



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday 26th April 2026



VOCATIONS SUNDAY. Good Shepherd Sunday

"Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy." – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, including Patrick Fiehn, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous "yes" is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

The Lay Ministry Appeal, takes place on the weekend of May 2/3 and will replace the Share collection. This year's theme is *Building faith-filled communities.*

Sustaining our Haiti Support

The Parish Pastoral Council has approved a proposal to renew our support to the school community in Beaumont on a more sustainable basis. Our new, Easter 2026, Appeal will include, as before, the option to contribute via envelope, or online at the Parish Website. In addition there will be an option to commit to a monthly Standing Order for a 12 month period. Information sheets, Donation envelopes and a Standing Order Pledge form are available in the Church. ***This weekend, there will be a slide show and a short talk (c. 15 mins) in the Pastoral Centre after Masses to present the work that has been done to date and plans for the year ahead.*** Please consider if you can continue the great and generous assistance you have so far provided to this project to help the poorest in our world.

The annual Novena to the Holy Spirit will take place in the nine days from 17th – 25th May, beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

On Monday 27th April, at 8pm, in preparation for the Novena, you are invited to gather in the Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock, for prayer drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet with music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.



Fr Svet, a priest from early days in Medjugorje, will visit St Brigid's Church this Tuesday, 28th April. Rosary will be said at 8pm, followed by Adoration until 9pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated followed by hospitality. All welcome.

- #### 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 with Holy Communion 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
For your convenience, we have a selection of signed Mass Cards for sale from the sacristy.

Next Saturday, 2nd May, is the first Saturday of the month, so mass will be celebrated at 10am.

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We welcome you all to our Family Mass weekend. We extend a special welcome to the children preparing for the sacraments in our parish schools.



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.

Please book and pay your deposit of €350 by 10th May to Jean in the Parish office.

Congratulations to a new group of catechists who received their Diocesan Certificate, including Andrea Rock and Dave & Anne Kelly. Applications are open for the new September formations course.

Easter Dues Envelopes
If you would like to contribute to the Priests of the Parish, please take an envelope from the tables around the Church. A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.



Healing Mass next Friday May 1st in St Patrick's Church Corduff at 7.30pm. Adoration at 7 pm before mass. Celebrant is Fr Eamon Monson a Pallottine priest from Hastings in England. All welcome!

Relationship Care (former trading name ACCORD Dublin), would like to sincerely thank you for your support of their recent Annual Collection. Thanks to your kindness, they are able to continue providing accessible, low-cost marriage & relationship counselling to couples who need support during challenging times.

We welcome those baptised in the month of April; Noah, Cora, Sophia, Daniel & Noah
May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.



CHILDREN'S CORNER... IN THE GOSPEL TODAY....

Jesus wants us to be safe and happy. If we listen to Jesus and follow him, like the sheep who listen to the shepherd, we will be safe and happy like the sheep.

Jesus' message
What did Jesus tell his friends? Write the correct words in the boxes, based on the shape of the letters.

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Listen to the voice of Jesus
Circle the things Jesus is likely to say to you.

- "Thank you for talking to me at prayer time"
- "Go away! I'm busy"
- "Be kind and share"
- "I love you"
- "Someone needs your help"
- "Don't bother to help"
- "Be cross and grumpy as long as you like"

A PRAYER TO SAY: I am so glad that I am one of your sheep, Jesus. If I ever get lost, come quickly and find me! Amen

Confirmation Ceremonies
The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish Schools continues. On Thursday 30th April we welcome the boys and girls from Scoil Bhríde. We welcome the children and their parents/guardians and wider family circle to these wonderful occasions. Please keep the children, their families & teachers in your prayers.

Trócaire
Trócaire's campaign for this year is 'Together for a Just World', they deeply appreciate the work you undertake each Lent. **Please return your boxes to the office or donations directly online to Trócaire.**

Blanchardstown Festival of Brass and St Brigid's Parish Family Day, Sunday 24th May—celebrating 200 years of Blanchardstown Brass Band. Top Brass & Concert Bands with up to 400 musicians performing together in a finale! This FREE family event will take place in the grounds of Scoil Bhríde after our Family Mass, from noon to 6pm in conjunction with our own parish family day.

Parish Annual Heritage Pilgrimage. Saturday 20th June. This year we are travelling to Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre and Holy Cross Abbey, Thurles. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Save the Date!

We pray for our recently deceased
Ann Smith
Cecilia Fox
Joseph Gibney
John Horan
Always loved, never forgotten



Mass intentions for the week	
Sat	Dermot Byrne (MM) Vincent Naughton (MM) Vincent Weldon (1st Anniv) Herbie Hughes
Fri	Monica O'Neill
Sat	10am mass Sheila Murphy (MM)