



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



December 6th 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behaviour. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanour, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?



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Estimated Cost: €500,000

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Dec 6th 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church is open for private prayer
from **10.30am to 4pm—Mon to Fri**

We remember on Sunday 6th

Dan Blake – 1st Anniversary
Eileen O'Dowd—Recently Deceased
Nuala McGee – 9th Anniversary
John McKeon – 21st Anniversary
Owen O'Driscoll – 10th Anniversary.

Recently Deceased.

Sally [Sarah] Farrelly
Nora Gleeson

Anniversaries

Christopher O'Rourke
Tasha Darcy – 4th Anniversary
Kathleen Owens –
Donal & Marie Lowry & Family

Mon 10am — Brother Brendan

Tues 10am. Feast of the Immaculate Conception. -

Fr Kevin O' Rourke—Recently
Deceased.
Peter & Chris Heffernan.
Deceased members of the Heffernan
Family.

Thurs 10am -

David Daly—Anniversary
Capt. Tom Murphy—Months Mind

Fri 10am. -

Colette Maguire—Months Mind

Christmas 2020— a message from the Archbishop

*"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".*

Christmas at St. Brigid's.

Christmas Eve mass at 6pm & 8pm.

Christmas Day mass at 10am & 12noon.

Numbers are strictly limited & must be pre-booked.

Please contact the parish office at

info@cabinteelyparish.ie or

call 01-2858835 as soon as possible to book.

St. Vincent de Paul will hold their annual appeal at masses next 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.

Your help is very much appreciated.

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 Bally
Gedard Road, Wedgewood, Dublin 16 D16 E032
www.churchservices.ie/bally

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

JOIN US ONLINE at www.churchservices.ie/bally

IN PERSON by booking a place in advance on
www.ballyparish.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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People.

ALONE manage a national support line & additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Irish Hospice Foundation

As part of our bereavement support function at Irish Hospice Foundation we are arranging our annual event for the public entitled '**Living with Loss**'. This year the event will be online on 9th December at 7pm. This event is free to attend, but you would need to book a place using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/living-with-loss-tickets-130420626605> This public event aims to provide information about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

In these daily Advent reflections, we have resolved to be bearers of light and bringers of joy to a world so in need of both, for we have come to know them ourselves in Christ. It is our prayer that these little embers, the *lectio* of our lives, will provide light for your path as we walk one another home." The Sisterhood of St John the Divine, a monastic community within the Anglican Church of Canada, provides beautiful daily reflections for Advent. You can sign up for these, and access a host of other superb Advent resources, at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

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

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