

25-12-18



Frs. Aquinas, Arthur, Tom and Deacon Jeremy along with the Pastoral Council and staff wish all parishioners and visitors to St Brigid's Parish a Holy, Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Journey to Bethlehem

Joseph and Mary set out for Bethlehem.

When they arrived there, the time came for Mary to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son.

All of us are journeying to Bethlehem, where we hope to be born. I know we were born once. Nevertheless, we are still unborn, in the sense that our true self hasn't yet seen the light of day.

When our second birth occurs, than all the gifts of grace and nature, which God gave us as seeds, will blossom and bear fruit.

Our ultimate goal is the heavenly Bethlehem where we shall see God face to face.

Mass times for next week.

Wed, Dec 26th - Morning Mass - 11.00 am

Thurs 27 & Fri 28 Dec – Morning Mass at 10 am

Bank Holiday Tuesday, **2nd January 2019**
Morning Mass at 11am.

Secretarial Office

Please note that as and from 2nd 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.

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.

See the crosses in the church patio area.

The Greatness of our Humanity

Sometimes people expect something extraordinary, or even miraculous, to happen at Christmas.

But when Christ came on earth, he came clothed, not in the extraordinary but in the ordinary.

He came dressed in the cloak of our weak, fragile, mortal humanity.

'They wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.'



Like an acorn that falls to earth, silently and unheralded, in a remote corner of the forest, and which grows into a great oak tree, so from these lowly origins Jesus grew up to show us the greatness of our humanity.

Now light one thousand Christmas Lights



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on dark earth here tonight. One thousand, thousand also shine to make the dark sky bright.

Oh, once when skies were starry bright, in a stable cold and bare, sweet Mary bore a son that night, a child both kind and fair.

He came to bring us love and light, to bring us peace on earth, so let your candles shine tonight and sing with joy and mirth.

A traditional Swedish Carol.