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SHOUT FREEDOM

It seems that Christians get a bad press whatever they say. If they speak out against practices in modern society that contradict God’s teaching, then they are branded as misery-guts and doom merchants. If they tell others about the wonderful life that faith in Jesus allows them, then they are bracketed among the deluded and the deceived.

Well today, Gaudete Sunday, is definitely a day for those who want to celebrate. For it reminds us that our lives are a continual act of readying the way for Christ’s return, and a joyous return at that. Nothing can take that confident hope from us.

Paul encourages us to be happy and grateful at all times. This is not the Cheshire Cat Christian whose smile is fixed in the face of conflict, war, evil and disaster. Such a believer fails to face the reality of our worldly existence. Rather, we are called to experience a deep-sown sense of happiness and well-being that comes from Christ’s promises, but at the same time to be realistic about how much more we have to do if the kingdom of God is to be established in our world.

Rejoicing at all times does not mean constantly partying. It means carrying within us the confident hope that Jesus will return, in whatever shape or form, at the end of time and will establish true justice and peace. So when we celebrate Advent we are ratifying our belief that Christ has already conquered evil, and whatever might happen to us and our world is transient, something which can never have a permanent hold over us and our graced spirit.

Christians cannot fear the coming of Jesus, because the coming of Jesus is the coming of a saviour, a God who wants us to be part of his innermost circle. Our God comes not to exact vengeance but to set us free. That’s why our unshakeable trust in Jesus is accompanied by constant prayer. We long to be free of what drags us down in this life, and we pray to Jesus to come with his saving power into our lives each day. He has promised to answer our call. And we are confident that he will.

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

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. Sam O’Connor & Patti Mooney – Anniversary

2. Brendan Raythorn – 1st Anniv

10.00am – 1. Brigid Gaughran – Anniversary

2. Mary, Peggy and Burt

Heffernan - Anniversary

12.30pm – 1. Thomas, Anne (Nancy), Marie

Thérésé & Patrick Walsh

2. Jane Widdis – 40th Anniversary

11.15am (The Park) -

Recently Deceased: Jennifer Brady, Jack McDaid

Months Mind: Dorothy Munden

Anniversaries: Daniel Coughlan

**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 24th, 25th, 31st or Jan 7th.

Reconciliation Services

St Brigid's Parish Church, Cabinteely -
Monday, 18th December - 7.30 pm
Foxrock Church Tuesday, 19th Dec - 7.30 pm

Unlocking the Mysteries **of The Book of Revelation.**

If you would like "a taste" of this important book of Revelation, join us in a friendly group, for an Introduction: over 4 sessions – at St. Brigid's Parish Centre -starting Tuesday January 16th from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Charlotte & Adam (Uzi) Lotan are Bible Teachers from Gorey who run **Beit Hallel Study Centre – "Tig na Moladh – House of Praise"** and will be facilitating this – for further information please see posters at back of church and in the parish centre.

Limited spaces available so please contact the Sacristy or phone the Parish Office on 285 8835

Give the Gift of Well-Being for 2018. **MINDFULNESS COURSE** (8 Weeks + 1 Day Retreat)

Starting 29th January – St Brigid's Parish Centre Offering the gift of Wellness for Mind, Body, Heart.
Perfect gift idea for the busy person who wants to find peace and ease in their life 'That maybe You!'

Ph. Pamela-Maria 083 8166800
Email info@mindfulnessatsource.com

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

Among the richest treasures of Advent are the seven "O Antiphons." This series of seven ancient verses epitomises the spirit of Advent, with its deep longing for the coming of Jesus. Beautifully poetic and theologically deep, the Great O Antiphons build a mood of eager expectation as Christmas Day approaches. To hear the antiphons and access a commentary on each, visit [www. www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

Social Welfare Information

Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm.

No service on Dec 26th or Jan 2nd
Just drop in – no appointment needed.



St Brigid's Cross

We are taking bookings for the next cross. 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.



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 3 tickets for €5.**

1st prize – musical snowing Christmas tree.
2nd prize – cuddly teddy and bottle of wine.
Draw takes place at 12 noon on Fri, 22 Dec.



Carol Service in the **Pro-Cathedral** today, Sun 17th at 3 pm with the Palestrina Choir. Collection for **Blossom Ireland**, a national organisation for children with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities.

5 Quests, Immersive Escape Rooms,

7 Histon House, Bray Road, Cabinteely. All profits made on Monday, 18th Dec will go to Dublin Simon Community. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/132522547526648/> for more information.