



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



December 19th 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.



WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

Dec 19th 2021

***St Brigid's Church closed on
Nov 1st for essential
maintenance work which is
expected to take approximately
4 months.***

We are encouraging our parishioners to attend Masses both on the weekday and Sundays in the other two Churches in the Pastoral area, namely Johnstown and Foxrock. Masses can also be viewed online from these Churches.

<https://www.churchservices.tv/foxrock>
<https://www.churchservices.tv/johnstownour lady>

<https://cabinteelyparish.ie/mass-times-in-neighbouring-parishes/>

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and CHY 7424



Our Church is Closed for Essential Works until early 2022
Thank you for your continued support

www.cabinteelyparish.ie

**Parish Office & Centre
will remain open**

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customer/10373/product-list/](https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10373/product-list/)



Christmas Mass times in Neighbouring Parishes

Foxrock

Christmas Eve 4pm, 6pm, 8pm and 10 pm
Christmas Day 8.30 am, 10am, 11.30am
and 12.45pm (Cabinteely Gospel Choir)
Penance Service is on Dec 14th at 7 PM

Johnstown

Christmas Eve 5pm, 7pm [Cabinteely Church Choir] ,
& 8.30 pm [Cabinteely Church Choir]
Christmas Day 9am, 10am, 11.30am
No Penance Service
Confessions after 10am weekday masses up to Thurs. 23rd Dec.

Christmas Dues can be given online or there are envelopes in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Renovation Update

The works to our church St Brigid's are progressing well and in line with the contract programme. The pews have been removed for refurbishment and the original electrics and wiring have been stripped out. New cabling routes are agreed and this cabling has commenced. Repairs to the plaster work internally are ongoing ahead of decoration. A section of the stain glass window over the church entrance has been removed and taken to a specialist studio for remedial work. We will update further in the new year as the project progresses.

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<https://cabinteelyparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/dlr-Age-Friendly-Free-Magazine-2022.pdf>

BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission & Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is 'Be Still'. This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. the reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission & Ministry.

AWARE- SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you wish to connect with people in relation to your mental well-being, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, These services provide support, coping skills and information and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience For more info. about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups>

ON LINE APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN FOOD POVERTY - 2021

Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks in the short term, and we work with them to move out of food poverty in the long term.

We keep in touch with families helping them to help themselves.

We help them with budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support they may need, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves. Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for **Crosscare** makes a huge difference to those most in need. We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022. Please help us to help them. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at www.crosscare.ie/donate or call 01 8360011

Website of the Week: Meditation through Art on the Visitation

The Gospel reading for the 4th Sunday in Advent is the story of the Visitation. The superb Jesuit Advent online series, Arts & Faith, concludes on the 4th Sunday with a glorious meditation on the 1910 painting, *The Visitation*, by Edward Ossawa Tanner – the first African American to gain international artistic acclaim. Access it at: www.newpilgrimage.ie. Do also visit our [Daily Sacred Music for Advent](http://www.newpilgrimage.ie) page! A special feature from 17th Dec. will be various recordings, with commentary, of the **Great 'O' Antiphons**, (or **Great Advent Antiphons**). These are antiphons used at vespers on the last seven days of Advent in many Western Christian traditions. Praying these antiphons has been a marvellous preparation for Christmas for almost 2,000 years.

Supporting St. Brigid's Parish-

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The Easy Payments online donate button is below through which you can set up once off or monthly payments to all the collections. Also here are Print Version of Standing Order Forms

For First and Second Sunday Collections
[standing-order-collections](#)

For Parish Planned Giving to support the Parish

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For Church Renovation Fund

[Standing Order FUNDRAISING](#)



Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the 1st Collection (Common Fund which pays an allowance to priests) and the 2nd Collection (Share which supports developing parishes & the Diocesan Administration) in addition to the planned Giving which supports the running of the parish. There are permanent boxes in place for 1st & 2nd Collections. There is also a double envelope for the 1st & 2nd Collections. **If you put your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.**
Fr Aquinas