

Onwards and Upwards

Welcome to 'Autumn' for another year! It's the beginning of what is often referred to as the 'end of the silly season'! Silly or not, it was a period when individuals and families changed gear for a certain time. The lazy (and sometimes sunny) days and the long evenings allowed us the opportunity to slow the relentless rhythm of the 9 to 5, and the rigid timetables of the rest of the year. It was time for students to step back on the study treadmill and for friends and families to remember how they enjoyed each other's company in the more relaxed routine of the summer hollies! Here in St. Brigid's, like most parishes, summer meant many families being away at any one time, and others welcoming summer visitors home from abroad and the opportunity to enjoy community events like The Céilí.

All the members of the Parish Council, as well as those of us involved in the Administrative, Spiritual, Financial and Social aspects of St. Brigid's wish you a warm welcome back to another academic year. Being refreshed and re-created by the experience of 'holidays' together, may we be renewed in our conviction of how good life can be when hearts beat in tune with one another in love and with their Creator - whom Christians believe to be Love itself.

Thomas Moore, who wrote the lyrics of 'The Last Rose of Summer', is reputed to have observed that Summer is just the right season for idleness and just messing around. A time to quit doing and revel in just being.

"It does no good to think moralistically about how much 'time we waste' during the summer months! 'Wasted time' is usually 'good soul time' for ourselves as well as those who share life and love with us." Grateful to have had the opportunity to enjoy those moments during the summer months, may we face the Autumn and Winter the better for it. And don't forget when winter comes - can Spring be far behind!

Onwards and upwards

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The Parish Centre is open 9am to 10pm daily and rooms are available to rent for one off events or for classes/courses.

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Sunday Mass times in St Brigid's are 6.30 pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30 am, 10 am, 12.30 pm and 4.30pm with 11.15 am Mass in the Mass Centre in The Girls' School in the Park.

Summer Fun In Cabinteely

Here is a nice photographic record of two very successful and enjoyable community events in Cabinteely during the Summer. The Mid-Summer Bash in the

grounds of the Parish Pastoral Centre and the annual Céilí celebration, which took over the centre of the village between the old Bray Road and the N 11, are

captured nicely by our photographers, Denis Burke and John Hickey. Cabinteely Community knows how to celebrate!



Céilí.



Frank Quinn, Horse & Hound.



Natalie Layden, Urbun.



Cara Toner, Margaret Berry and her mum, Margaret Higgins.



John Spence.



Sean Stokes, Watercress and Ciara O'Kelly.



Josephine Hickey and Mary Moore.



Mike O'Brien and Brendan Henderson.



Neya Maiden.



Summer Bash.



Charley Hunter.



Danielle McCullagh, Louise Kelly, Helen Feighan from **Café du Journal**.



Anna Banana, the children's clown, entertains children at the Parent & Toddler Summer Party.



Krishan Kant from **Veda Indian** and **Barbara Hardy**.



Marky the Clown.



Edyta Jambor from **Gluten Free Homemade Bakery**.

School Centenary



A huge crowd of about 500 people came to the gathering in Leopardstown Racecourse to celebrate 100 years of St Brigid's School in Mart Lane. Built in 1914 it has seen generations of pupils pass through its doors.

Originally the school catered for boys and girls and it wasn't until 1989 that the decision was taken to open another primary school in the Park. The best way to manage this expansion at the time was to have the

boys remain in Mart Lane and the girls move up to the 'New School' – a decision over which there was much discussion.

Both schools have a proud, shared and separate history, which continues to this day with countless numbers of pupils grateful for the many wonderful teachers who have helped them better their lives.



Michael O'Toole, David Joyce, Fr. Arthur, Audrey Joyce, Catherine Joyce with baby **Jessica Joyce** on her Christening, which took place on Easter Sunday.



Mike and Orla Neville, with big sisters **Anna** and **Emma**, at **Olivia's** Christening on Sunday, 27th April.

Communions and Confirmations

Some of the boys and girls from St. Brigid's who celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion captured by our photographers Denis Burke and John Hickey.



Confirmation boys from **St. Brigid's Boys School Mart Lane** with **Fr. Arthur**.



Sarah O'Connell, Ann-Marie McBarron, Lynn Casey, Julia, Thomas and Sean McBarron, and Charlie O'Connell.



Gus McHugh, Susan McHugh, Gerry McHugh, Luke Murphy, Oscar Murphy.



Chloé Falkner and Sarah Grumley.



Melissa Mae Opingo with Jayniel, Jayrald, Daniel and Jenny Opingo.



Donal O'Leary, Susan O'Leary, Pat O'Connell, Ann Stuart, Pat Stuart, Dan O'Leary, Harry Stuart.



Eve Cullen and Lucy Corcoran.



Calum Maher with his family Dylan, Nicola, Alanna, Robbie, Aaron and Ryan.



Aoife and Declan McNabb with Ciarán, Gavin and Robert.



Alex and Eve Forsyth.



Iza Szewczak with Arkadiusz Burzynski and Jwona Szewczak.

Oscars and Boos!

As a Parish Council we are always looking for new ideas, new members and new thinking in terms of being able to respond to what our parish community perceives as being important.

In an honest assessment of the past year we (as P.P.C.) awarded ourselves plaudits where they were

merited – and critiques where they were warranted. We called them our Oscars and Boos! These are some of both.

For the forward planning of our pastoral outreach, again taking into account the observations and suggestions of our parishioners and the members of

our Cabinteely Community, we plan a 'Survey Monkey' before the end of the year. Your input would be most appreciated and most helpful, the more people are kind enough to respond the better. More details anon.

Looking good

- ✓ Church painted
- ✓ Organ revamped
- ✓ Garden created

Safe and Sound

- ✓ Volunteer protocol & policies
- ✓ Parish Centre Management board
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Child protection

Community Events

- ✓ St. Brigid's Day
- ✓ Valentine's night
- ✓ Golf Classic
- ✓ Midsummer family bash

Finance

- ✓ Supervised study replaced maths grinds
- ✓ Family offering takes on orange envelopes
- ✓ St. Brigid's Crosses

Parish Directory

- ✓ Distributed in New Year
- ✓ Cost neutral
- ✓ Designer involved
- ✓ Language simplified

IT/Social Media

- ✓ Website – mobilised, changed host, reformulated, training, new webmaster
- ✓ Upgraded spec on camera
- ✓ Recording facility

Our Vision



Support parishioners in their interaction with the Church to show them the real meaning and value of the sacraments. Focus on being spiritually vibrant and spreading out into the wider community.

Golf to a Tee

Under a sky of glorious sunshine, the Parish Golf outing was held in Charlesland Golf Club on Thursday May 15th where 24 teams of 4 fought fierce competition. The winning team was Dave Bernie, Paddy Byrne, Andy O'Donnell and Moses Morrissey, earning a 4 Ball and B & B in Glasson Golf Club for their efforts.

Our sincere thanks to all the players, sponsors, organisers and helpers who made the event such a wonderful success.



Margaret Blake was the winner of the 'Gourmet Experience of Cabinteely' Raffle Prize, which was drawn at the Parish Golf Outing on May 15th. The prize included vouchers for Pielows Restaurant, Frank Quinn Catering, Horse & Hound, Urbun, Veda, Cafe Journal, Dandelion Hair Design, Sam's Barbers and Foxrock Taxis. All prizes were donated. Thanks to all involved.

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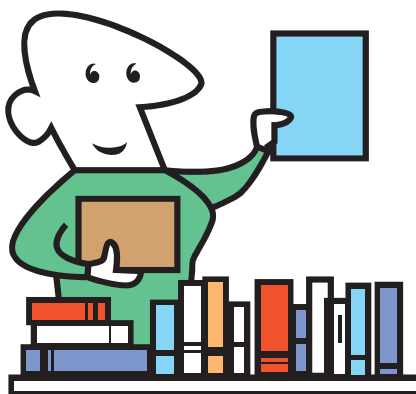
Money matters

As we start another year, Parish finances are starting to head in the right direction – i.e. heading for the black. We're not there yet with considerable red surrounding us but if we can maintain this momentum or if we could even better it, we could well find ourselves where we would like to be in about three years' time.

A huge thank you for your continued support as well as a timely reminder to those who might like to think about adding their contribution.

As Mother Theresa said when someone said that all they could do to help her was nothing more than a drop in the ocean: her reply was without it the ocean would be one drop less!

Supervised Study



Supervised study in St Brigid's Parish will begin at the end of September for Leaving Cert, 5th Year and Junior Cert students. Initially the study will be offered on Saturdays, two sessions - 10.30 am to 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Study days will be increased to both Saturdays and Sundays from mid-term. Watch noticeboard for further details.

Bridge in St. Brigid's



With the huge interest in Bridge here in St Brigid's Parish Centre we are increasing the classes/days on offer from September, as follows:

Wednesday 17th September:

Beginner lessons from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.
€120 for 10 weeks.

Thursday 11th September:

Improvers one day refresher evening from 7.30 pm to 10 pm.

Thursday 18th September:

Improvers Classes from 7.30 pm to 10 pm.
€120 for 10 weeks.

Numbers in Beginners and Improvers Classes limited to 24 per class.

Thursday 11th September:

Novice Club (for those playing bridge up to 5 years – assistance given if required) from 7.30 pm to 10 pm.
€8 per night.

For further information or to enrol for any of the above please call the **Parish Office** on **2858835**.

Make Contact

Like to get involved or have a story? We'd love to hear from you. Please make contact through the Parish office at **(01) 2858835** or email contact@cabinteelyparish.ie.

Fr. Arthur can be contacted on **087 259 7520**.

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