



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

Palm Sunday 29th March 2026



GLORY IN THE HIGHEST
LUKE 19:38

THANK YOU SAINT BRIGID'S FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Update on our Haiti Outreach

With final figures for our Advent and New Year Appeal for Haiti now available, we are very happy to report that just over €6,000 was raised for Lira Perrier, his team of volunteer teachers, and the children.

The small school near Beaumont in South-West Haiti can look to 2026 with optimism despite its precarious circumstances and it is thanks in large measure to the support from St. Brigid's that this is so. Lira has sent us a number of photographs and videos which illustrate daily life in and around the school and the community and some of the photographs will be on display from Easter Sunday in the Pastoral Centre. Lira has also sent a poster, in English, expressing the gratitude of his Centre d'Appui de l'Enfant pour une Haiti Meillure (Child Support Centre for a Better Haiti) for the help they have received.

The parish Haiti team presented a report on the outreach in general to the March meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council and a decision was taken there that we should try to put our support on a more permanent, long-term footing, since it is clear that it will still be needed for some time to come. School buildings, books and materials, teacher training and the ongoing provision of adequate nourishment for the children are all areas where our help can continue to make a difference.

A new initiative in this regard will be announced after Easter, with the opportunity for parishioners to make further both once-off and/or recurring donations so that we can enhance the resilience and sustainability of the important work of the Centre d'Appui, in the Christian spirit of solidarity with the poor and marginalised in our world today.

Prayer Group—Stations of the Cross The Church will remain open until 5pm AFTER EASTER.

the Cross on Tuesday evening in the Church Extension at 8pm. All are welcome.

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

There will be an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on **Saturday, 4th April from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Pastoral Centre**

WAY OF THE CROSS—PHOENIX PARK

The 16th annual Way of the Cross through the Phoenix Park will take place on Good Friday, 30th March. Led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin it will begin at the Wellington Monument at 12pm midday and proceed to the Papal Cross. All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 25TH

APRIL. This year's theme is 'Baptised and Sent'. The pilgrimage includes workshops, the Sacrament of the Sick, and our pilgrimage Mass. *A bus will be going from the parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, collecting at each parish.* There will be stops for refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and on the way back. The price per person is €60, including these refreshments. Please book by emailing parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie with your name, tel. no., and the number going, or phone 01 640 9601. All age groups are welcome

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

Journey through Holy Week

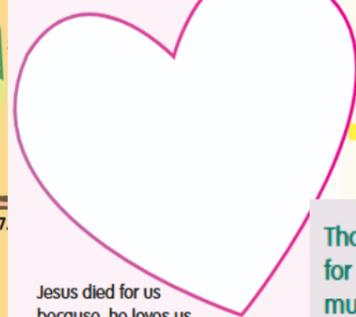
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Jesus c_____ his cross
Jesus is a _____
Palm S_____y
Jesus is put in the t____b
Last S_____
Jesus dies on the c____s
Jesus is c_____w_____ with t____r____
Jesus prays in G_____

The words below will help you
Gethsemane cross Sunday tomb
Supper arrested crowned thorns carries

Jesus is joyfully welcomed in Jerusalem but by the end of the week it's a very different story. Today we hear how Jesus suffers and dies – but it's not the end of the story!

I can show love when I... **HOLY WEEK!**



Jesus died because he loves us

PRAYER TO SKY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Help me to be loving and brave like you. Amen.

Jesus died for us because he loves us. Draw a picture in the heart of one way you can show love to your friends and family.



Divine Mercy

An individual can receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment due to sin if they receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter), and confession within the octave. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and Divine Mercy leaflets are available at the doors of the church. Divine Mercy devotions will be held in St Philip the Apostle Church in Mountview starting at 3pm on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed followed by Mass at 4.30pm. All are very welcome.

Safeguarding

The Archdiocese requires that all parishes have 2 safeguarding representatives. We are seeking a 2nd rep. To volunteer please contact the office.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire boxes, donation envelopes and information are available in packs available around the Church for you to take home. Thank you.

transfer to / from hotel. €1,049 per person sharing, single supplement applies. For information and to book, please contact Jean in the Parish office.

Lourdes 2026

After the success of previous years, we plan to travel as a parish again this year. Some details of our Pilgrimage: Dates are **3rd to 8th September**, 5 nights full board in La Solitude Hotel. Direct flights to and from Lourdes. Private coach transfer to / from hotel. €1,049 per person sharing, single supplement applies. For information and to book, please contact Jean in the Parish office.

Fresh Bread!

Our Faith Development Worker Catherine, invites us all to join in prayer and reflection on the first week of each month in our pastoral centre. **Next meeting Tuesday April 7th after 10am mass. All Welcome!**



A gentle reminder to everybody about scam texting and phone calls. We believe the parish may have been referenced in such a call, just to reassure we do not make cold calls.



We pray for our recently deceased **LUCY O'NEILL VINCENT NAUGHTON**
Always loved, never forgotten

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	PJ & Jean O'Farrell Pat Hynes (1st Anniv) Tommy McGregor (intention)	Jane Maher Jack & Eileen McGee Trish McGregor	Matt Farrell Mary Kate O'Flaherty	Anne McDonald
Sun	Mary Conway (1st Anniv) Liam & Teresa O'Neill	Aileen Canning John & Eillie Killeen Jose Maria Escobar	Sandra McGill Pat Dixon Mary Briody	
Mon	Deceased Members of the Meehan family			
Tue	Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald family			

Current Schedule

Monday 30th March : Area Mass at 7.30pm preceded by Rosary and Novena at 7pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30am. Church closes at 4pm

Holy Week Timetable 2026

St. Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown Village

Holy Thursday: (2nd April)	No Morning Mass 7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Holy Hour
Good Friday: (3rd April)	10.00 am 12 noon 3.00 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross for Families Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross followed by Prayer around the Cross
Holy Saturday: (4th April)	10.00 am 11.00am 9.00 pm	Morning Prayer Tradycyjne święcenie Pokarmów Traditional Food Blessing EASTER VIGIL
Easter Sunday: (5th April)	10.30 am	Mass NO EVENING MASS
Easter Monday: (Bank Holiday)	11.00 am	Mass

St Brigid's Parish Mass Cards

For your convenience, we have a selection of signed Mass Cards for sale from the sacristy. Sympathy cards, Mass Bouquet, Get Well, Healing, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Easter cards.



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