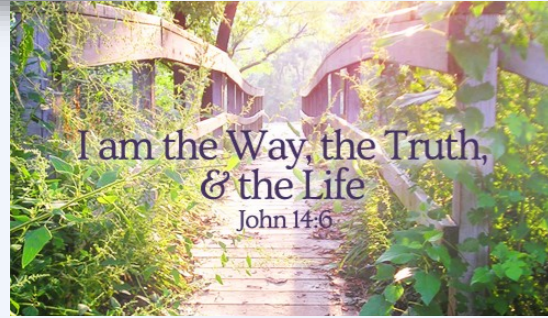
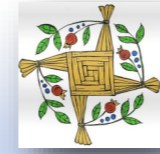




St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

Fifth Sunday of Easter. Sunday 3rd May 2026



Lay Ministry Appeal, takes place this weekend May 2/3 and will replace the Share collection. This year's theme is *Building faith-filled communities*. Through your donations to the annual Lay Ministry Collection, you continue to support and build up faith-filled communities in the Archdiocese. Please take an information leaflet from the church with full details on Lay Ministry 2026.

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.

Monday 4th May is a bank holiday, mass will be celebrated at 11am, with no evening mass.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Feast of St Mark, Saturday, April 25, 2026

Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell

In his homily during the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Archbishop Farrell pointed to the apparition at Knock, given to ordinary people and marked by silence, and how it invites the Church to reflect. Echoing words of the late Pope Francis, he said that although the Church appears to be in crisis, this shows it to be alive. Rather than decline, God is at work, calling the Church to rediscover its mission of bringing hope. The Archbishop called for the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin to move forward in a synodal way, letting go of outdated structures and embracing renewal with courage. The visionaries at Knock had to work out what they had seen. In that, they were living out their vocation. They were being synodal, ever before the term was in use! Let us not confuse the label with the reality. The visionaries at Knock had to work out what they had seen. Together, with the priests and their bishop, those in the ministry of leadership, they had to work things out.

In our Church today, we have to let certain things go. There is loss in this, but also a liberation: letting go frees us up. The Holy Spirit is at work among us. This is what we mean by "synodality". Journeying together into the future, and this is the meaning of synodality, means making decisions together and not doing things or making decisions in isolation. All this involves a change in the style of how we are the Church, how our parishes and communities work. We will have to recognise more profoundly our charisms, our gifts. And, as a recent Report on the Synod clearly underlines, we will certainly have to actively enable the participation of women in our one mission (see General Secretariat of the Synod, Final Report of Study Group No. 5 on Women's Participation in the Life and Leadership of the Church).

"Do not be afraid!" The first words of Jesus to those to whom he is close. Our Lady of Knock, pray for us. Saint Mark, pray for us. Saint John XXIII, Saint Paul VI, Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

+Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin

A New Saint for Ireland?

The heroic life of the Servant of God Fr Willie Doyle SJ.

Talk by Patrick Kenny, Father Willie Doyle Association. Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Corduff. All welcome. Individual blessings will be available with Fr Doyle's crucifix.



Lourdes 2026

After the success of previous years, we plan to travel as a parish again this year; 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.

School in Ambo, Ethiopia

We contributed the very generous sum of €701 towards the appeal in March. Margaret Anne is very grateful and mentioned the hospitality and welcome she received. She appreciated the interest the parishioners showed in her work in Ambo, Ethiopia. She hopes to build a new dining hall at the school. The funds raised at St Brigid's will go a long way to helping her achieve ambition.



First Holy Communion

Saturday 9th May at 11am and 1pm, the children from St Francis Xavier will receive their 1st Holy Communion.

Great work and preparation have been put in by the pupils and their teachers. May the Lord continue to bless the children, their parents, families, teachers and all who form their circle of love and care.

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 5th May after 10am mass. All Welcome!**

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

Jesus does not want his friends to be worried. Jesus asks his friends to trust him and follow him to his Father's house.

Trust in Jesus

Jesus tells us to trust in him and not be troubled. Give your worries to Jesus by drawing or writing them in Jesus' heart.



Trócaire deeply appreciate the work you undertake each Lent. **Please return your boxes to the parish office or donations directly online to Trócaire.**

Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis

This 8-session course, run in St Paul's Arran Quay, is for current members of a Parish Sacramental Preparation Team or anyone who might be considering this important ministry. The course costs €200. Those who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate. For more information, please contact patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie

St Brigid's Community Choir

will hold their summer concert on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm in the extension in aid of Croi Mháire.



Please come along for a great community event!! Donations welcome on the night.

Blanchardstown Festival of Brass and St Brigid's Parish Garden 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 Garden Day**



Parish Annual Heritage Pilgrimage, Saturday 20th June.

This year we are travelling to Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Portarlinton, and Holy Cross Abbey, Thurles for a guided tour. Price includes morning coffee/scone and evening dinner in Portlaoise. A wonderful day guaranteed. **Tickets €60 are on sale now!**



We pray for our recently deceased

JOHN (JAKE) DUNNE
JANETTE KEANE
KITTY RYAN

Always loved, never forgotten



Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Mass Card Intentions for the Month of April
Sun	Mary Poynton (MM) Richard Brabazon Kay McNally Agnes & Andy Meehan Teresa Magrew Richard Harrison Senior Eddie Lawlor
Mon	Jacqueline Kavanagh (1st Anniv) Patrick O'Neill Sr Therese O'Neill
Fri	Bridie O'Mara



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PLANT SALE

CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CARPENTERSTOWN ROAD.
Sat 9 May & Sun 10 May, 10am - 5pm

- Summer Bedding Plants
- Potted Plants
- Hanging Baskets
- Fruit & Vegetable Plants
- Compost
- Pots & Tubs
- Riverwood Biodiversity Talk (Saturday 9th at 11am)
- Tractor for photo ops
- Tea & Coffee Shop
- Homemade Cakes
- BBQ & Pizza
- Face Painting
- Music
- Monster Raffle



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