



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Sunday Feb 2nd 2025 The Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after the feast of Christmas, as it was traditionally understood that Jesus was presented in the Temple forty days after his birth. This day is also known as Candlemas, because candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and the light of our life. This is in keeping with Simeon's reference to the child Jesus in the gospel reading as a 'light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'.

Simeon's prayer beginning, 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace', has become an integral element of the Night Prayer of the Church. Simeon recognized the true identity of the child that the young couple from Nazareth brought into the Temple. He realized who had just entered the Temple, who had entered his life. Looking at this new born child, he could see the 'salvation' that God had been preparing for all the nations to see. Simeon recognized that the light of God's love was shining through the face of this child, a light that would enlighten the pagans and bring glory to Israel.

The gospel reading suggests that Simeon had this level of insight into the child of Joseph and Mary because the Holy Spirit rested on him and he came to the child prompted by the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who allows us to see Jesus as he really is. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, says, 'No one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God' and declares, 'we have received... the Spirit that is from God, so that we can understand the gifts bestowed on us by God'. We need the Holy Spirit to appreciate the gifts that God has given us, especially God's greatest gift, his beloved Son, who is with us until the end of time. On this feast, we invite the Holy Spirit to rest upon us afresh, as he rested on Simeon, so that, like him, we may recognize the many ways that the risen Lord enters our lives.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekdays

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. at 10am

Including Bank Holidays

No mass on Wednesday.

Weekends

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5.30 PM

Sunday: 10.00am & 12.30pm

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

Saturday Vigil Feb 1st — 5.30pm

Marion Reilly—Recently Deceased

Sunday Feb 2nd — 10am

John & Isabella Dilworth- Anniversaries

Patrick & Lal Sexton— Anniversaries

Jackie Kennedy—Anniversary

Sunday Feb 2nd — 12.30pm

Michael Conneely—Months Mind

Tom Brazil Jnr — 18th Anniversary

Holly Bryan—1sy Anniversary

Ciarán Dalton — 27th Anniversary

Recently Deceased

Rosemary Mulligan

Deirdre Corr

Monday - 10am

Daniel Kelly & Marcela O'Toole

Tues—10am

Agnes Corish—Recently Deceased

Thurs -10am

Special Intention

Pat Trimpi—Recently Deceased

Maura O'Sullivan— Anniversary

Fri -10am

First Friday

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Change in Sunday Mass Times

Our second Sunday mass has resumed its previous time of 12.30pm

Thank you to those who have returned **CHRISTMAS DUES** envelopes or who have donated online. The Christmas Dues goes to the common fund from which priests are paid an allowance.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Might this be you? Contact Aisling at 01 5053112 or marriagepreparation@accord.ie, and for further information see www.accord.ie.

FAITH FORMATION TALKS

Dr. Jessie Rogers, Maynooth, will come to Ballybrack-Killiney Parish to assist with our Faith Formation.

She will speak in Church of the Apostles, Ballybrack on Wednesdays at 19.30hrs on the following dates.

5th February, 5th March, 9th April, 21st May

This years talks will focus on The Psalms - the great poetry of Scripture. **All are welcome**

SENIORLINE

Would you like someone to talk to? **SeniorLine** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer callers to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. **Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm.**

Volunteers needed for the weekly cleaning of the Church. If you can help in any way please give your name in to the parish office.

Thank You For your Generosity

Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously and regularly to our parish collections. The two collections during Mass go to the central administration of the diocese. The First Collection [plus dues] is used to pay the priest's salaries, both working & retired. The second collection (**Share**) pays for the services provided by the diocese and is used to support parishes that are struggling financially. If you want to support the parish at local level, you can use the weekly envelopes or pay by standing order (details in parish office). If you would like to make a donation by credit/ debit card, simply scan the QR code using the camera on your phone and it will take you to our secure online donations page, where you can enter your card details.

First Collection



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Second Collection



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Our local conference of **St. Vincent de Paul** will hold their usual monthly Collection at all masses **NEXT weekend (the 8th and 9th February)**. The team would like to sincerely thank all those who support us regularly. If you are struggling and need our help, you can contact us at www.svp.ie or by phoning 01-8550022.

BLESSING OF THROATS

On **Monday 3rd February**, the blessing of throats will take place after the 10am mass. This blessing is a sign of our faith in God's protection and his love for the sick.

On **Sunday 2nd February** we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of our Lord, also known as **CANDLEMAS DAY**. The blessing of candles will take place at the 10am mass. You are welcome to bring your own candle if you would like it blessed

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday** 10th Feb at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Partnership Life in the Spirit Seminar for Lent

Lent is coming up quickly with Ash Wed being on the 5th March so our St. Colmcille Partnership of Parishes plans to run a Life in the Spirit Seminar along with the Community of Nazareth on 7 Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm starting on Fri 28th Feb. It will start in Johnstown Parish Centre on Fri 28th for 4 Fridays and finish in Shankill Parish Centre on the following 3 Fridays. Pope Francis has asked us to share the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the whole Church, As the Jubilee Prayer says: "May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us...a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth (including in Johnstown, Cabinteely, Ballybrack, Shankill, Loughlinstown and Sallynoggin). Please mark the dates in your diary. More details later.

AWARE offer a free weekly group for people in the community who may be struggling with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder & mood related conditions in Cabinteely. Details are on **Aware.ie website**. This group takes place in the **Ash Room, St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Johnstown Road, Cabinteely, D18YP96. Time: Every Wednesday at 7pm**

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