

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat Vigil Dec 23rd — 5.30pm**

Paddy Torpey—4th Anniversary

**Sunday Dec 24th - 10am**

Declan Harnett—1st Anniversary  
Fearghal O'Farrell—Remembrance  
Mona & George Smith

**Sunday Dec 24th—5.30pm**

**Sunday Dec 24th—8pm**

Fergus & Richard Morton  
Tom & Helen Kilcoyne  
Paddy, Rita & Gerry Kavanagh  
Kitty Lopez Kilcoyne  
Dan Healy—Anniversary  
George & Christina & George Jnr

**Monday Dec 25th— 10am**

Christina Lynch, Birthday Remembrance

**Monday Dec 25th— 12.30pm**

Pamela & Liam Dalton  
Joy O'Connell—Recently Deceased

**Tues Dec 26th St Stephens Day 11am**

Moirá Carter—Anniversary  
Sylvia Huet—Anniversary

**Thurs 28th - 10am**

Moya Keogh—26th Anniversary  
Doreen Sexton—Anniversary

**Fri 29th- 10am**

Tim Keane - 2nd Anniversary

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

## PARISH OF ST BRIGID'S CABINTEELY —DECEMBER 24TH 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**

## 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.**

## 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](http://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

## 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](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more info

**The local conference of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank all those who responded so generously to their annual Christmas appeal. This money will be put to good use helping people in need to have food, heat, and some gifts this Christmas.**

The Parish office/Shop will be closed from **1pm Friday Dec 22nd to Tues Jan 2nd 2024.**



## 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>

## St Colmcille Partnership of Parishes 2023

4th Sunday of Advent 24<sup>th</sup> Dec all Vigil & Morning Masses at usual times, except no 12.30 in St Brigid's or 1pm Mass in Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin & 6pm Mass in St Anne's Shankill is the Vigil of Christmas

## Christmas Day, Mon 25<sup>th</sup> December

### Vigil Mass – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

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 25<sup>th</sup>

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**

## St Stephen's Day, Mon 26<sup>th</sup> December

### Daily Mass – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin  
10:00 am – St Anne's, Shankill  
– Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown  
11:00 am – **St Brigid's, Cabinteely**  
– St Stephen's, Killiney

## 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.

## Feast of Holy Family (New Year's Eve), Sun 31<sup>st</sup> December

**Vigil & Morning Mass** At usual times

### Other Events

**5-6pm.** Service of Prayer to Welcome the New Year, Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin

## Feast of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day), Mon 1<sup>st</sup> January

9am – Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin  
10 am – St Anne's, Shankill  
– Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown  
11am – **St Brigid's, Cabinteely**  
– Ss Alphonsus & Columba, Ballybrack

**Sat Jan 6th is the FEAST of the EPIPHANY** there will be a vigil Mass on Friday 5th at 7pm and Mass on Saturday 6th at 10am