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### THE GRINCH WHO STOLE ADVENT

Everyone knows Christmas is on its way. The shops are full of it and commercials on TV are already beginning to drive us to distraction. But never mind, the holiday adverts and the sales announcements on St Stephen's Day will soon be on their way.

Yes, Christmas is on its way. But that's the point: it's on its way; it's not here yet and before it arrives we have the wonderfully rich season of Advent to celebrate.

Waiting to go on holiday can be almost as much fun as actually going. Preparations for a wedding add to the excitement of the day itself. And if your team reaches the final, it's the thrill of the knockout rounds that makes the day all the more enjoyable.

The Sundays of Advent lead us along a path of anticipation, expectation, preparation and longing. They remind us that the more we spiritually get ready for Christmas the more we will be in a mood to celebrate it at its deeper levels. However, if the next three or four weeks are filled with nothing but buying presents and stocking the fridge, then our Christmas will be nothing but secular: it will come and go.

Advent proclaims that Christ comes into our world and our lives. Really comes. We know he came once as a baby. We know he will come again at the end of time. But he comes in so many different ways in our workaday lives. So Advent is the season when we recharge our batteries to stay awake, watching for the myriad people and situations that Jesus uses to reveal himself to us and to ask for our response.

In our modern society it's impossible to escape jumping the Christmas gun. Office Christmas parties have already started and Nativity Plays and Carol Services will fight with Advent for pride of place. But throughout all of this let's not forget what Advent offers us: the chance to examine ourselves on how welcoming we are when Jesus comes to us through other people and their needs, and the opportunity to express our sense of yearning for God's kingdom to be extended through our war-torn world.

Stay awake, says Jesus.

And make sure the grinch doesn't steal Advent as well!

### Weekend Intentions

Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.



**6.30pm** – 1. Nuala McGee – Anniversary  
 2. Liam Walsh – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
 3. Michael Gribben – Months Mind

**10.00am** – 1. Owen O'Driscoll – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 2. John McKean – 17<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 3. Bridget Cleary - Anniversary

**12.30pm** – 1. Maureen & David Salmon – Anniv  
 2. Brendan Reynolds – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**11.15am (The Park)** Anne Brolly – Rec Decd

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### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Breda Downing, Kathleen Owens

### OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,  
 We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
 One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
 Bless us with the joy of love.  
 Make us patient and kind,  
 gentle and generous,  
 welcoming to those in need.  
 Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
 Protect all families with your loving care,  
 Especially those for whom we now pray:  
 [We pause and remember family members and  
 others by name].  
 Increase our faith,  
 Strengthen our hope,  
 Keep us safe in your love,  
 Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we  
 share.  
 This we ask, through Christ our Lord,  
 Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.  
 Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.  
 Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.  
 Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us





## Parish Noticeboard.

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Vigil Masses – 24 December 2017

- 5 pm – St Brigid’s Parish Church,  
Cabinteely – Family Mass  
6.30 pm – St Brigid’s Park Mass Centre,  
Cabinteely – Family Mass  
8.00 pm – St Brigid’s Parish Church –  
Carols from 7.30 pm

#### Christmas Day 25 December 2017

- 10 am – St Brigid’s Parish Church  
12.30 pm – St Brigid’s Parish Church

#### St Stephens Day

- 11.00 am – St. Brigid’s Parish Church

**Please note** – There will be **NO 11.15 am Mass** in the Park Centre on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> or Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Reconciliation Services

- Johnstown Church – Wed, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7.30pm  
**St Brigid’s Parish Church, Cabinteely –  
Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30 pm**  
Foxrock Church Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7.30 pm

There are **Confessions** every Saturday after 6.30pm Mass here in St. Brigid’s, Cabinteely

#### St Brigid’s Cross

We are taking bookings for the next cross in the patio outside the church. Four bricks make up a cross – cost €125 per brick. A great way to remember a special day/date, wedding, birth, baptism, family or a loved one. Contact the parish office for more information.

#### The Annual Diocesan Christmas Church Collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

takes place in all Churches in the Diocese next weekend. This will replace the SHARE Collection. Your generosity will help make Christmas as happy as possible for those who are finding life difficult at present.

**Without your help we cannot help others.**

If you are in need or help or support or would just like someone to talk to, please leave a note in a sealed envelope and drop into the Parish Office marked ‘St Vincent de Paul’.

#### Thank You

I would to express, on behalf of the Parish, our thanks and appreciation to Eoghan Lehane and John Hanly for the many years of service that they have given to the Board of Management of St Brigid’s Girls National School. Their professionalism and expertise has made a great contribution to the board and the school. They have recently stepped down as the Patron’s Nominees. Eoghan was Chairperson for over 16 years and John was also treasurer of the Board for many years. Their dedicated service is very much appreciated.

*Fr Aquinas*



#### St Brigid’s Parish Office

Christmas stock of  
Divine Word Cards along  
with a **large selection**

**of gifts** are now available for sale in the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

#### Divine Word Cards

**€6 per pack of 12** or **three packs for €15.** Large selection of cards for all occasions also available.

#### St Brigid’s Parish Christmas Raffle.

Tickets for fundraising raffle now on sale in the parish office – **Tickets €2 or three tickets for €5.** Great prizes.



#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Masses that day are at 10 am  
and 6.30 pm.

#### Save the Date

Archdiocese of Dublin Knock Pilgrimage – Sat  
21 April 2018. Theme: **‘We are Pilgrims –  
Knock invites us to Healing and Peace’.**  
Full details to follow.

#### Monastic City in Glendalough

carol service in the ancient Cathedral. Meet  
7.15 pm at monastic site to walk to the  
Cathedral for 7.30 pm start on Tue, 19<sup>th</sup>  
December.

#### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

‘Messengers of Joy’ is an online retreat for advent and offers an opportunity to take time out from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations and create some silence and stillness to reflect prayerfully. A new session of the retreat will be available each week in the Advent season. For this and much more visit [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)