



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



November 29th 2020 - 1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need **Advent**. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000

Donate online at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

YOUR DONATION URGENTLY REQUIRED

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Nov 29th 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church will re open for Public Mass from Tues next at 10 AM with Mass also on Thurs and Fri at 10 AM.

Next weekend we will reintroduce our Saturday vigil Mass at 6.30 PM and also Mass on Sunday at 10 AM

The Church will be open for private prayer each day from **10.30am to 4pm—Mon to Fri**

We remember on Sunday 29th

Nicholas Cullen—2nd Anniversary
 Tom Murphy—Recently Deceased
 Deceased Members of the Carr and Berns Families
 Patricia Brady—Recently Deceased
 Roberto & Federica di Montezemolo
 Jack, Alecia & Jim Devlin
 Paddy, Mag & Joe Brock

Months Mind

Conor Byrne

Recently Deceased.

Tom Murphy
 Richard Morton
 Rachel Webb

Anniversaries

Maureen Brophy

Mon 10am —

Donal & Máire Lowry & family

Tues 10am.—

Kathleen Owens—Anniversary

Thurs 10am -

Tasha Darcy—4th Anniversary

Fri 10am. - First Friday

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We are planning our Christmas Masses but urgently require volunteer stewards for the Christmas Masses.

Please contact the Parish office by phone or email. 01-2858835 or info@cabinteelyparish.ie

Advent wreath making for children.

Children are invited to create their own Advent wreath. Join online on Sat. 21st at 3.30pm. Every Sat. at 3.30pm during Advent (and Christmas morning at 8am). We invite families to gather around the Advent wreath to pray together. Join Facebook @CCPCDublin. For further details contact **Christina Malone** [085 716 2152](tel:0857162152)

Advent Service

Fr. P. O'Donoghue will lead an Advent service on **Sat. 28th Nov. at 5p.m** in the Monastery of Saint Alphonsus. The livestream of the service can be found at www.Rednuns.com

I Wait. I Watch. I Hope

If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For further details and if you like to join contact **Christina Malone** [085 716 2152](tel:0857162152)

Irish Hospice Foundation

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the Pandemic. In the face of such loss and trauma, the Irish Hospice Foundation have a Bereavement Support Line. It is a **national Freephone service** [1800 80 70 77](tel:1800807077)

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom.

For 3 sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. Fr Billy Swan will lead the retreat; St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place **from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3 December beginning at 8pm**. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

Did you know you can donate to our parish through our parish website? Simply visit www.cabinteelyparish.ie & click on the **Donate** button.

Crosscare Appeal

A simple way communities can support each other.

We need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products.

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community. As the need for people to access our services increase, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stock at a level that can cope with the demand. Please donate new toiletry products [in their original packaging please:] to

Community Food Bank. Sussex St., Dún Laoghaire Boylan Centre. Wed 9th and 16th Dec Time: 1-2pm Please contact vcummins@crosscare.ie if you need to make an alternative drop off arrangement.

If you wish to support the work of Crosscare at this difficult time for those most in need in our Diocese, please remember you can donate on line at www.crosscare.ie

Crosscare would like to thank all who contributed to their recent collection. €110 was donated from St. Brigid's Parish. Last year's collection raised €1950. This shows the stark challenge faced by charitable organisations

Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the 1st Collection (Common Fund which pays an allowance to priests) and the 2nd Collection (Share which supports developing parishes and the Diocesan Administration) in addition to the planned Giving which supports the running of the parish. There are permanent boxes in place for 1st & 2nd Collections. There is also a double envelope for the 1st & 2nd Collections. **If you put your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.** Fr Aquinas

Advent Reflection Series

"The Lord Himself will give you a sign. It is this:
The Maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son" Is 7:14

Journeying through Advent in Song
hymns, psalms, chant, and Dánta Dé (hymns of Ireland)

Prepare. – Rejoice

Kerrie O' Connor - Vocalist
Sarah Lane - Violinist
Mary Louise O'Donnell - Harpist
Naomi Dunleavy - O'Shea Violinist

Church of the Ascension of the Lord Balally
Cedar Road, Wedgewood, Dublin 16 D16 E032
www.churchservices.tv/balally

Sunday 6th December - Prepare
Sunday 20th December - Rejoice
4.00pm

JOIN US ONLINE at www.churchservices.tv/balally

IN PERSON by booking a place in advance on www.balallyparish.ie

Spaces are limited in line with restrictions on gatherings
If closures remain in place on the 6th and/or 20th
the reflections will be online only

Living Advent Calendar 2020

We are asking parishioners to tell the Christmas story in 25 days. This will be shared on Facebook every morning at 8am from the 1st of Dec @CCPCDublin. If you like to be involved contact **Christina Malone** [085 716 2152](tel:0857162152) or email christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie