



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



December 25th 2022 - The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that business? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the night-time of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savour more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome home, Merry Christmas.



Parish of St Brigid's Cabinteely

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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

Christmas Eve Sat Dec 24th 5pm

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Fergus & Richard Morton—Anniversaries

Eleanor & Thomas Kilcoyne & Family

Dan Healy—Anniversary

Paddy & Rita Kavanagh

Christmas Day Sun. 25th 10am

Gerry Holmes—6th Anniversary

Noreen Drake Stoker—Rec. Dec.

Jim Quinn—Recently Deceased

Christina Lynch—Birthday Remembrance

Christmas Day Sun. 25th 12.30am

Pamela Dalton—Anniversary

John Byrne—Anniversary

Byrne Family—Remembrance

Months Mind

Derek Wynne

St. Stephens Day—Mon 26th 11am

Sylvia Huet—Anniversary

Tues Dec 27th 10am

Doreen Sexton—Anniversary

O'Dwyer 30th Wedding Anniversary

Moya Keogh—25th Anniversary

Thurs Dec 29th 10am

Tim Keane—1st Anniversary

Fri Dec 30th 10am

Terry O'Rourke - Rec. Deceased

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Christmas Services 2022

Christmas Eve Masses (Saturday 24th December)
St Brigid's Church: 5 PM and 8 PM with carols at 7.30 PM
Christmas Day Masses (Sunday 25th December)
St Brigid's Church Cabinteely: 10 AM and 12.30 PM

Monday 26th December: Mass is at **11 AM**
Masses on 27th, 29th and 30th are at **10 AM**.
Also online at www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Johnstown-Killiney Parish)

Christmas Eve Masses: 6 PM and 8 PM
Christmas Day Masses: 9 AM, 10 AM and 11.30 AM
Also online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/johnstownourlady>

Foxrock—Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Christmas Eve 6pm, 8pm and 10 pm
Christmas Day 8.30 am, 10am, 11.30am

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God-with-us and For us. In Jesus, we see who and what God is like, shining a light on an often dark world. I hope that you get the chance to gather with family and friends over the Christmas period. It is so important to treasure them while they are still with you on this plane of existence. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the priests, staff and volunteers of Cabinteely Parish and all who support the parish. Without you there would be no parish. Thank you so much for all that you do which is so much appreciated. In the New Year, we will begin to work closely with the other parishes in our new Partnership area (Cabinteely, Johnstown-Killiney, Ballybrack-Killiney, Loughlinstown, Sallynoggin and Shankill. This partnership will also incorporate the new Cherrywood development which will soon be a new Town). Change is always challenging but God is with us and for us as we begin a new chapter.

May I wish you a very peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the journey in faith which is 2023.

Fr Aquinas



Volunteers needed for the following Ministry teams

Ministers of the Eucharistic & 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.

The Parish office/Shop will be closed from 1pm Friday
Dec 23rd to Tues Jan 3rd 2023

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



Britten's Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' is extraordinarily beautiful and deeply reverent. In our website of the week it is done full justice by the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge one of the finest collegiate choirs in the world. What better way to celebrate Christmas Day than by praying along with this sublime music? We include all the lyrics. **Do visit us on Christmas Eve also, for a very special poem and piece of music.**

Access all this at www.newpilgrimage.ie

Why not volunteer with a difference?

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the largest home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. Join our amazing team of volunteers to make moments matter for the people in our care. Due to the nature of our work you must have received a COVID vaccine and you will be required to wear a surgical mask while volunteering. To find out more contact Nicola:

2823000/087 1637363 nicola.yau@sjog.ie.

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