

A New Chapter

It is a year ago since Fr. Arthur fell ill unexpectedly and unwittingly launched Cabinteely Parish onto a new trajectory. Working together as a community we have kept things moving, albeit not always quite in the way that they were. Huge thanks and appreciation is due to a whole host of individuals and groups, who together have contributed their time and effort way beyond any duty – from the office staff and sacristan, to the schools, various committees and the many volunteers.

It is this spirit of togetherness that we now need to harness to move our Parish into a new chapter.

Over the past year, it has become evident that Fr. Arthur can no longer work in the way upon which we have become reliant over the past 10 years. Looking to the future, we know that the developments in Cherrywood will mean that the size and shape of our Parish is going to change dramatically in the coming years.

Planning ahead, we have been consulting with the Archdiocese and met with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin just last week. A former curate of Cabinteely, he knows the area well and recognises the critical juncture at which the Parish now finds itself and the implications for the greater area. He has asked the parishes of Cabinteely, Foxrock and Johnstown to formally work more closely together.

The Archbishop has assured us that a new priest will be appointed to Cabinteely in the coming weeks.

We understand that change can sometimes be challenging but it can also breathe new life into our community. Rest assured that familiar faces will still be around working in a supporting role. While Fr. Arthur is sadly no longer able to continue working in the way that he has been in the past, he will remain in parish along with Fr. Tom.

We hope that you will join with us in embracing this new chapter together.

God Bless

Denis Burke, Mary Delaney, Pdraig Gill, Brendan Henderson, Caroline Heywood (Chair), Tomás Murphy, Fr. Arthur O'Neill, Maura Reynolds, Liam Ryder, Rev Jeremy Seligman and Siobhán Seligman.

Parish Pastoral Council



First day of school. Harry, Joshua and Dillan, Erin Keane and Mia Guo

Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm

Sunday: 10am and 12.30pm in St Brigid's Parish Church; 11.15am in St Brigid's Girls' School Mass Centre

**The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.
The Parish Centre is open 9am to 10pm weekdays. Coffee dock open from 10am daily.**

Lourdes



Every year from September the 7th until September the 12th several thousand parishioners from across the Diocese of Dublin go on pilgrimage together to Lourdes. Whilst there in Lourdes they mingle with the thousands of others who happen to be there from every part of the world.

Each pilgrim carries with them the personal reason that finds them there in the first instance. Hidden behind the eyes that gaze at the Grotto or elsewhere is that hope maybe, or the hurt possibly, the fragility that has all of us seeking the best that life can offer. St Brigid's Cabinteely were once again this year ranked amongst so many others who visited that special place.

Ode to the Voluntary Church Cleaners by Stephanie Carney

We turn out each Friday in our quiet way,
We will be there in all weathers,
come what may.
You may know some of us by name
but not us all
That won't matter to us, we just
answered the call.

We just had a little time on our hands
to give back,
We didn't realise we would have so much craic!
We are the ordinary women and men you see,
Who give freely of their time
to your community.

So why don't you join us,
come down you'll have fun,
There are lots of posts to choose from,
you pick the one.
We are an active parish, always on the go,
We don't want to fail, we just want to grow.

They say give a little, it will help a lot,
Can you spare an hour or two a month,
it will help a lot.
"Elasticated Volunteers" we're stretched
like rubber bands,
We really could be doing with your
pair of hands.

If you can spare the time,
sure call in for the chat,
There is always a welcome for you on our mat.
Come have a coffee or a cup of tea,
Sure they welcome all sinners to
St. Brigid's Community.

Warm Welcome



Principal Fiona Griffin pictured with **Kento Chan** (left) and **Conor Mc Kiernan** on their first day at school

A very warm welcome to Ms. Fiona Griffin who is our new school Principal in the Boys' National School here in Cabinteely. A native of Co Meath, Ms. Griffin comes to us with the experience of being a teacher in a 900 pupil school in her home county. St. Brigid's we hope will be her new home as Principal for many

many happy years to come. She may not know all of us by name as yet but we hope she will quickly come to know us in the warmth of welcome and support we offer to her as she sets out on this new chapter in her life and in ours!

Every best wish and blessing to her.



Musicians from Trad Fest Concert held in the Parish Centre on 1st October.



Congratulations to **Graham** and **Laura Burke** who were married in St. Brigid's on 23 July.



Congratulations to **Emma O'Donnell** and **Andrew Sexton** who were married in St. Brigid's on 15th July.



Baptism of **Jack Kinane** with his parents **Nicole** and **Alan**, brother **Conor** (4) and sister **Emily** (3).

New Beginnings

As the new school year begins for the 2016-2017 academic year, we greet all our 'new comers' as the children who will 'graduate' from primary school in year 2023/24. For those of us who can hardly believe we're reading such a long way into the future - we salute those who know exactly how quickly those years

will seem to pass.

Ask any of those parents whose children are leaving primary education this year – after their eight years since 2008 – as well as those parents whose children are leaving secondary education this year after a further six years at that level, as well as the parents of

those graduating from third level courses – now ready to face more! or a job, or come what may. Tempus fugit!

On the conveyor belt of life we hope for our children an education and an appreciation, of what never changes with the passage of time – Love lived.



Conor Kinane and his mum Nicole and Harry Walsh and mum Sarah.

Pictures by John Hickey



Henry Zhan.



Hayden Kavanagh



Alana O'Mahoney



Georgia O'Toole and Jasmine Hennessy



Isla Rose Hudson and Kate Gilsenan



Parish Fundraising Event Win a 171 Hyundai i20!

Would you like to start the New Year driving a 171 Hyundai i20 deluxe car? The parish is planning to hold a raffle with a brand new 171 car as the prize. Tickets will be €75 each (and can be purchased in €25 amounts) and will be on sale soon from the Parish Office. The raffle will take place in the New Year. Watch this space!

The car will be supplied by MSL, Deansgrange.

Dancing at the Crossroads



Another wonderful evening was had by all at the "Dancing at the Crossroads" event in the village last July. The friendship, the fun and the sense of community was once again in evidence all round.

It's worth noting with thanks the extraordinary

amount of planning and work that went into making the event so successful and so pleasant. Neighbours, visitors, family and friends, old and young, all celebrated what unites us and brings out the best in us – Love reflected in care agus craic. For those within the

Christian family here or elsewhere, it's the constant attraction of that same experience that draws us deeper into the mystery of its source – within as well as outside of Church buildings as circumstances dictate.

Pictures by John Hickey



Bahahareh Naderi and her daughter Anita (4yrs).



Annette Wallace, Conor Lowry, Justin Lowry, Matt Wallace, Lisa Lowry, Rachel Wallace and Sara Bolton.



Helping hands - Chris Raythorn, Fr. Joseph, Brendan Henderson, Tomás Murphy and Ann Raythorn.



Leah Griffin, Chloe Nolan and Jasmin Hennessey.



Karen Connolly and Bella (20 months).



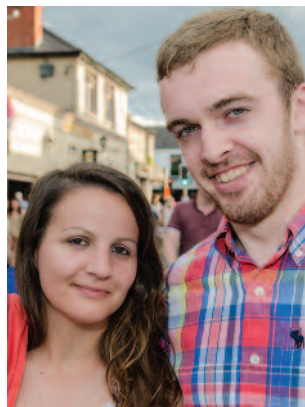
Ruth and Stephen Gallagher with Eva (7), Cara (5) and Leah (18 Months).



Hayley (3 years) and Hayden (5 years) Kavanagh



Carron McKinney and her niece Holly McKinney from Derry.



Natalia Rusinova and Eoin Travers.



Yelera and Tigran Hambardzumyan with Diana (9yrs) and Emily (5yrs)



The White School of Irish Dance.



Stepping In

Pictured outside the Pro Cathedral after his ordination as Deacon is Rev. Jeremy Seligman with his wife Siobhán, Fr. Tom and Fr. Arthur.

Stepping into the ranks of the Clergy, in this part of the Diocese is Deacon Jeremy Seligman – welcome! Jeremy is no stranger in St. Brigid's parish, nor will he be either in our surrounding parishes as the year unfolds.

Cabinteely will be Jeremy's home-hub from which he will be able to radiate out to the parishes of Foxrock and to Johnstown – the two parishes formed originally from St. Brigid's all those years ago.

As and when possible or when needed, the pastoral service of the Deaconate will be a most valuable and appreciated support to parishioners and to clergy alike. Jeremy and his wife Siobhán are so committed to their Faith and the witness to it here in St. Brigid's and elsewhere. Both are still pursuing further studies in this regard in the short term. We salute and thank Jeremy and his family for their service in the name of

the Gospel of Love – and their willingness to offer their witness to it so generously.

We are particularly lucky to have secured a transfer from Foxrock of Mr. Ken Heffernan as our new Sacristan here in St. Brigid's. Ken has been a 'sub' on the Sacristan bench in Foxrock since the beginning of this year, he is no stranger to Church or Cabinteely having formerly lived here in 'Cabinteely Way' before moving to his present address. Welcome on board Ken – many thanks for accepting this position. We look forward to working with you.



Stepping Out

After many years of faithful and dedicated service to St Brigid's we say thank you to Mr. Liam O'Lonargáin as he steps aside as our Sacristan. An entire edition of contact would not be enough print-space to express the immense appreciation and gratitude of Clergy and parishioners for what Liam has made possible for us over the years. We wish him every blessing in the future as he continues to be surrounded by his own loving family and us his family of Faith that he so effectively nurtured and supported for so long.

Go raibh mile mile maith agat a Liam

Another great win for Cabinteely

Congratulations to Cabinteely Tidy Towns volunteers winning a second Bronze Medal in the National SuperValu Tidy Towns competition as well as Best Town/Village <3000 in the DLRCoCo Tidy Districts Competition.

New members/volunteers are always welcome. Contact can be made through their website CabinteelyTidyTowns.com or by meeting any Saturday morning in the village from 9.30 am.



The familiar face we've noticed recently around the parish of Cabinteely, on foot or on a bicycle, is that of Fr. Hao-wan-hui. We know him best as 'Fr. Joseph' on account of our poor pronunciation of his Chinese name! Joseph quickly won the friendship and respect of the parishioners whose path he crossed during his two-month stay with us in St. Brigid's. He now begins a two-year course of studies with which we wish him well and hope to welcome him back to St. Brigid's from time to time when it might suit him.

Kate Fahy has stepped down last June from her position as Director of our Gospel Group when she headed off on a career break from her school. Kate's very obvious musical talent and delightful personality were what endeared her to her Gospel Group friends and others, as well as winning the admiration and appreciation of so many parishioners at the 12.30 Mass throughout the years. Every best wish to you Kate. Thank you again so much for enhancing the atmosphere of reflection and prayer that the entire Gospel Group together make so real for so many every Sunday.

Till the next time.

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Classes / Courses in St. Brigid's Parish Centre for the Autumn

NEW Pilates for men – Wednesday evenings 7-9pm

NEW Spanish conversation lessons – Monday evenings 7.30 - 9pm

NEW Zumba classes – Saturday mornings 10-11am

Contact Nina on 086 377 6636

NEW Somatic Yoga classes –

starting Mon 17 Oct @ 6.30pm & Tues 18th Oct @ 12.30pm

Contact Laura on 087 9633229

Mother/Minder & Toddler Group

Pilates for ladies

Irish Dancing lessons

Prayer groups (various)

CARA (Cabinteely Active Retirement Association) activities

Mah-jong

Adult Oil Painting Art Classes

Quilting group

Senior Club

Contact the Parish Office for further details on any of the above
Centre activities. Do you have an idea for a class/course/event?

Do you need a room for a one off meeting?

**Contact the Parish Office (01)2858835 for details of room rental
you will be surprised at what facilities we have on offer.**