



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## December 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfil us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow



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Estimated Cost: €500,000

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Dec 13th 2020

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### We remember on Sunday 13th

Bridgit & Michael Gaughran—  
Anniversaries  
Sean Brosnan—Recently Deceased .  
Special Intention  
Cyril Corrigan— Anniversary  
Anne Merry—Anniversary

#### Months Mind

Capt. Tom Murphy  
Colette Maguire.  
Gerald Reilly

#### Recently Deceased.

Brother Brendan  
Fr. Kevin O'Rourke

#### Anniversaries

Nicholas Lynch – 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Peter & Chris Heffernan & Deceased  
members of the Heffernan family  
David Daly

#### Mon 10am

Fr Jim & Fr. Pat Stanley.  
Capt. Tom Murphy

**Tues 10am—** Rosaleen Ryan

**Thurs 10am -** Paul Lynch—26th  
Anniversary

**Fri 10am. -** Jim Gibbons—21st  
Anniversary



### Christmas 2020

This Christmas will not be like other Christmases due to many restrictions on numbers and even music. So we have to find a way of celebrating the birth of Jesus in numerous ways.

The Irish Bishops have said

“Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day.

Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to “tune in” from the “domestic churches” of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child. We also invite families or “household bubbles” to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic

**Booking opened on Monday for Christmas masses and the 6pm & 8pm Christmas Eve are now fully booked. There are some places left for 10am and 12noon Christmas Day. If you are not successful in reserving a place we invite you to participate from your home via our webcam**

### Crosscare Appeal

Crosscare is appealing to people to support them on line this Advent as they will be unable to hold their annual Parish Food Collection for those most in need. Every December, Crosscare collected thousands of pounds worth of non-perishable foods to restock their foodbanks and support their community cafés.

This year, due to Covid 19 restrictions Crosscare will not be able to launch a food collection in the Diocese of Dublin as usual.

However, in order to ensure they have adequate supplies, they are asking people to support them by making a donation on line to ensure families struggling to cope can have food on the table this Christmas.

**We are appealing to parishes to encourage those parishioners who would ordinarily have supported food drives and the unwanted gifts appeal to go on line and make a donation [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)**

### Toiletry Donations

We need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products. Donations of new toiletry products and in their original packaging please: to

**Community Food Bank, Sussex St.,  
Dún Laoghaire, The Boylan Centre.  
16th Dec. Time: 1-2pm**

### St. Vincent de Paul

**will hold their annual appeal at masses this weekend 12th/13th December. Collection boxes will be outside after mass. SVP envelopes with donations can be given to collectors on the day or handed into the parish office.**

### NEW PILGRIM PATH—WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

17<sup>th</sup> Dec. marks the beginning of the "O" Antiphons, which have been sung at Vespers on the last seven days of Advent since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. These short chants address Christ with 7 magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies.

Beginning with *O Sapientia* ('O Wisdom') on 17<sup>th</sup> December, the antiphons beg God with mounting impatience to come and save His people, moving through the history of Redemption to culminate with *O Emmanuel* ('O, God with Us') on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. What better way to conclude Advent than by praying these antiphons and meditating on the biblical passages that accompany each one? Listen to each antiphon sung to an ancient Gregorian chant at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

### 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/balally)

Sunday 6th December - Prepare  
Sunday 20th December - Rejoice  
4:00pm

JOIN US ONLINE at [www.churchservices.tv/balally](http://www.churchservices.tv/balally)

IN PERSON by booking a place in advance on  
[www.balallyparish.ie](http://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

Carols by  
Candlelight  
streamed live  
from Knock  
Shrine Sunday  
20th December  
at 8 PM .

[www.Knockshrine.ie](http://www.Knockshrine.ie)

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& click on the  
Donate button.

### 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*