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Third Sunday of Advent

HAPPY AND GLORIOUS

It was easier for the first Christians to have that sense of expectancy about the return of Jesus at the second coming. They were closer to

him in time, and the sense of urgency was more pronounced. 2000 years later we have to make an effort to remind ourselves that the second coming is something real and not just a fairy tale.

The early Church felt that the Lord was very near and his return was imminent. So St Paul exhorts them to be happy at all times. This happiness is not just a pleasant feeling. It's real joy, and joy is a much deeper thing than happiness.

When a grandmother is given a birthday present by a grandchild, she feels happy at the gift. But deep down she feels a more profound emotion. She feels a warmth, a sense of wellbeing, a glow of pride at having brought up her family and been given strength to see them grow to maturity. A pride and satisfaction that is symbolised in the action of the young child. If the gift breaks she will feel unhappy, but that deeper joy cannot be so easily shattered.

That's the difference between happiness and joy. Oddly enough, you can experience joy even when you are unhappy. And as we wait for the final coming of Jesus, as we celebrate Advent, we are urged like the early Church to shout for joy, to rejoice, to exult and share in God's glory.

Our faith does not change what happens to us in life. We do not embark on an Advent pretence that all is rosy in our world, that happiness is on every street corner. But what our faith does allow to do is to view things in a broader perspective. Christ came, and will come again, to set us free, to liberate us from despair and futility. If we really believe this, then we carry around with us a joy that the world cannot understand and which can never be taken away from us.

Advent stands as a sign that Christ is Lord of all creation, of all situations. We do not simply look forward to the crib and the carol service. On this "Gaudete" (Rejoice) Sunday we expect a final visitation that will vindicate the whole reason for our Christian existence. And that's the reason for our joy.

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.



- 6.30 pm** – 1. Peter Daly, Snr – 10th Anniv
Vigil 2. Paul Lynch – 24th Anniversary
10.00am – 1. Brigid Gaughran - Anniversary
 2. Cyril Corrigan - Anniversary
12.30pm – 1. Paddy Byrne - Anniversary
 2. Annie O'Loughlin & family and
 Hugh Hackett - Anniversary

Recently Deceased: Aidan Quinn

Months Mind: Hugh Pat Kennedy

Anniversaries: Peter Coyle (1st Anniv), Daniel Coughlan, Jane Widdis

Reconciliation Services this week.

Mon, **17th December** – Johnstown at 7.30 pm
 Tue, **18th December** – Foxrock at 7.30 pm

Mass times in St. Brigid's Church

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 10 am
Saturday (Vigil Mass) – 6.30 pm
Sunday – 10 am and 12.30 pm

Faith Development Groups

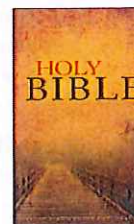
Centering Prayer: Wednesday 7pm–8pm. Restarts on Jan. 9th, 2019

Bible Reflections: Thursday at 10.30am. This group meet in the parish centre every Thursday morning.

Closed for Christmas from Thurs. 13th Dec.'18 to Thurs. 10th Jan.'19

Gospel Contemplation: Friday - 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. Restarts on Jan 11th 2019.

Please feel free to join any groups.



Would it help to talk? The Bethany Bereavement Support Group holds its '**Drop In**' on the last Friday of each month in the Parish Centre from 10.30 – 11.30 am. Next '**Drop In**' **25th January 2019**. A warm welcome, chat and a cuppa for all who wish to attend, no need to book, just arrive.



Parish Noticeboard.

Social Welfare Information

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

Just drop in – no appointment needed.
No service on 25th December or 1st January.

Novice Bridge Club

Our Novice Bridge Club takes place every Thursday evening from 7.30 pm - 10.00pm (for those playing bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required. **New members very welcome**

**No Bridge Club on 20, 27 Dec or 3 Jan.
Restarts on January 10th 2019.**

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

From December 17th to 23rd, The great "O Antiphons" have been part of the Advent Vespers Liturgy, calling on Christ with mounting impatience to come and save his people. Praying the "Great O's" is a wonderful framework for reflection in the week preceding Christmas. New Pilgrim Path provides a sung Antiphon each day, with guidelines for prayerful contemplation, from "O Wisdom" to "O Emmanuel". To access this, visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Use of Parish Centre Car Park

Please note: All those parking in the car park during the week (excluding Mass times) must sign into the centre. Cars not signed in will be clamped. Clamp release fee is €50.

11 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

February 11th to 21st 2019
Spiritual Directors Fr Stephan Park OSA, Fr Owen Gorman OCDS, Fr Peter Okpetu MSP,
Price €1,450.00 PPS, to secure a place
Deposit €450.00 ASAP
For Bookings call: Philip 087 2508043 or
Brenda 0416863390
Email: brenda.murray-flynn@travelcounsellors.com

Anam Cara Wicklow

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 17th December at 7.20pm in the Parkview Hotel, NewtownmountKennedy, Co. Wicklow. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For more information call 085 2888 888 or info@anamcara.ie

The Dolmen Theatre Annual Christmas Carols Night – 19th Dec – Cabinteely Gospel Choir - in aid of St Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Mass Times in St. Brigid's, Cabinteely



CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm - St. Brigid's Parish Church

6.30pm - The Park Mass Centre, St Brigid's Girls' School

8.00pm – St. Brigid's Parish Church – Carols at 7.30p

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 am – St. Brigid's Parish Church – Choir

12.30pm – St. Brigid's Parish Church – Gospel Group

Mass on **St Stephens Day**, Dec 26, - **11am.**

On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, December mass - **10am.**

Bank Holiday Tuesday 1st January 2019 Mass - **11 am**

The Parish Office will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday next, 21st Dec at 1 pm. It will reopen on Wed, 2nd January 2019.

If you require mass bookings/mass cards during this time please call to the Sacristy after 10 am morning Mass.

The Parish Centre will be closed from 21st December to 2nd January also.

There is a large selection of **Divine Word Christmas Cards** for sale in the Parish Office along with novelty gift ideas. Do drop in during the week to have a look!

Secretarial Office

Please note that as and from 1st January 2019 the Secretarial Office will be open for business from 9am to 4.30pm Monday's and Thursday's only.

The **Parish Office** will be open as usual on Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4.30 pm.



An Irish Christmas

An Irish Christmas with Moya Brennan and Hazel O'Connor, Comhltras Traditional Music Groups, presented by: Bláthnád Ni Chofaigh. Friday 21st Dec at 7.30pm, Monkstown Parish Church.