly Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

John Gilligan PP

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday 26th December. However there will be Adoration on Tuesday 30th December and Friday 2nd January after 10am mass until 1pm.

The Children's Nativity
We look forward to our Family Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve as it will include the nativity play that the children have been rehearsing under the guidance of Andrea Rock and Marie Feeney.



Parish of St. Brigid, Blanchardstown Christmas Arrangements 2025

CHRISTMAS WEEK CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 24th Dec: After 10.00am Mass

MASS TIMES

Wednesday 24th Dec: 10.00am Mass

Wednesday 24th December: 6.00pm FAMILY Mass (for Christmas)
(Christmas Eve) 8.30pm Carol Service
9.00pm VIGIL Mass (for Christmas)

Thursday 25th December: 10.30am
(Christmas Day) (Mass for Christmas Day)
No evening Mass

Friday 26th Dec: 11.00am

Saturday 27th Dec: 6.00pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday 28th Dec: 10.30am

Monday 29th Dec: 7.30pm Mass

Tuesday 30th Dec: 10.00am

Wednesday 31st Dec: Liturgy of the Word 10.00am

Thursday 1st Jan: 11.00am

Friday 2nd Jan: 10.00am
Normal Mass Schedule resumes



The Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to wish the parishioners of St. Brigid's a joyful and Happy Christmas!

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

Joseph doesn't know what to do. God helps and sends an angel who tells Joseph not to worry. Joseph will look after Mary and baby Jesus. Everything is going to be all right.



Picture to colour

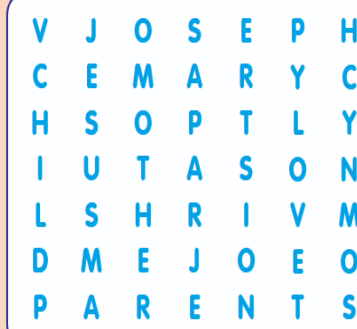


Here is the stable where Jesus will be born. Colour it in and make it as warm and cosy as you can. Draw Jesus in the manger on Christmas Day.

Word Search

Joseph promises to look after his family. Can you find the family words in the word search.

JESUS MARY JOSEPH
MOTHER PARENTS
SON CHILD LOVE



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for my family. I want to help out at home to show how much I love them. Please help me to be brave so that I even volunteer to do jobs I don't like! Amen.

Christmas Dues Envelopes

Thank you to all who have returned their Christmas dues envelopes. If you did not receive a Christmas Dues envelope and would like to contribute to the Priests of the Parish and the Diocese, please take one from the tables in the Church.

Thank You!

The Christmas Tree; Tim Ryan, Donal Glennon and Seán Feeney, have decorated a beautiful Christmas Tree for our Parish. Thank you!

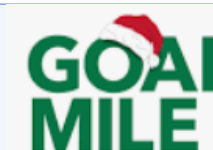
Church Décor; The Liturgy Team have outdone themselves in making St Brigid's resplendent in her Christmas Array – thank you. The cleaning volunteer team have worked hard all year, especially at this time! We are so grateful.

Justin; A sincere thank you to Justin who, each year, supplies the Parish, free of charge, with a magnificent Christmas Tree and a series of beautiful wreaths.

Christmas Cards; Thank you to George Maybury and team who put the Christmas cards and dues envelopes into packs. Thank you to the volunteers who delivered the cards to parishioner's homes.

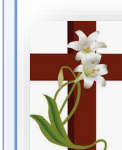
CHRISTMAS DAY GOAL CHARITY MILE

Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid of GOAL'S humanitarian and development work in developing countries on Christmas Day at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park, any time from 10.30 to 12 noon.



Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Eithne McArdle (MM)	Rose Gill
	Christopher Critchley	Stephen McGrath
Sun	Dennis Prior	Margaret Kenny
	Thomas, Maura & Declan Maundsley	Seán, Thomas & Maud Reidy
	Siobhan Moran	Tony Conway
	Norah & Donal Doolan	Anna Brophy
	Margaret, Paddy and Mary Browne	Essie & Joe Whelan
		John Ennis



We pray for our recently deceased

Jane Sheridan Frank Healy

Always loved, never forgotten

MARY'S MEALS; Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than three million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until January 12 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 8535163. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



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