



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Dec 15th 2019— 3rd Sunday of Advent

One of the most beautiful things about the Christmas story is its human simplicity. How very ordinary! How relatable! We see a young family caught up in government regulations, encountering difficulty booking travel arrangements. We see a belated baby shower filled with the most unlikely attendees. Yet, if you attended Christmas Mass during the day, the Gospel does not contain the familiar story of over-crowded inns and hay-lined mangers. It features something much more mysterious. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God ... all things came to be through him." Matthew, Mark, and Luke give us the Christmas story from the human perspective. John's Gospel tells the Christmas story from the divine perspective.

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race." C.S. Lewis described Christmas as God parachuting down behind enemy lines. Jesus entered into a world darkened by sin, and it isn't so different today. We can find it in the complications of our own lives and the lives of our families. We can find it in our cities, our nation, our world. But it wasn't only the star that shone on Christmas night. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

In the midst of all that is so very human — whether the humdrum or the horrible — "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." No matter what we bring into this Christmas day, God enters our existence. He enters our experiences. When we allow God into our lives in a new way, when we surrender to Him our lingering areas of darkness, then we will "[see] his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." It's time to welcome Him



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Estimated Cost: €500,000

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 15th Dec 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14th Dec. 2019

6.30 pm Vigil. Tom Collins - 2nd Anniversary

Sun 15th Dec 2019

10.00 am— Brigid Gaughran - 6th Anniversary

12.30pm Cyril Corrigan - Anniversary
Paddy Byrne - 27th Anniversary
Annie O'Loughlin - Anniversary

Recently Deceased—

Months Mind— Betty Callaghan.

Anniversaries: - Jane Widdis, Maureen & David Salmon, Nicholas Lynch (27th Anniversary)

Mon—10am— Owen Clarke - Recently Deceased
Fr Colm Kenny - Anniversary

Tues 10 AM— Nancy Gilmartin - Recently Deceased
Margaret Cleary - Anniversary

Thurs 10 AM— Patrick Joseph McKinley - Recently Deceased

Fri 10 AM— Cyril Smith - Anniversary

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Volunteers are urgently needed to man the parish centre in the evenings from 6pm-10pm, without which there would be no activities held in the evenings. This would be an unfortunate situation for our parish. If you wish to volunteer, please give your details to either the parish office or into the sacristy.

Cabinteely Church Renovation. [Thank you to those who have responded so far.]

Anytime I celebrate Mass in St Brigid's Church, I am always filled with a deep sense of gratitude to the generations since 1836 that have looked after Cabinteely Church and Parish. I am also filled with a sense of wonder and feel privileged to be in such a beautiful Church. We are ultimately custodians and it is our turn now to look after the Church for this generation and beyond. We have no control over the future but we do have control of the present.

You will find envelopes and a fund-raising booklet at the back of the Church which gives an outline of the scope of the work and of how you can help. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Parish which is sowing seeds for the future
Fr Aquinas

Tribes Press is working in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul and the Simon Community to support families in need. We are offering a chance for you to donate as little as €5 and as much as you like towards new books for a child or whole family for Christmas.

For every donation you make to the value of a new book, Tribes Press will donate another book. Each book will be signed by the author with a special message inside to each child. To donate go to www.tribespress.com email: info@tribespress.com or call: 087 7749873.

Large selection of **Divine Word Christmas Cards** for sale in the Parish Office along with novelty gift ideas. Do drop in during the week to have a look

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and like the First Collection on Sundays go to the Diocesan Common Fund from which all priests both those in appointments and those who are retired or sick receive an allowance.

Tai Chi for Beginners,
Fundamental exercises to relax, rejuvenate and energise.
10 weekly classes beginning on Tuesday the 28th of January 2020, 7.30pm to 9pm. Cost €70.
For information and to reserve a place, contact Aisling at 087 7998504 or email aislingtaichi@gmail.com



Bethany Bereavement Drop-In
There will be **NO** Bereavement Drop-In in December.
The next one will take place on 31st January 2020 in St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre after the 10am Mass.

The Parish Centre

There are rooms available for rent ranging in size from 15 to 100 people.

Do you have an idea for a course, a class, a one off event for 2020? Are you looking for a venue??? Give Marian/Ann a call on 01 2858835 to arrange to view our facilities.

The **Coffee Dock** is open weekdays from 10am and is open Sunday Morning after 10am Mass. A warm welcome guaranteed.

Parish Prayer/Reflection Groups

Tues: Divine Mercy Devotions after the 10 AM Mass

Wed. Centering Prayer 7pm-8pm

Thurs.: Gospel Reflection 10.30am-12.30pm

Fri: Gospel Contemplation 11am-12pm

The Rosary is recited before the 10 AM mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thurs & Fri at 9.40 AM.

Christmas Penitential Service 2019

7.30pm – Tuesday 17th Dec in Foxrock Parish

Please note there is no penitential service in St. Brigid's Parish Church, Cabinteely

Christmas Day Vigil Masses – 24th Dec. 2019

5 pm – St Brigid's Parish Church— [Family Mass]

5 pm – Johnstown Church

6.30 pm – St Brigid's Park Mass Centre, [Family Mass]

5.00 pm – Foxrock Church

6.30 pm – Foxrock Church

7.30 pm – Johnstown Church

8 pm – Foxrock Church – Cantor

8.00 pm – St Brigid's Parish Church – Carols from 7.30 pm

10.00 pm – Foxrock Church Adult Choir – Parish Choir Carols from 9.30 pm

Christmas Day – 25th December 2019

8.30 am – Foxrock Church

9 am – Johnstown Church

10 am – St Brigid's Parish Church—Choir

10 am – Foxrock Church – Family Mass & Johnstown Church

11.30 am – Foxrock Church – Adult choir

11.30 am – Johnstown Church

12.30 pm – St Brigid's Parish Church —Gospel Choir

12.30 pm – Foxrock Church – Cantor/ Carols

Please note there are No Evening Masses on Christmas Day

St Stephens Day – 26th December 2019

10.00am - Foxrock Church and Johnstown Church

11.00 am - St. Brigid's Parish Church

Confessions: Saturday 21st December

St. Brigid's Parish Church – After 6.30pm Mass

Friday 27th Dec. Mass @ 11am St Brigid's Church

No morning mass on Saturday 28th December
Mon & Tues 30th & 31st December Mass at 10am
Bank Holiday Wed. 1st Jan. 2020 Mass at 11am in St. Brigid's Parish Church.