



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



December 18th 2022 - 4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighbourhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekdays

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. at 10am
No mass on Wednesday.
Bank Holidays at 11am

Weekends

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5.30 PM
Sunday: 10.00am & 12.30am
All masses available online

www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

Saturday Dec 17th - Vigil 5.30

Sunday Dec 18th — 10am

Patricia Byrne - Anniversary
Mary Heffernan— Anniversary
Margaret Cleary—Anniversary

Sunday Dec 18th — 12.30

Cyril Corrigan—Anniversary
John Fitzpatrick—Anniversary
Lillian Haverty—Anniversary

Recently Deceased

Adrienne McAdam
Noreen Drake Stoker

Months Mind

Ronan Murphy

Monday 10am

Anne O'Malley—Recently Deceased

Tues 10am

Cyril Smith —Anniversary

Thurs 10am

Gerry Holmes—6th Anniversary
Special Intention

Fri 10am.

Patrick Torpey—3rd Anniversary

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Christmas Services 2022

Christmas Eve Masses (Saturday 24th December)
St Brigid's Church: 5 PM and 8 PM with carols at 7.30 PM
Christmas Day Masses (Sunday 25th December)
St Brigid's Church Cabinteely: 10 AM and 12.30 PM

Monday 26th December: Mass is at **11 AM**
Masses on 27th, 29th and 30th are at **10 AM**.
Also online at www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Johnstown-Killiney Parish)

Carol Service: 18th December at 7 PM (Parish and School Choirs)

Christmas Penance Service: Wednesday 21st December at 7.30 PM

Christmas Eve Masses: 6 PM and 8 PM
Christmas Day Masses: 9 AM, 10 AM and 11.30 AM
Also online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/johnstownourlady>

Foxrock—Our lady of Perpetual Succour

Christmas Eve 6pm, 8pm and 10 pm
Christmas Day 8.30 am, **10am, 11.30am**

Our local conference of St. Vincent de Paul are extremely grateful to those who have responded so generously already to our annual appeal. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who missed the appeal last week and wishes to take one

Volunteers needed for the following Ministry teams

Ministers of the Eucharistic & Word,
Sacristan Support, Cleaners for the church
Hospitality -Teas/Coffee after Sunday's 10am mass.
Full training on all roles will be provided. Please contact the parish office or leave your name in the Sacristy after mass.

We have a customised St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely Christmas Card on sale in the Parish Shop at **1.50e** each or 4 cards for **5e**. All proceeds go to Parish funds

CE Employment Scheme. Are you eligible for

Community Employment ? We have vacancies for the following positions in St. Brigid's Parish, Cabinteely.

Office Admin/Reception & Caretaker.

Step 1. Please contact the Dept. Of Social protection to establish your eligibility.

Step 2. Once the dept. confirms eligibility contact Melissa Tobin on 01-2822704 for more info on how to apply

Supporting St. Brigid's Parish-

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20016166 and CHY 7424

The Easy Payments online donate button is below through which you can set up once off or monthly payments to all the collections. Also here are Print Version of Standing Order Forms For First and Second Sunday Collections [standing-order-collections](#)

For Parish Planned Giving to support the Parish

[Standing Order FAMILY OFFERING](#)

For Church Maintenance Fund



At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God-with-us and For us. In Jesus, we see who and what God is like, shining a light on an often dark world. I hope that you get the chance to gather with family and friends over the Christmas period. It is so important to treasure them while they are still with you on this plane of existence. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the priests, staff and volunteers of Cabinteely Parish and all who support the parish. Without you there would be no parish. Thank you so much for all that you do which is so much appreciated. In the New Year, we will begin to work closely with the other parishes in our new Partnership area (Cabinteely, Johnstown-Killiney, Ballybrack-Killiney, Loughlinstown, Sallynoggin and Shankill. This partnership will also incorporate the new Cherrywood development which will soon be a new Town). Change is always challenging but God is with us and for us as we begin a new chapter.

May I wish you a very peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the journey in faith which is 2023.

Fr Aquinas

The Great O Antiphons

From the 17th Dec. until 23rd Dec. the Great 'O' Antiphons are sung, one each day. They are among the richest treasures of Advent. Their beautiful, sombre rhythms seem almost the rhythms of life itself. They are sung as though with breath held, suffused with reverence and wonder. With a montage of haunting biblical images of creation, redemption, and ultimate restoration they remind us that Christ, whose glorious return we anticipate and patiently await during Advent, is surrounding and sustaining us already. He is truly Emmanuel, "God among us". Pray the antiphons each day with www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Why not volunteer with a difference?

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the largest home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. Join our amazing team of volunteers to make moments matter for the people in our care. Due to the nature of our work you must have received a COVID vaccine and you will be required to wear a surgical mask while volunteering. To find out more contact Nicola: 2823000/087 1637363 nicola.yau@sjog.ie.

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you wish to connect with people in relation to your mental well-being, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, These services provide support, coping skills & information & most importantly help people who are in distress to know they are not alone in their experience For more info. <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups>

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 & 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