



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Fourth Sunday of Advent—Dec 22nd 2019

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. "When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit." For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet "do not be afraid," the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of "Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to "expose [Mary] to shame." Yet he was prepared to "divorce her quietly" all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 22nd Dec 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21st Dec. 2019

6.30 pm Vigil.

Patty Mooney & Sam O'Connor -
Anniversary

Eileen Rodgers - 2nd Anniversary

Sun 22nd Dec 2019

10.00 am— Gerry Holmes - 3rd Anniv.

Paul Lynch - Anniversary

12.30pm - Thomas, Anne Nancy,
Patrick & Marie Therese Walsh

Months Mind— . Madge Byrne

Anniversaries: - Brendan Raythorn - 3rd
Anniversary, Jim Gibbons (Anniversary)

Mon—10am— Mary Finn - Recently
Deceased
Tom Walsh - Remembrance Mass

Tues 10 AM— Christmas Eve
Michael Richard Gibbons & Nora
Gibbons and deceased members of the
Gibbons Family

8pm Vigil - Dan Healy - Anniversary
Fergus Morton - Remembrance

Christmas Day—10am
Christina Lynch- Birthday Remembrance
12.30pm
Pamela Dalton - 5th Anniversary

Thurs—St Stephens Day— 11AM

Friday 27th Dec. Mass at 11am

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Volunteers are urgently needed to man the parish centre in the evenings from 6pm-10pm, without which there would be no activities held in the evenings. This would be an unfortunate situation for our parish. If you wish to volunteer, please give your details to either the parish office or into the sacristy.

Cabinteely Church Renovation. [Thank you to those who have responded so far.]

Anytime I celebrate Mass in St Brigid's Church, I am always filled with a deep sense of gratitude to the generations since 1836 that have looked after Cabinteely Church and Parish. I am also filled with a sense of wonder and feel privileged to be in such a beautiful Church. We are ultimately custodians and it is our turn now to look after the Church for this generation and beyond. We have no control over the future but we do have control of the present. You will find envelopes and a fund-raising booklet at the back of the Church which gives an outline of the scope of the work and of how you can help. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Parish which is sowing seeds for the future
Fr Aquinas

We have accepted an offer for the Advent Calendar Quilt.
Many thanks to all who made enquires and bids for it

Funeral Ministry Team

Would you like to be part of a Funeral Ministry Team in Cabinteely Parish? This is an important ministry and can add so much to the funeral liturgy. It is also a way of preparing for the future when we will need parishioners who represent the parish to preside at Cremations and burials. There are a few nights of training over four evenings on Wednesdays 5 February/4 March/ 22 April and 20 May 2020 from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Clonliffe College. If you are interested in being part of such a team, please leave your name and details into Parish Office of Sacristy or email Fr Duffy at pp@cabinteelyparish.ie

There are still Divine Word Christmas Cards for sale in the Parish office

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and like the First Collection on Sundays go to the Diocesan Common Fund from which all priests both those in appointments and those who are retired or sick receive an allowance.

Tai Chi for Beginners,
Fundamental exercises to relax, rejuvenate and energise.
10 weekly classes beginning on Tuesday the 28th of January 2020, 7.30pm to 9pm. Cost €70.
For information and to reserve a place, contact Aisling at 087 7998504 or email aislingtaichi@gmail.com

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CORNELSCOURT ORATORY CHRISTMAS 2019.
There will be NO Mass from

TUES. DEC. 24th
TO
WED. JAN 1st
(Both days inclusive)

REOPENS FOR MASS
AS USUAL
THUR JAN 2nd

The Parish Centre

There are rooms available for rent ranging in size from 15 to 100 people.
Do you have an idea for a course, a class, a one off event for 2020? Are you looking for a venue??? Give Marian/Ann a call on 01 2858835 to arrange to view our facilities.
The **Coffee Dock** is open weekdays from 10am and is open Sunday Morning after 10am Mass. A warm welcome guaranteed.

Parish Prayer/Reflection Groups

Tues: Divine Mercy Devotions after the 10 AM Mass

Wed. Centering Prayer 7pm-8pm

Fri: Gospel Contemplation 11am-12pm
The Rosary is recited before the 10 AM mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thurs & Fri at 9.40 AM.

Gospel Reflection Group.

The Gospel Reflection Group which meets on Thursday mornings is finishing up after 8 years. A special thank you to all who were involved over the last 8 years from which so many benefitted

Christmas Day Vigil Masses – 24th Dec. 2019

5 pm – St Brigid's Parish Church— [Family Mass]
5 pm – Johnstown Church
6.30 pm – St Brigid's Park Mass Centre, [Family Mass]
5.00 pm – Foxrock Church
6.30 pm – Foxrock Church
7.30 pm – Johnstown 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 – 25th December 2019

8.30 am – Foxrock Church
9 am – Johnstown Church
10 am – St Brigid's Parish Church—Choir
10 am – Foxrock Church – Family Mass & Johnstown Church
11.30 am – Foxrock Church – Adult choir
11.30 am – Johnstown Church
12.30 pm – St Brigid's Parish Church —Gospel Choir
12.30 pm – Foxrock Church – Cantor/ Carols
Please note there are No Evening Masses on Christmas Day

St Stephens Day – 26th December 2019

10.00am - Foxrock Church and Johnstown Church
11.00 am - St. Brigid's Parish Church

Confessions: Saturday 21st December
St. Brigid's Parish Church – After 6.30pm Mass

Friday 27th Dec. Mass @ 11am St Brigid's Church

No morning mass on Saturday 28th December
Mon & Tues 30th & 31st December Mass at 10am
Bank Holiday Wed. 1st Jan. 2020 Mass at 11am in St. Brigid's Parish Church.