



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8th 2019

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8th Dec 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th Dec. 2019

6.30 pm Vigil. John McKean
 (20th Anniversary) John & Mary
 Gibbons - Anniversary

Sun 8th Dec 2019

10.00 am— Anne Merry - 11th
 Anniversary
 Brian Merry - Late husband of Anne
 Merry

12.30pm Christopher O'Rourke -
 Anniversary, Tom Feeney - Anniversary

Recently Deceased—Kathlyn Murphy,
 Denise Philip . Ann Kehoe (née Ward),
 Mother of Garry Kehoe - Training &
 Development Co-ordinator for the Child
 Safeguarding & Protection Services of the
 Dublin Diocese .

Months Mind— Mary Finn

Anniversaries: - Peter Coyle –
 2nd Anniversary

Mon—10am— Padraig O'Broin -
 Special Intention

Tues 10 AM— John Gunning -
 Anniversary

Thurs 10 AM— Gay Byrne - Rec. Dec

Fri 10 AM— Deirdre Kelleher -
 Anniversary

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.

This weekend the **Annual Christmas Collection for the St Vincent de Paul** Society will take place in all Churches in the Diocese. This will replace the **SHARE** collection. Your generosity will help make Christmas as happy as possible for those who are finding life difficult at present. Without your help others cannot be supported.

Fr Peter McVerry SJ will deliver an advent talk in **St Laurence O'Toole Church, Kilmacud, on Wed, 11th Dec at 7.30pm.** Fr McVerry is a man of faith who lives the teachings of Christ everyday, championing the cause of the homeless and working for a more just society, Fr McVerry will share his reflections on advent and honouring the message of Christmas in our lives.

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!

Envelopes for names for the Altar List of the Dead are available from the church exits. Please hand into the Sacristy when completed. .

Anam Cara South Dublin the organisation that supports bereaved parents, are holding a Parent Support Event on **9th Dec at 7:20pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more information, see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Tribes Press is working in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul and the Simon Community to support families in need. We are offering a chance for you to donate as little as €5 and as much as you like towards new books for a child or whole family for Christmas. For every donation you make to the value of a new book, Tribes Press will donate another book. Each book will be signed by the author with a special message inside to each child. To donate go to w.tribespress.com email: info@tribespress.com or call: 087 7749873.

Memo on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is normally a holyday of obligation. However, if 8th Dec. is the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity is *transferred* to Mon. 9th Dec., but is then no longer a Holyday of Obligation. This is what happens this year. It happened most recently in 2013 & 2002 and will happen again in 2024

Climate Action-

STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY.
Cabinteely Tidy Towns are delighted to offer a free presentation by Pat Kane, REUZI

MON 9th DEC. @ 7.00 pm
St Brigid's Pastoral Centre,

The **Colloquy** is an informal but focused group which meets monthly to consider topics related to spirituality, philosophy and culture. The next meeting is **Mon, 9th Dec at 10.30am, in St Josephs' Parish Centre, Glashuile** (close to Sandycove/Glashuile DART Station). No need to prebook - just turn up!

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

Thurs.: Gospel Reflection 10.30am-12.30pm

Fri: Gospel Contemplation 11am-12pm

The Rosary is recited before the 10 AM mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thurs & Fri at 9.40 AM.

Christmas Penitential Service 2019

7.30pm – Tuesday 17th Dec in Foxrock Parish

7.30pm – Wed. 11th Dec in Johnstown Parish

Please note there is no penitential service in St. Brigid's Parish Church, Cabinteely

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.

Bethany Bereavement Drop-In There will be **NO** Bereavement Drop-In in December. The next one will take place on 31st January 2020 in St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre after the 10am Mass.