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 Foxrock website : [www.foxrockparish.ie](http://www.foxrockparish.ie)  
 Johnstown website : [www.johnstownkillineyparish.com](http://www.johnstownkillineyparish.com)

**THE MODEL**

Someone once said that the ideal model of Mary, her statue or painting, would show her looking just like one of us, and with her hands outstretched. In one hand she would be cradling the infant Jesus and in the other she would be holding a church.

Some people make too many claims for Mary and they end up idolising and demeaning her. Others are so reticent to see anything in her that they fail to see the great compliment that God is paying their human nature.

But the statue or painting with outstretched hands shows us why Mary is important. Everything the Church claims for Mary relates to what she holds in those hands.

Mary, as today's gospel attests, is the bearer of Christ. In fact, one of her oldest titles proclaims her to be the Mother of God. She is honoured because, through her readiness to allow the Holy Spirit to work in her, the Christ was born into our world and the plan of God came to its fulfilment. Her "fiat" or "yes" to God meant that she dedicated her life to preparing the way for the Lord. That's why she is hailed as the most honoured of all God's creatures. She was not some sort of super being. She was just like us, with all the fear and doubt and perplexity. But she was open to whatever God wanted of her.

And in the other hand she holds a church. We are the Church: the community of those who are baptised into Christ's death and resurrection and who seek to respond in faith. Mary, in a certain sense, could be said to be the first member of the Church and is often referred to as Mother of the Church. Like her we have to be ready and on the lookout for whatever it is that God asks of us at the various stages of our lives. We may find it troublesome, we may fear the consequences of saying yes to God, but we are invited to take Mary as the model of how we as the Church should trustingly respond to God's call.

**New Pilgrim Path Website.**

O Emmanuel. God with us. What lovelier way to celebrate Christmas than by praying the last of the great O Antiphons. Visit [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie) for this and other spiritual resources.



**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. Frank O’Kane – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv
- 10.00am** – 1. Charlie & Lil Higgins  
 2. Gerard Holmes – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv
- 12.30pm** – 1. Geraldine Kennedy – Rec decd  
 2. Dot Munden – Recently decd

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**Recently Deceased:** Veronica O’Loughlen, Ciaran O’Sheehan, Louis Knowles (late Willow Court)

**Anniversaries:** Maurice and Pádraig Lonergan

**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.

### Cluster Christmas Mass Times

#### **Christmas Vigil Masses – 24 December 2017**

##### **5 pm – St Brigid’s Parish Church, Cabinteely – Family Mass**

5 pm – Johnstown/Killiney Church  
5pm – Foxrock Church, Youth Music Group  
Mass (4.30pm Parish Youth Music Group –  
Carols)

##### **6.30 pm – St Brigid’s Park Mass Centre, Cabinteely – Family Mass**

6.30 pm – Foxrock Church - Cantor

7 .30 pm– Johnstown/Killiney Church

8 pm – Foxrock Church - Cantor

##### **8.00 pm – St Brigid’s Parish Church – Carols from 7.30 pm**

10.00 pm – Foxrock Church Adult Choir –  
Parish Choir Carols from 9.30 pm

#### **Christmas Day 25 December 2017**

8.30 am – Foxrock Church

9 am – Johnstown/Killiney Church

##### **10 am – St Brigid’s Parish Church**

10 am – Foxrock Church – Family Mass

10 am – Johnstown/Killiney Church

11.15 am – Foxrock Church – Adult choir

11.30 am – Johnstown/Killiney Church

##### **12.30 pm – St Brigid’s Parish Church**

12.30 pm – Foxrock Church – Cantor/ Carols

#### **Mass times for next week.**

**Tue, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>** - Morning Mass - **11.00 am**

**Thurs & Fri 28 & 29 Dec** – Morning Mass at  
10 am

There will be **no 11.15 am Mass** in the Park  
Centre on Sunday **31<sup>st</sup> December** and  
Sunday **7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Bank Holiday Monday **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018**  
Morning Mass at **11am.**

No morning mass on Wednesdays or  
Saturdays

#### **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.

#### **Rainbow Tai Chi Classes**

Find back your natural healthy and happy  
balance with easy-to-learn, low impact  
exercises suitable for all levels of fitness  
€60 for 9 week cycle of classes on Tuesday  
evenings (beginning Jan 16<sup>th</sup>) and Thursday  
evenings (beginning Jan 11<sup>th</sup>)

To book and for further information contact  
Aisling at (087) 7998504 or  
mail [aislingtaichi@gmail.com](mailto:aislingtaichi@gmail.com)

**Free half-hour taster sessions 7pm and  
8pm Tuesday 9th Jan, 2018.**

#### **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 26<sup>th</sup> or Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**



#### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **MINDFULNESS COURSE**

(8 Weeks + 1 Day Retreat)

Starting 29<sup>th</sup> January – St Brigid’s Parish  
Centre Offering the gift of Wellness for Mind,  
Body, Heart.

**Ph. Pamela-Maria 083 8166800**

**Email [info@mindfulnessatsource.com](mailto:info@mindfulnessatsource.com)**

#### **The Parish Office**

The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday,  
2<sup>nd</sup> January. Mass Cards, bookings for  
Masses, etc. can be organized in the Sacristy  
**after 10 am morning Mass.**

