

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Vigil Dec 16th — 5.30pm

Ken Murphy—Anniversary
Jenny Brennan – Rec Deceased &
Jim Brennan—3rd Anniversary

Sunday Dec 17th - 10am

Brigid Gaughran—Anniversary
Margaret Cleary—Anniversary
Doris & Bill Lowry—Anniversaries
Kit & Martin Hanley & Mary Sexton

Sun Dec 17th —12.30pm

Patricia Byrne—3rd Anniversary
Jim Kirwan—Recently Deceased

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Dr Edward Clarke
Katherine Ryder, Ellen McKean

Monday - 10am

Noel Clarke, The Clarke Family, Ethyl Walsh, Joe Whelan & Tommy Curley

Tues—10am

Jim Kirwan—RIP, Teresa Larkin RIP

Thurs- 10am

Cyril Smyth Sn, Frank Moriarty RIP

Fri 10am

Gerard Holmes—7th Anniversary
Peter & Chris Heffernan

MASS TIMES

Weekdays

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. at **10am**
No mass on Wednesday.

Monday Bank Holidays at **11am-**

Weekends

Vigil Mass (Saturday) **5.30 PM**

Sunday: 10.00am & 12.30am

All masses available online
Confessions available after the
5.30pm vigil mass in the side
chapel & weekday mornings after
mass - on request

www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

PARISH OF ST BRIGID'S CABINTEELY —DECEMBER 17TH 2023

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Christmas Message

A Jewish proverb says that two things are needed in winter — fire and stories: fire to warm the body and stories to warm the heart. Christmas gives us both. It's a time for gathering the family together, if not around an actual fire, at least around a table in a warm house to share a meal together. And as for stories, we all have many memories of times gone by that are told at this time of year, stories that connect us to each other and to those we have loved who are no longer with us. There's nothing like Christmas for sending the mind wandering down memory lane, recalling long-lost scenes of Christmases gone by. The magic and wonder of childhood are imprinted on our brains, bringing us back again and again.

The Christmas story itself, with a baby in Bethlehem tended by shepherds, angels and kings, is dismissed by many nowadays as a sentimental story for children. But for those prepared to engage with it, it leads to an encounter with an adult Christ who challenges us in a way that a baby in a crib does not. Thankfully, even in these secular times, when great numbers claim to have no religious belief, there are still many in our community who accept the challenge of the adult Christ to see his face in the faces of the poor, the disadvantaged and the oppressed. This is the time of year when, more than any other, people reach out with great generosity to bring warmth, welcome and comfort to those who are struggling. Whether inspired by faith or not, there is love. And where love is, God is also there.

Despite the ongoing horror of war in Ukraine and Gaza that reminds us how far we still are from realising the Christmas message of 'Peace on earth, goodwill to all', there is a power in the Christmas story that calls on us not to give up on that dream, not to lose heart, but to continue, by our own small acts of kindness & generosity to bring light into the darkness of these winter days. I thank all those in our parish who do just that – serving our community in many ways. May the story of Bethlehem continue to move our hearts to imitate the divine love that inhabits the crib. And may that same story bring warmth and light to your heart and home this Christmas. A very Happy Christmas to all.

Fr Donal

Dolmen Theatre presents a Christmas Evening at St Brigid's Church Cabinteely with all proceeds going to SVDP Sun 17th Dec at 4pm –5.30pm. Tickets 10e/Family Ticket 20e [at the door] Cabinteely Gospel Choir accompanied by Girls & Boys 5th class choir will perform some beautiful Christmas carols. Geraldine Plunkett, Rose Henderson & Isobel Mahon will return to read their favourite Christmas poems and stories. Refreshments after in the parish centre

Christmas Carol Service—Holy Trinity Church Killiney - Dec 17th at 4pm

Christmas Pageant with the Choir & Schools, St Coumbanus Parish, Loughlinstown Dec 19th at 7pm

Join Dun Laoghaire Musical & Dramatic Society for three magical evenings of festive cheer at: **Carols by Candlelight St. Joseph's Parish Church, Glasthule 17th,18th,19th Dec at 8pm** Each performance will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine Tickets €15/€12 at Tinyurl.com/DMDSCarols or at the door!

Christmas Penitential Service 2023

Monday 18th December in St Anne's Shankill at 7.30pm

Wednesday 20th December in Johnstown Parish at 7pm

Please note there is no penitential service in St. Brigid's Parish Church, Cabinteely. Confessions will be heard in the church on Friday 22nd Dec 10.30 – 11.30 and on Sat 23rd Dec from 11am – 1pm.

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 & address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.... **Fr Donal.**

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, for more info. <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups>

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

Crosscare, the Archdiocese's social care agency, is seeking support for its Christmas Food Poverty Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at www.crosscare.ie, call 01- 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Appeal, 2 St Mary's Place North, D07 Y768, Dublin

St Colmcille Partnership of Parishes 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent 24th Dec all Vigil & Morning Masses at usual times, except no 1:00pm Mass in Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin & 6pm Mass in St Anne's Shankill is the Vigil of Christmas

Christmas Day, Mon 25th December

Vigil Mass – Sunday 24th

4:00 pm – Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin
5:00 pm – Church of the Apostles, Ballybrack
– Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown
5:30 pm – **St Brigid's, Cabinteely**
6:00 pm – St Anne's, Shankill
– St Columbanus, Loughlinstown
7:00 pm – St Stephen's, Killiney
– Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown
8:00 pm – Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin (Carols from 7:30 pm)
– St Anne's, Shankill
– **St Brigid's, Cabinteely with Carols from 7.30pm**
9:00 pm – Ss Alphonsus & Columba, Ballybrack (Carols from 8:30pm)
10:00 pm – St Anne's, Shankill

Morning Mass – Monday 25th

8:00 am – St Anne's, Shankill
9:00 am – Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin
– Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown
10:00 am – St Anne's, Shankill
– Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown
– **St Brigid's, Cabinteely**
10:30 am – Ss Alphonsus & Columba, Ballybrack
11:00 am – Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin
– St Columbanus, Loughlinstown
11:30 am – Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown
12:00 noon – Church of the Apostles, Ballybrack
– St Anne's, Shankill
12:30 pm – **St Brigid's, Cabinteely**

Hymns for Sunday Mass

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And free your captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice O Israel,
To you shall come Emmanuel.

O Royal Branch of Jesse's tree,
Redeem us all from tyranny;
From pain of hell your people free,
And over death win victory.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Mon to Fri, by calling **1800 807077**. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more info

Child Safeguarding Policy

There is a new Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy. Copies are on display in the church, centre and online and available on request

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