



# CONTACT

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## Living in hope

This 'Summer' edition of Contact comes with the 'health warning' that we may have already seen our summer come and go for this year; that's if recent weeks are anything to go on!!

Nonetheless, it is the traditional time for schools to be closed, for holidays to be planned and for families to regroup. It's the time for batteries (of all descriptions) to be recharged for the new beginning, on so many fronts in September – but weeks away at this stage!

The fabric of every life throughout any year has threads we all wish weren't there to begin with; weaves we'd like to plait otherwise if only we could! Maybe adjusting a gear for the summer months might help a little with that for this year.

Gatherings of neighbours, families, friends and strangers, who all identify with the community in Cabinteely, can be such a pleasant way to meet and to greet one another on a summer's evening. A note for your diary towards this end is Saturday 25th July, when the annual 'dancing at the Crossroads 'Céili' evening will take place again this year.

The lazy late-morning lie-ins, the pitter patter of tiny feet around the house (all day everyday!), long leisurely sun and fun filled days ending with balmy Bar-B-Q evenings, so fondly remembered by so many 'in the Ireland of our day', now seem to be no more than the stuff of legend. Of course we live in hope; hope is the hallmark of those with an openness of mind to trust that life in general has a dimension to it that's greater than its limits as we know them. The darkest of clouds (literally or metaphorically) can clear to allow that ray of hope shine through. Within the Christian Community we call it the light of Faith.

Enjoy the holiday.

**Frs. Arthur, Conor & Tom**



Celebrating summer with a little magic in Cabinteely parish were **Evan Gill, Lucy and Sarah Byrne**

### 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 and if you need a priest, Fr. Arthur at 087 2597520, or you'll find us at [www.cabinteelyparish.ie](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie).

**Sunday Mass times from June 28th to 13th September:**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 12.30pm.**  
**There will be no 11.15am Mass in St Brigid's Girls' School Mass Centre and no 4.30pm Mass in St Brigid's Parish Church.**

The Parish Office will be open from 9am to 1pm weekdays during July and August.  
 The Parish Centre will be open from 9am to 10pm weekdays.

### Make Contact

Like to get involved or have a story, please make contact through the Parish office at **(01) 2858835** [info@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:info@cabinteelyparish.ie).

## First Time



Blessed with good weather, good humour and great preparation, the boys and the girls of our schools received Holy Communion for the first time last month – the girls on the 9th May and the boys on the 23rd.

This landmark occasion embraces parents, families, clergy and teachers, all contributing to making the day a memorable one for everyone concerned – especially for the children themselves. May what they enjoyed experiencing for the first time in Cabinteely be theirs for a lifetime wherever they may be.



*Pictures (boys) by John Hickey and girls courtesy of their families.*



Congratulations to **Pamela Duff** and **Shaun Ormston** on their recent marriage.



Baby **Tom Hedderman**, with his parents, **James** and **Lorraine** at his Baptism on Easter Sunday 5th April during 12.30pm Mass.



Baby **Christopher**, with his parents **Ruth** and **Robert** at his baptism on Holy Saturday night during the 9pm Vigil Mass.

## Future Planning

Always on the look out for moving things forward, the Parish Council is continuously looking towards the future as the prospect of yet another (school) year is set to start in September. Rather than making just general requests for help on various fronts – we're thinking of specific requests e.g. if you had an hour (or two) free on a specific day once a week at a time that would suit you – could you help?

We're wondering about having a panel on which we could rely (just for a year at a time) to advise and help on the wide variety of needs that maintaining a parish and parish centre has to depend on everyday. When things need repair or advice we are completely dependent on hiring in, which in some instances ends up being pretty minor – had we only known. Please do consider this request for the Autumn – it could make such

a difference.

Many aspects of the P.P.C's future planning are based on the response we had to our parish survey earlier in the year. Sifting through the responses we had a healthy honesty in marking perceived strengths and areas to improve. Obviously not just because we like it to be – but the overwhelming response to the survey was positive. Positive in its appreciation of what is, and in what it was hoped would and could be. A very healthy interest too was expressed for other spiritual and faith supports as well as, what St. Brigid's Cabinteely already offers – be assured this will be taken on board, so if you have any further suggestions in this regard please let us know.

*Parish Council*



The return of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, newly renovated to the right side of the altar in St. Brigid's was celebrated recently. It was with parishioners' generous donations plus a little help from the Thursday morning Prayer Group that enabled its restoration. This beautiful statue is the original bought by Fr. George O'Sullivan in Fatima in the early seventies.



**Mary O'Farrell** with Archbishop **Diarmuid Martin** at the opening of the new Building Development at CBC Monkstown Park where she presented a painted icon to the school by the late Fearghal O'Farrell (past pupil) to honour the official opening.



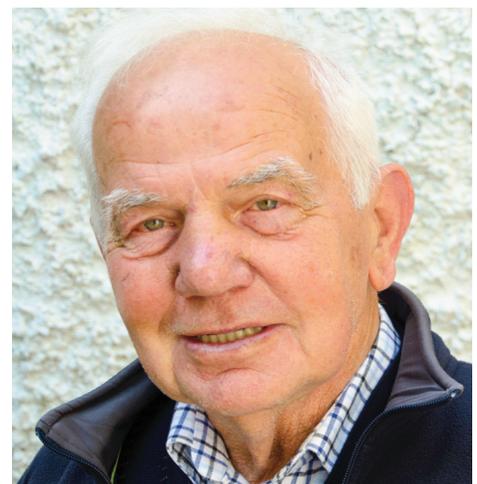
**Geraldine Kennedy** has retired from the Baptism Team after over 20 years. Making a presentation to Geraldine, Fr. Arthur thanked her for all her dedicated work to the new parents in the parish over the decades. The Baptism Team is a very rewarding ministry to be a part of and at the moment there are a few vacancies for new recruits. Interested? Contact the Parish Office at (01) 2858835 for more information.



Congratulations to **Mary Moore** who recently received a Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council Award for Local Community Volunteering in 2015.

## Oasis

Part of the appreciation of 'St. Brigid's' in the village is not only the oasis of calm and reflection within the church building itself – but also the church grounds! Thanks to the weekly, dedicated commitment of a few green-fingered parishioners they keep us looking really good in terms of flowers, shrubs and general garden maintenance. The relatively recent addition of the quiet garden corner at the end of the Car park (thanks to Doyles on Brennanstown Road) is maturing very nicely at this stage. Feel free to relax and enjoy the green surroundings on the outside and the reflective environment on the inside whenever you hear St. Brigid's call.



Enormous gratitude goes to parishioner **Jackie Kennedy** who recently retired as a Collector at Masses after nearly fifty years service.

Photographs with thanks to John Hickey

## Project Cherry

A very interesting development plan for the Cherrywood end of the parish catchment area was unveiled a few weeks ago by the Hines Group. This will be of interest to everyone across the entire community of Cabinteely as it will be a real focal point of futuristic planning for this area of South County Dublin.



If you are interested in finding out more about it, you can check on line at **cherrywooddublin.com**.

Certainly for anyone who has long-term plans to live in this part of the city, this new development and what it offers will be a major factor in their experience.

## Dancing at the Crossroads

Cabinteely Crossroads Céilí takes place on Saturday 25th July from 8pm until midnight and we are looking forward to having a great night again this year. The success of this community event is dependent upon having sufficient numbers of stewards and as we expect a large attendance, we would welcome more volunteers. If you can spare a few hours either in the run up to the

25th or on the night itself, then please contact the Parish Office on (01) 2858835 with your details.

To get everyone prepared for the night, adult Céilí dancing classes will take place on Monday 6th, 13th and 20th July from 8pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre. Admission is €6 per class. Book in the Parish Office.

*The Céilí Team*



## The Dining Room

Following our Holy Thursday Special Collection for 'The Dining Room' in Park Road, Dun Laoghaire, Fr. Arthur presented a cheque for €605 to Rev Asa Bjork Olafsdottie and Kathy Grace. 'The Dining Room' is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 12noon to 2pm and offers lunches, clothes, companionship to the 50 - 70 who drop in. 'The Dining Room' is run entirely by volunteers and is growing in popularity weekly. Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners in St. Brigid's for supporting such a worthy cause.

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**(tel: 2858835)**  
for more information.

### Bridge

will recommence in St. Brigid's Parish Centre  
on the following dates: Beginner's lessons:

**Thursday 17th September '15**

7.30pm to 10pm

Cost €120 for 10 lessons

Registration will take place on Thursday 10th September

**St Brigid's Parish Bridge Club** will recommence on

**Thursday 10th September '15**

(For those playing bridge up to 5 years -  
assistance given if required)

7.30pm to 10.00pm

Improve your **Well-being** and **Calm your Mind**

Mindfulness Classes in St. Brigid's Parish Centre

**Sept 7th x 8 Weeks - evenings**

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PH: Pamela Maria on **087 2544184**

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