



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



December 11th 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekdays

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. at **10am**

No mass on Wednesday.

Bank Holidays at **11am**

Weekends

Vigil Mass (Saturday) **5.30 PM**

Sunday: 10.00am & 12.30am

All masses available online

www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

Saturday Dec 10th - Vigil 5.30

Jack Roy—1st Anniversary

James Stafford—Months Mind

Sunday Dec 11th — 10am

Nicholas Lynch —30th Anniversary

Sunday Dec 11th — 12.30

Maggie & Jack Donohoe

Recently Deceased

Monday 10am

Mass for the Holy Souls
Special Intention

Tues 10am

Special Intention

Thurs 10am

Nikolaos Mengessidis –
Recently deceased

Fri 10am.

Kathleen Gannon & Rita Meehan
Recently Deceased

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Our local **SVP** will hold their **Annual Christmas Collection** at all masses this weekend, replacing the usual 'Share' collection. By giving what you can, your kindness and generosity enables SVP to help those that are struggling to buy food and fuel through these very hard times. You can also donate online using this link <https://paypayzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10373/product-list/>
Your generosity is very much appreciated.

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

2022 has been very difficult for families coming to Crosscare needing help. For the first time in many years, they have seen a rise in the number of working families struggling with increases in the cost of living. The demands of Christmas put even more pressure on people already finding it hard to make ends meet. This Christmas, they are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families & individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. If you can, you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768.

We have a customised St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely Christmas Card on sale in the Parish Shop. These cost **1.50e** each or 4 cards for **5e**. All proceeds go to Parish funds

Volunteers needed for the following Ministry teams

Ministers of the Eucharistic
 Ministers of the Word, Sacristan Support
 Cleaners for the church
 Hospitality -Teas/Coffee after Sunday's 10am mass.
 Full training on all roles will be provided. Please contact the parish office or leave your name in the Sacristy after mass.

CE Employment Scheme.

Are you eligible for Community Employment ? We have vacancies for the following positions in St. Brigid's Parish, Cabinteely.
Office Admin/Reception & Caretaker.
Step 1. Please contact the Dept. Of Social protection to establish your eligibility.
Step 2. Once the dept. confirms eligibility contact Melissa Tobin on 01-2822704 for more info on how to apply

Supporting St. Brigid's Parish-

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20016166 and CHY 7424

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

[Standing Order FAMILY OFFERING](#)

For Church Maintenance Fund



Contributions to the Dublin Diocese

NAME OF COLLECTION	GOES TO	PURPOSE
Easter, Summer & Christmas Dues 60% of Sunday Mass collections* & Tap & Go donations	Diocesan Common Fund	Provides salaries & care for serving and retired priests of the Diocese
40% of Sunday Mass collections* & Tap and Go donations	Share	Human Resources, educational, financial admin.. child safeguarding, property maintenance Chancery, Marriage Tribunal
Special Collections	DIOCESAN INITIATIVES, including Crosscare, Peters Pence, Catholic Youth Care, Vocations, Missions & St Vincent De Paul	

Christmas Penance Service for Cabinteely, Foxrock and Newtown Park Ave Parishes will take place in **Foxrock** on **Thursday 15th December** at **7.30 PM**

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!
Cabinteely Church Hall Toddler Group
 Tuesdays 10.00 - 11.30 (during termtime)

Toys, games, books, singing and lots of new friends
 healthy snacks for little ones and tea/coffee for grownups

First session FREE

welcome all age babies and toddlers
 pay as you go only € 4

All parents and carers welcome!

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 & information & most importantly help people who are in distress to know they are not alone in their experience. For more info. <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups>

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