



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Third Sunday of Advent— Dec 14th 2025

Good news of God

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed and practised what he taught. But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others.

John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom. The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

The late Pope Francis says:

'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something. Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections.'

We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others.

We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us — happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.

Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and help me to share this good news in word and deed with all whom I meet these waiting days

Donal Neary SJ

Mass times - 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

Parish of St Brigid's Cabinteely

www.cabinteelyparish.ie : email info@cabinteelyparish.ie

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You can contact St Vincent de Paul at www.svp.ie or by phoning 01-8550022.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Feast Days

Fri 18th — St Flannan, Bishop of Killaloe

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil Dec 13th — 5.30pm

Jack Roy — 4th Anniversary

Jean & Christy O'Connell — Anniversaries

Pat Cooney — Recently Deceased

Special Intention

May Callan —Recently Deceased

Anne Tansey —Recently Deceased

Sunday Dec 14th — 10am

Bridget & Michael Gaughran—Anniversary

James Keogh—Recently Deceased

Edward Nelson — Anniversary

Margaret Cleary—Anniversary

Mary Heffernan—10th Anniversary

Sunday Dec 14th — 12.30pm

Patricia Byrne—Anniversary

Pat O'Connor— 1st Anniversary

Larry & Katherine Ryder—Anniversaries

Mary Callan—Recently Deceased

Carmel Nea - Recently Deceased

Recently Deceased

Michael Croke

Monday - 10am

Peter & Chris Heffernan & all deceased members of the Heffernan family

Tues—10am

Bill Lowry & all deceased members of the Lowry family

Thursday—10am

Anne O'Malley—Recently Deceased

Friday—10am

Armelle Conway—Remembrance

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

The St Brigid's conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will hold their annual Christmas Collection at all masses **THIS weekend (13th/14th Dec)** replacing the usual 'Share Collection'. If you do not carry cash but wish to donate, you can do so by using the QR code below paying online at www.svp.ie or online direct to St Vincent de Paul St Brigid's Account: **IBAN - IE92BOFI90118317728620** Your kindness and generosity helps families struggling to buy food, keep their lights on and stay warm this winter. Your continued support is very much appreciated. If you or someone you know needs help or are experiencing serious financial concerns, please know that SVP can help. You can phone the Head Office on **01-8550022** and always be assured of our complete confidentiality.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This Thursday Dec 18th from 10.45 to 12noon.
Adoration will resume on Thurs Jan 15th 2026
ALL WELCOME

Christmas Confessions in St Brigid's

After 10am Mass Fri. Dec 19th
After 5.30pm Mass on Sat Dec 20th
Christmas Eve Dec 24th 11am—1pm

St Anne's Parish Shankill

Dec 14th 3–6pm Afternoon Retreat for Women
Dec 14th 8pm Habemus Chamber Choir – Carols by Candlelight, mulled wine & mince pies [Ticketed]

SENIORLINE

Would you like someone to talk to? **SeniorLine** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year. 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 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm**

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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ST BRIGID'S CABINTEELY - CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Penitential services

Tuesday 16th December—Shankill Parish at 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th December—Johnstown Killiney at 7.30pm

Sat Dec 20th – 5.30pm Vigil. Confessions after Mass. Sunday
Dec 21st – 10am & 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24TH

No Morning Mass – Confessions 11am- 1pm

Christmas Vigil Masses 4pm, 6pm & 9pm [with Carols from 8.30pm]

CHRISTMAS DAY – THURSDAY DECEMBER 25TH

10am [Adult Choir] & 12.30pm [Gospel Group]

ST STEPHENS DAY – FRIDAY DEC 26TH – 11AM

Saturday Dec 27th – Feast of St John, Apostle – 11am, Vigil
Mass 5.30pm for the Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday Dec 28th – Feast of the Holy Family - 10am & 12.30pm

Dec 29th, 30th, 31st & Jan 2nd & 5th – All 10am Mass

Thurs Jan 1st 2026 – Mary, Holy Mother of God – Solemnity - 10am

Sat Jan 3rd - Vigil Mass 5.30pm for the Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday Jan 4th – Second Sunday of Christmas - 10am & 12.30

Tues 6th Jan The Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity – 10am

Next Saturday's Vigil Mass—Dec 20th at 5.30pm

is a Special Mass for the boys and girls making the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish next year

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. . For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

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**

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

Please support our 2025 Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. Your donation – big or small – will help provide food, stability, and a pathway towards independence for those who need it most. Donate at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011.

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**