



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## Sunday Dec 7th 2025—Second Sunday of Advent

### *The Straight Way*

Before motorways a journey took ages, with many twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight. John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions.

John the Baptist was a man on a mission - *to be the messenger of the one he did not know*. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world.

John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would take him.

The human heart is complicated and we know that. We all need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide, no name-calling, no bringing of the axe to the tree, but calling each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down..

Our hearts can be melted at Christmas time by the love of God and love of others, if we can just thaw out. Think of, or remember a past Christmas time when you made a decision to allow Jesus do this for you again - maybe it is time to try again this year!

*Lord Jesus, this year, arm our hearts to be like yours.*

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

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Feast Days

**Mon 8th** —The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tues 9th** —St Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin

**Thurs 10th** — Our Lady of Loreto

**Fri 11th** — St Damasus 1, Pope

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday Vigil Dec 6th — 5.30pm

John McKeon [26th] & Ellen McKeon  
[2nd] Anniversaries

Sarah & Brendan Farrelly—Anniversaries

Jim Kirwan—2nd Anniversary

#### Sunday Dec 7th — 10am

Madge Loughney —Rec. Deceased

Mary Glennon - Recently Deceased

Kit & Martin Hanley —Anniversaries

Mary & Michael Sexton—Anniversaries

Isabella & John Dilworth—Anniversaries

Michael & Josephine Walsh—Anniversaries

#### Sunday Dec 7th — 12.30pm

Christopher O'Rourke — Anniversary

Deirdre Dolan — 4th Anniversary

Maureen Newman — 1st Anniversary

Jim Kirwan — 2nd Anniversary

#### Recently Deceased

John Murphy

#### Monday - 10am

Jim Kirwan —2nd Anniversary

#### Tues—10am

Nuala McGee—Anniversary

#### Thursday—10am

Frank & Elizabeth Tavares - Recently Deceased

#### Friday—10am

Special Intention

**PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

This Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of obligation. Mass is at **10am** here in St. Brigid's Cabinteely

The St Brigid's conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will hold their annual Christmas Collection at all masses **NEXT 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](http://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.



#### **DEPT OF EDUCATION SURVEY – HAVE YOUR SAY**

The current Dept. of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Rep. of Ireland. The survey is school specific and **needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally**. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, **please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at [www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey/](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey/). It closes on Dec 16th.**

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

this Thursday [and every Thursday unless notified] from 10.45 to 12noon. **ALL WELCOME**

#### **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 Parish presents an **Advent Talk on Wed Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre Fr Pat Gorevan will speak on "An introduction to the Year of Matthew " **ALL WELCOME**

#### **Christmas Sing for Fun Christmas Concert**

St Columbanus Church, Loughlinstown.  
Dec 9th 7.30pm to 8.30pm. **All Welcome**

**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](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie)

#### **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**

**Johnstown/Killiney Parish** invite you to the **next Men's Breakfast on Sat Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8am to 9.30 in Johnstown Centre Churchview Rd, Killiney, A96 AY24.

**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](http://www.crosscare.ie) or call 01 8360011.

**PALESTRINA CHOIR 13th Dec** – 'The Joy of Christmas with the Palestrina Choir' National Concert Hall.  
**21st Dec** – Carol Service at 3.30pm at Pro-Cathedral.

#### **Nativity Express Christmas Trail—Dec 13th 2-4pm**

Welcome to the Nativity Express Christmas Trail! Join us at Rathmichael Parish Church, Church of Ireland for a Christmas celebration through story trail and craft. Ride our Christmas train back in time and meet the prophets, register for the census, bump into an angel in Nazareth and journey to Bethlehem. Bring your family and friends along for a memorable and novel retelling of the first Christmas. Use the link below to book a place <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nativity-express-christmas-trail-tickets-1960417344049>