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Summer 2016

Rolling out, Reeling in.

Here we are once again at the end of the month of June that marks the closing of the primary school year for 2016. Here in St Brigid's we try to mark this time each year with a celebration of what the past academic year has meant to so many families and children as they begin what has become known as the silly season.

Not so silly though is the suggestion each year that we mark the last Sunday of June to kick off the holiday season to a flying start. As you can see throughout the pages of this publication, we have had many happy occasions in the recent past to celebrate life here in the Parish. Part of being a member of any community is the camaraderie we share with other like-minded people. For those who identify with the parish community of Cabinteely, as regular parishioners, as neighbours, as friends – as strangers or visitors – the welcome mat is always rolled out. As this year rolls out with each passing week/month after June 21st, the welcome mat is never rolled up.

Whatever changes present themselves throughout the coming months or year – these challenges will further strengthen us to be the community we already are. When we bond together in times of gladness or sadness we offer to one another that sense of solidarity that is rooted in care for each other. What better witness is there than the practical outreach of this Gospel maxim – **Love one another.**

P.S. If you have recently arrived in our area and would like to learn more about our community, its parish and its centre – the mat remains rolled out for you too.

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Celebrating summer at St. Brigid's were Nathan, Conan, Kyle and Maura Tormey; Caroline Mellows and AJ Earl age 2; and Kira Lynch age 8.

Sunday Mass times from June 28th to 13th September:

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm Sunday: 10am and 12.30pm

There will be no 11.15am Mass in St Brigid's Girls' School Mass Centre

New to the Parish?

If you're new to the Parish, you're very welcome. There are a huge amount of groups and activities for all ages and interests if you'd like to join in or get involved. Please drop in to say hello and feel free to pop into the Parish Centre or Church anytime. Contact the **Parish office at 2858835** or you'll find us at www.cabinteelyparish.ie.

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.

The Parish Office will be open from 9am to 4pm weekdays during July and from 9am to 1pm weekdays during August.

The Parish Centre will be open from 9am to 10pm weekdays.

What Really Matters: Our Stories and Memories Matter



We were delighted when RTE Nationwide presenter, broadcaster and author, Mary Kennedy accepted our invitation to launch our project 'What Really Matters: Our Stories and Memories Matter', in the Parish community centre on Friday, May 27.

Mary entertained and moved us all in a wonderfully humorous and authentic account of her personal memories and stories, which echoed many of the themes we encountered through a series of Parish sponsored 'listening' workshops with our Senior Community in Cabinteely and Foxrock over the last two years.

Senior Adults and Loreto College Foxrock Transition Year students treated attendees to a stunning exhibition of portrait photography, personal stories and collaborative artwork, highlighting moments and memories of what matters in each one's life. They gave witness to genuine intergenerational relationships, reminding us of the value of personal encounters, of listening, and in particular, of the importance of giving our time to connect and facilitate, in the spirit of our Parish Vision Statement, 'a community where everyone knows they are welcome and experiences a true sense of

belonging'.

While we will continue to develop the outreach of this wonderful project with other communities and parish groups, we were also challenged (in the best possible way!) with the conviction that values such as listening, empathy, compassion, respect, humour etc. can be lived by everyone, in all the places we are, whether that be our parish, school, home, work place or neighborhood...

'Through dialogue, we are enriched with different perspectives and completed by the gift of the other.'

With thanks to our Volunteers

The parish of St. Brigid's could not exist to the extent that it does (and is appreciated) without the help of so many. So often unsung is the contribution of so many parishioners without whose commitment and reliability we would not be as we are. The incredibly selfless time, thinking and talent that helps the many aspects of parish life keep afloat is truly amazing - if the truth be told.

Those who give of their time in welcoming people to the Church and/or the centre, those who build into their weekly routine a regular commitment to decorating, cleaning, choir practising, baking, planning, suggesting, organising, photography, sacramental preparation, gardening, praying, liturgical support etc...you and others are deeply appreciated and if you weren't here with us it

wouldn't be the same.

When we add to your number the administrative, secretarial and organisational planning of events in the centre, the sacristy and elsewhere, we get some idea of how much we depend on so many others.

Maybe this might be the time for you to consider sharing some of your time/talent or ideas as we face into the beginning of the next school year in September. Please do consider this as an invitation to you as we say thank you to so many who are so generous in making the difference they do.

The Parish Pastoral Council and the finance committee exercise their stewardship oversight of editorial and financial content in a very prudent and imaginative way that is always open to new and novel ideas. If this is an area of interest for you, do please make contact.



On Wednesday 27th of April 40 members of St. Brigid's parish made a pilgrim journey to Clonfert, Co Galway in response to Pope Francis' request to make a pilgrimage to a "Holy Door" in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The group described their experience as *'an exceptional day filled with many blessings where our faith was deepened and strengthened as we journeyed with God and one another.'*

Those of us who make even a brief visit to St. Brigid's Parish Church in Cabinteely will invariably notice many of the wonderful Liturgical Art scenes, conceived and created by Brian Brennan and a team of supporters, which highlight many special moments in the Church Liturgical Calendar.

Brian started out offering this service to our community when he moved with his wife Marie Lou to Cabinteely in the early 1990's. He was immediately encouraged by good friends Barbara Ann Mullan and the P.P. of that time, Fr. Tom O'Keeffe. Tara Bolger was an enthusiastic presence as was Fearghal O'Farrell, whose artistic talent added so much to many of the themes the group worked on together.

Our sacramental rituals, ceremonies, communal and personal prayer and worship are made all the more meaningful through Brian's visual installations, none more so than the special time of year that marks the recent celebration of Pentecost. Brian would say that this is one of his "sacred spaces."

Thank you to all the Liturgical team, past and present. Your contribution is sincerely valued and appreciated!

Holy Communion for the first time

What more terrific a milestone for families to pass together at such a formative age than the reception of Holy Communion for the first time by their young son or daughter.

The many smiling faces captured in this collage of photographs only scratches the surface of the depth

of the love and the longing that parents have for their children – and they for them in return. When one generation sees the unfolding of the one that will come after it, it's a solemn reminder of how quickly the years pass – all too quickly really!

For the love that brought them into being in the

first place – for the love that is shared in the homes and in the hearts of all of them, may this special day forge them even closer together and ever more open to the mystery of the God who is at its source.

Pictures by John Hickey



Summer Gospel Grooves

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Cabinteely Gospel Choir get into the Summer Groove



Joe Govin and Cristina Patane



Fiona, Assumpta, Tomas, Erica, Peter and Karen



Musical director **Kate Fahy** and special guest **Declan Greene**



Rosaleen, Teresa, Conan, Colette, Martina and Denise

It started with a Share Your Talent Day!



Eileen Kennedy, Mary Harnett and Kay Mulcahy

We want to say a thank you to a group of volunteers whose contribution to this community has added so much to the beauty of our church celebrations and the day-to-day sacramental life of St. Brigid's.

Some years ago Kay Mulcahy attended a Parish 'Share Your Talent Day' and enjoyed the floral demonstrations offered by the then 'flower ladies' of the community, Eileen Kennedy and Dorothy (Dot) Munden. They were looking for an extra pair of hands as Dot needed to take a step back after many years of service, so Kay promptly volunteered to help them out. Having attended classes for many years, learning the craft from the very talented Anne Simmons, Kay also

enlisted the help of Mary Harnett, after Mary had requested her advice on floral arrangements for her daughter's wedding...be careful who you ask for help!

For the past 10 years, Kay and Mary have made up the wonderful team behind the many magnificent flower arrangements in our church, still liaising faithfully with the ever cooperative and talented Eileen for advice and support. We owe them a debt of gratitude... also to the trail blazing team of Eileen and Dorothy.

Many of us drop into the church for a quick visit or to attend a special ceremony; these are the people behind the quiet beauty and distinctive atmosphere so present in our lovely Parish Church. Thank you ladies.



Mary Burton and Catherine McGuirk



Ciara Duggan, Eileen Phelan and Mary Dalton



The St. Brigid's Parish Golf Outing was held on Thursday, May 19th in Charlesland Golf Club. The weather was good, the golf was great and the meal and prize giving in the Parish Centre that evening was superb.

16 teams of four played in a rumble and 1st prize of a fourball with B & B in Glasson Golf Resort was keenly played for. In total we had nine prizes, all four-balls, including Lough Erne, Doonbeg, Roganstown, Galway to name but a few.

A wonderful meal was provided in the Parish Centre by Frank Quinn Catering and the evening was hosted by Fr. Arthur who did a great job of presenting the golf and raffle prizes to all winners.

The winners were Denis Kane, John Kelly, Ken Manning and Mick Mellett with a great score of 87 points, pictured above. Second prize went to Ann Lehane, Micheline Grier, Joe O'Donnell and Brian Mangan, pictured below.

Thanks to all our sponsors of prizes for both the golf and the raffle, to those who sponsored 'holes' on the day, to Frank Quinn for the wonderful meal and goody bags and to the hard working committee of Denis Kane, Diarmuid Murray, Paddy Derivan, Marian Monaghan and Ann Lehane.



Ministers of the Eucharist

Are available to bring Holy Communion to the household. Contact **Joan O'Shea: 01 2824814** if you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Dancing at the Crossroads

The annual Crossroads Céilí is one of the highlights of the summer in Cabinteely and will take place on Saturday, 23rd July from 8pm until midnight. A large attendance is expected and the team would welcome more volunteers to help out on the night. If you would like to get involved or have any ideas on how we could improve the event, please come along to an open meeting in St. Brigid's Parish Centre on Monday, 4th July at 7.30pm.

To get everyone prepared for the dancing we will run the popular Adult Céilí Dancing Classes again this year. Come along to the Parish Centre on Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th July from 8pm to 9pm. Admission is €6 per class.

The Céilí Team



New for September

Spanish for Beginners. Men Only Pilates Classes.

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Tidy Towns

Parishioners **John Hickey** (left) and **Brendan Henderson** (right) receiving Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council Volunteering Awards from Cathaoileach **Barry Saul**.



Rainbows

This is the name given to the movement in Irish society that tries to reach out in a supportive way to children who are finding it difficult to cope with loss of any kind. Those who try to help address this need in any local area are volunteers who are trained through a programme organized centrally through the Rainbows Central office in Dublin. This outreach can prove so helpful for many children whose lives have been blighted by the experience of loss in any way. Here in St. Brigid's we are in a position to restart a Rainbows group this coming September if we have enough volunteers. For those who might be interested, why not enquire what's involved from the parish office as a first step (01) 2858835.



Happy birthday: A long-time friend and volunteer in the Parish, **Seamus Kennedy** celebrated his 90th birthday on the 14th April in Annabeg NH Ballybrack.



Baptism of **Euan Mallin** pictured (from left): **Germaine Mallin, Sean Mallin, Eoin Mallin** with **Euan, Cat Mallin, Alison Steel** and **Patrick O'Hara**.

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Jules M
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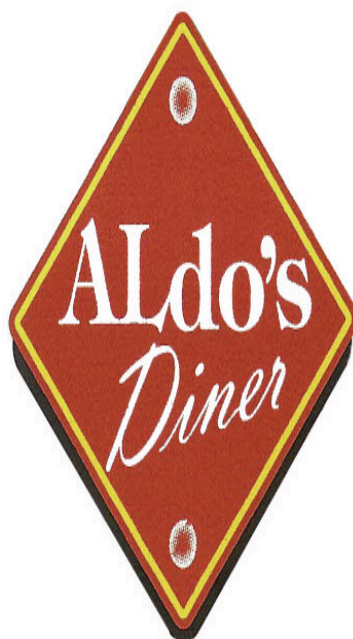
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