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1st Sunday of Advent
SEVERE FLOOD WARNING

It only takes one bout of severe weather, like a few days of torrential rain, to make us realise that despite our air of sophistication we are really still at the mercy of the elements. We amble along quite happily until floods are upon us and then we start talking about the major issues of global warming, lack of investment in flood defences and the damage to the ozone layer caused by fuel emissions.

Of course, once the wind dies down and the water level recedes, we return to our old ways. We forget the lessons that seemed so obvious when the storms were beating down on us. We put away the buckets that caught the drips and we consign the sandbags to the back of the garden. It's time to relax again.

Advent is our call to stay awake, day in and day out and be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus tells us that no one knows the day or the hour when the Son of Man will demand a reckoning from us of how we have remained true to our principles. He warns us to be on the watch. Make sure that you don't get so bogged down with the trivia of life, he says, that you neglect the really important things.

It's quite likely that most of us will die before the second coming of the Son of Man. The temptation for us is to live for the day and give no thought to our future judgement. While there appears to be no religious flood warning we carry on regardless. When things go bad for us, when death takes our loved ones, when illness strikes us or troubles mount on all sides, we turn to God and remember that the Lord has promised to set us free from all that might threaten us. But it usually takes the prospect of disaster or discomfort to focus our minds on what is really important.

Mass times in St. Brigid's Church
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 10 am
Saturday 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 10 am
Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 6.30 pm
Sunday - 10 am and 12.30 pm

Weekend Intentions

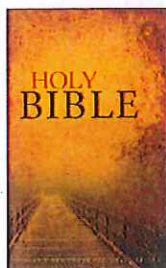
Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.



- 6.30 pm** -1. Aleica, Jack & Jim Devlin - Anniv
Vigil 2. John & Mary Gibbons - Anniv
10.00am - 1. Nuala McGee - 7th Anniversary
 2. Moninne Quinn & Nuala Murphy - Anniv.
12.30pm -1. John McKean - Anniversary
 2. Brendan Reynolds - 11th Anniv
 3. Michael & Josephine Walsh - Anniversary

Recently Deceased: Paddy Power

Anniversaries: Dan, Mary & Roger McGrath



Faith Development Groups

Centering Prayer: Wednesday 7pm- 8pm - this group will meet in the Icon Chapel.

Bible Reflections: Thursday at 10.30am. This group meet in our 'Icon Chapel' .

Gospel Contemplation: Friday - 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Please feel free to join any groups.

Would it help to talk? The Bethany Bereavement Support Group holds its '**Drop In**' on the last Friday of each month in the Parish Centre from 10.30 - 11.30 am. Next '**Drop In**' 30th December

A warm welcome, chat and a cuppa for all who wish to attend, no need to book, just arrive.

There are **Confessions** every Saturday after 6.30pm Mass here in St. Brigid's, Cabinteely.

As the **Bereavement Altar** has been dismantled please collect your leaves from the Parish Centre as soon as possible. Thank you.