



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday 1st February 2026

St Brigid's Day



Rejoice & be Glad
your reward will be great in heaven

Matthew 5:12



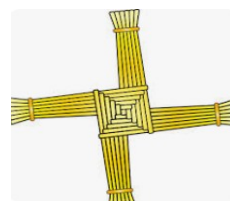
St Brigid's Cross Making Session

This weekend, after Sunday mass, we will host a St Brigid's cross making workshop. Everyone is welcome to join us in the pastoral centre to enjoy this fun cross-making session along with a cup of tea or coffee.

In addition, we have made a video showing you how to make the cross. Follow this link to see the video. Good luck!
<https://vimeo.com/502994316>.

Pick up a St Brigid's Cross for a donation. This year our donations will go to the Occupational Therapy Service in Connolly Hospital. Donations on the day, or follow this GoFundMe link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/everest-20>



Mary & Lorraine Tighe and Mary Kelly visited Edmund Rice College and held a workshop showing the children how to make St Brigid's crosses during the week. It was a brilliant experience for the students. The ladies will run the workshop again next week with another First Year class such was the popularity of the event.



The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Monday 2nd February;

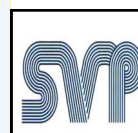
If you would like candles blessed on the Feast Day at 11am mass, please leave them in the Sacristy or bring them on the day and place on the table in the sanctuary. Candles can be purchased from the Sacristy at €2 each.

St Blaise — Tuesday 3rd February—died 315. Throats will be blessed at the 10am Mass to mark the Feast of St. Blaise. He was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the 8th Century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.



TEEN HOPE; Our next Teen Hope meeting will be on Friday 6th February from 7pm-8.30pm. A time for teens to relax with pizza, chat, prayer and fun! All 1st and 2nd years are welcome!

From now on, RTÉ will broadcast all Sunday Worship including live Catholic Masses, from places of worship instead



St Vincent de Paul: Our outdoor monthly collection for St Brigid's will be taken up next weekend, 7th & 8th February, at both masses.

Quiz Night! Charity Table Quiz and raffle. Monday 9th February @8pm. Kavanagh's Pub Laurel Lodge. In aid of Kiltegan Fathers, Riwoto, South Sudan. €40 for a table of 4.

Monday 2nd February is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 11am with NO evening mass



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Our Faith Development Worker Catherine, invites us all to join in prayer and reflection on the First Monday of each month in our pastoral centre.

Next meeting Bank Holiday
Monday February 2nd at
11.30am, All Welcome!



Parish
Book
Club

Our next meeting will be in the pastoral centre on Saturday 7th February at 4pm. Our new book is *The Dry Wood* by Caryl Chessman. All are welcome to read the first 6 chapters and join our group!

Charismatic Prayer Meeting—
First Wednesday of each month
in St Patrick's Church, Corduff.
7.30-8.30pm

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

Monies contributed directly to the Diocese

1. Mass Collections (inc. Tap & Go machines) 60% to Common Fund— to support active priests and retired/sick clergy of the Dublin diocese. 40% to Share – for Diocesan administration, to support essential pastoral services and provide financial assistance to disadvantaged parishes. This is occasionally replaced by special collections e.g. Missions in addition to their envelopes.
2. Dues (Pastoral Offerings) All dues offerings (Easter, Summer & Christmas) go directly to the Diocesan Common Fund to support active and retired/sick priests in Dublin.

Parish Income

1. Family Offering – (weekly envelope, Standing Orders and Annual/Period Donations) – **this is the main source of our parish income** for the maintenance, development and running (heating, lighting, office & altar supplies, repairs, insurance & security, salaries & hospitality etc.).
2. Tax Refund – on all (inc. Diocesan) **identifiable contributions where the annual total is €250 or greater and is included as part of the family offering.
3. Car Park - income from parking fees.

**You can help identify these by including your name/contribution number with your donation/s – more information from the parish office. Website donations are allocated according to the option chosen on the site.

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

Jesus tells us how we can be really happy. If we trust in God we will enjoy the sort of happiness that lasts forever.

Word search

H	A	P	P	Y	O	J
W	R	E	W	A	R	D
E	I	A	A	L	L	L
R	G	C	N	G	O	D
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A	T	J	E	S	U	S
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JESUS wants **US ALL** to be **HAPPY**. People who are **SAD**, **WANT** what is **RIGHT** and **FAIR**, **FORGIVE** others and work for **PEACE** will have a **REWARD**. When **WE LOVE GOD** we find **JOY**.

Find all the words in bold. Words can go in any direction and letters used more than once!



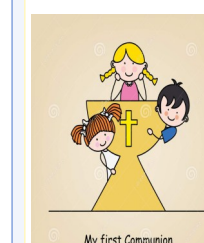
Thank you, Jesus, for showing us how to be happy. Please help me to trust you always. Amen.

Jesus climbed a mountain, sat down, and told the crowd of people how to be happy. Draw a picture of him teaching everyone.



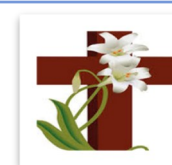
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There is a direct link from our own parish website.



Our 2nd First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents:
St Francis Xavier School only.
Tuesday, February 3rd, at 7pm in the Church Extension.

We urgently require a hand with our Thursday coffee mornings. Half an hour once a month please.



We pray for our recently deceased
JAMES DALY
DEIRDRE GAFFNEY
KATHLEEN COUNIHAN
Always loved, never forgotten

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	John Duffy Esther Mooney	Michael McDonald Michael & Eileen Clancy
Sun	Johnny & John Lundy	Christy Lawlor Patrick Mansfield
Mon	John Horten	
Thu	Una Patricia Nulty	