



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Fourth Sunday of Advent— Dec 21st 2025

The Call to Joseph

In religious terms we would call Joseph 'a faithful type of guy', observant in religious thought and practice. The visit from the angel tests his faithfulness to God and to Mary.

He doesn't let them down. He was called to be the **carer** of Jesus and Mary and to find a new openness to the mystery of God.

A temptation of religion is to tie things down too much. The law in Joseph's time was strict - if a woman was pregnant the man would cancel the betrothal, and she might be stoned to death! Joseph went beyond law to love and the mystery of God's call. Good religion is open to the mystery of life, however life challenges us and calls us. Some of the most open-minded people I have met have been very religious, and some of the most narrow-minded people have also been religious! Like good and bad medicine, there is good and bad in religion.

True religion is open to mystery. We need a church lit with the light of God, as Joseph was. His burden was lifted when he was open to God, to take Mary home as his wife, no matter what others might think. This is the annunciation to Joseph - the word of God from the angel to Joseph in a dream. It opened him to a huge new meaning in life. We accept this word as a central part of our lives, and the next time we meet the word, it will be made flesh.

Look to your own house, and all who live in it. Imagine the light of Christ in each room and on all the family.

**Lord, you are the word of God, made flesh,
have mercy on us.**
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

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil Dec 20th — 5.30pm

Cyril Smyth — Anniversary
Patrick Kelly — 5th Anniversary

Sunday Dec 21st — 10am

Declan Harnett — 3rd Anniversary
Frank Keogh—Recently Deceased
Donal O'Sullivan — 1st Anniversary

Sunday Dec 21st — 12.30pm

Pamela & Liam Dalton — Anniversaries
Maureen & David Salmon—Anniversaries
Fergus & Richard Morton— Remembrance
Gerry Holmes—Anniversary

Recently Deceased

Jack Gardiner
Annie Gowen

Monday

10am —Funeral Mass of Mary McNally
12noon - Funeral Mass of Bridget Greaves

Tues—10am

Paddy Torpey - Anniversary

Christmas Eve Wed. Dec 24th

No Morning Mass
4pm ,
6pm—Dan Healy—Anniversary
9pm - George Humphries—Anniversary

Christmas Day Thurs Dec 25th

10am - Choir
12.30pm [Gospel Group]

St. Stephens Day — Fri Dec 26th Mass at 11am

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Christmas Message

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from Fr Paul, Fr Arthur, Fr Paddy, Fr Tom and all the parish team. Thank you for all your support during the year. **A very Blessed Christmas to you.**

We look forward to seeing you over the Christmas Season as we celebrate the joy of the child Saviour's birth.

Christmas Confessions in St Brigid's

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

The **Parish office/shop** will be closed from 1pm on Tues Dec 23rd until 9am Jan 5th.

The local team of **St Vincent de Paul** are very grateful for the wonderful response to their Annual **Christmas Appeal** - your very generous support helps makes **Christmas** better for everyone. **Thank You**

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**

PALESTRINA CHOIR

This Sunday, December 21st – Carol Service at 3.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

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



Second Collection



ST BRIGID'S CABINTEELY - CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

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

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

