

Summertime Living

Here in Cabinteely we are so fortunate to have such beautiful Parks both in Cabinteely Park and Kilbogget. A special thank you to the Parks staff in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council for looking after them so well. The beautiful colours of the flowers make us realise that Summer has arrived and how beautiful is God's creation. Summer provides a great opportunity to spend more time reflecting and less time rushing about; more time thanking and less time giving out.

In the last few months a new Parish Pastoral Council has been formed. Under the chairmanship of Mary Delaney, the Council has been looking at revising our mission statement and it is very much our hope and our intention that people will feel welcomed and at home in our parish community. That sense of belonging and welcome is the responsibility of every parishioner. We are so blessed to have so many volunteers who provide that sense of welcome through the activities they provide and the ministries that they exercise. That sense of welcome comes from the way the church is decorated with flowers and cleaned to the cup of tea in the Parish Centre and that all are included in our prayers. As a community we pray for all who live here. We hope on the 8th October to have a day to celebrate and highlight the work of volunteers in our parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council is also focusing on building up our altar server corps, which is open to boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion. The Council also hopes to develop a funeral ministry team in the parish. We are always looking for more volunteers to become involved so if you have some spare time you might consider that invitation.

During the year we upgraded our church web cam. Each day and each Sunday we now have a few hundred people tuning in from all over the world. Please let your relatives abroad know about this service. It is available through our parish website www.cabinteelyparish.ie.

The weekly parish newsletter and this Parish Contact magazine are also available on the parish website and can be printed from there whether you live in Cabinteely or in Sydney.

I invite you to connect with us via our parish Facebook@SaintBrigidsChurchCabinteely and Twitter@StBCabinteely.

I hope you have a wonderful and restful Summer.

Fr. Aquinas Duffy



Poetry in our community

We have much pleasure in sharing some poetry composed by members of our local Parish community. In this issue 'Sense of Place' is written by Brendan Henderson, a long-standing member of our Parish Pastoral Council.

SENSE OF PLACE

Where am I?	I am its father, brother, son,
Nowhere if I have not place.	All in one, a trinity we share.
How can I deny my birthright?	It is my mother,
It is in me; I am in it.	The womb that gave me life,
It is my anchor; I am its shield.	My greatest gift, from where I sprang
I am its soul.	And will return to nurture its soul
It is my life's blood.	For rebirth.
I am its heart, keeping it and me alive.	Let no man take from me my sense of place.

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 **01 2858835** or you'll find us at www.cabinteelyparish.ie.

Sunday Mass times from June 25th 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

**The Parish Office will be open from 9am to 4pm 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? We'd love to hear from you. Please make contact through the Parish office at **(01) 2858835** or email contact@cabinteelyparish.ie.

Latch On in our Community



Twice a week, a dynamic group of students meet in our Parish Pastoral Community Center. They are participating in the 'Latch On' programme, a literacy

course run for young adults with Down Syndrome. Set up by Queensland University, in Australia, Down Syndrome Ireland run these courses throughout Ireland, with their local branches organising venues and sourcing teachers.

The course runs for two years from September to May, with 12 students, one teacher and two tutors. They deliver evidence-based literacy programmes, which provide opportunities for adults with an intellectual disability to continue to develop a broad range of literacy skills, self-confidence, independence and enhanced enjoyment opportunities.

The group based in Cabinteely recently made a trip into 'Fighting Words' in Dublin city, set up by writer Roddy Doyle, where they collectively wrote a

book – a huge achievement.

The group studied Oliver Twist this term and wrote their first ever Latch On Newsletter where every student wrote his or her own contribution. Amazing articles from restaurant and film reviews, holiday reviews and also some pieces on healthy eating and healthy friendships were included.

"These students are a great group of individuals and we are very lucky to have great teachers working with this wonderful groups of young adults.

"We have been based in St Brigid's Parish Centre since January 2017, and have absolutely settled in and have found all the staff and community here very, very helpful and supportive." For further information, contact the Parish Office. **JM**

Revised Parish Mission Statement

**"Making God's love visible
by reaching out to all in a spirit of welcome, prayer and service,
especially to those most in need."**

Every Parish community is encouraged to have a 'Mission Statement', proposing a broad declaration of the overall direction and purpose of every action in the parish.

With this in mind our Parish Pastoral Council, under the guidance of our Co Parish Priest Fr. Aquinas Duffy, has been spending time reviewing our present statement. Our principal aim was to simplify but also strengthen the purpose and direction of all our Parish community activities.

We aspired to come up with a declaration that is clear of intent, flexible enough to allow for interpretation, concise and understandable.

Our sincere wish is for all those who encounter,

however briefly, any aspect of our Parish life, experience being part of a 'family' and most importantly feel supported in the deepening of relationships and the reality of a God who is Love.

This revised Mission Statement is drawn from much-valued elements in our current statement and from collective feedback and dialogue. A sincere thanks to all who participated, past and present, through time, reflection and prayer.

PPC members: Fr. Aquinas Duffy, Deacon Jeremy Seligman, Mary Delaney (Chair), Tomás Murphy, Maura Reynolds, Brendan Henderson, Dave Bernie, Jim Kirwin, Liz Murphy and Niamh Down.



Great success for the Marshall Academy

Students of the Marshall Academy, the Irish dancing school that trains in Cabinteely Parish Centre, competed at the Dublin Championships in Citywest Hotel at the beginning of May.

They were hugely successful and achieved so much. The dancers were aged between 5 and 15 years and for the first year ever the Marshall Academy even had a 4 year old competitor, Ella Smyth who danced so beautifully in the U/5 age group.

The Irish dancing Academy won first place in three of the overall cup competitions and even had a podium place winner in the advanced preliminary championship.

The Marshall Academy students are no strangers to the stage though as they performed in Disneyland, Paris last October for the Halloween Festival and wowed the park's guests with their modern Irish dance show, 'A Celtic Adventure'.

The girls are currently preparing for their Annual Grading Diploma Examinations, which will be held in June and then they will keep up their practice over the summer for all the exciting things that the next school year will bring, including the Leinster and World Championships and the school's first Dublin Theatre Show.

The Marshall Academy has classes Monday to Friday in Cabinteely, Stillorgan, Stepaside, Carrickmines and Leopardstown and is now open for registration for September's classes. For more information, please contact Faye at marshallacademydance@gmail.com.

Funeral Ministry

Loss comes in an array of forms and no one is exempt from it, but the greatest loss of all is that of our loved ones.

When faced with losing a loved one our lives can come to a standstill and routine and normality is lost. We are faced with many challenges and a multitude of arrangements, one of which is the organising of the funeral.

As it is difficult and even painful to plan during times of emotional stress, we at St. Brigid's would like to offer support to our community through the service of a funeral ministry. The role of a funeral team is to assist the priests and families for the funeral services.

They are a support to the bereaved family and help them prepare the funeral liturgy for their deceased family member. They help with the choosing of readings, prayers of the faithful and will attend the removal to the church and if required, accompany the family to the graveside or crematorium, and to say the final prayers, particularly at the reception ceremony in the evening.

At St. Brigid's we would like to develop a team of lay people who participate in this ministry. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

"For everything there is a season and a time; a time to be born and a time to die" Ecclesiastes 3:1



Welcome **Matilda Rose Carmody** who is pictured here with her parents, **Emma and Tommy** at her Christening on 9th April.



Tom and Anne McGrath with their daughter **Sadie Rose** at her Christening during the Easter Vigil. Welcome Sadie Rose.

Confirmation and Communions

It has been a very busy few months in Cabinteely Parish. Since the last edition of the Contact Magazine, we have celebrated Confirmations for the Boys School and it is wonderful to see the photographs in this magazine.

I would like to also congratulate the children from the second classes in St Brigid's Boys and Girls Schools who made First Holy Communion in May. There were five First Holy Communion masses over two weekends.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers and parishioners who made these occasions so special. It was a wonderful celebration and the boys and the girls were fantastic. Thank you to John Hickey for the photographs.



Boys 10am Communion mass.



Boys 12 noon Communion mass.



Girls communion mass at 10am on Saturday.



Girls communion mass at 12noon on Saturday .



Girls communion mass at 10am on Sunday.



Twin Sisters Grace and Anna Keane.



Peter Fitzsimons & Jamie Daly.



Ben O'Keeffe & Charlie Byrne.



Fr. Aquinas with Jack Anthony Kelly and his 101 year old Great Gran Bridget Kelly.



Jack Holohan & Matthew McDowell.



Paddy Cunneen & Christian Buckley.



Twins Anna and JP McCambridge.



Amelaia Purowska, Hannah Grogan, Ava Hancock and Sasha Jones.



Luisa Avevedo Doyle, Grace Guinan and Megan Breslin.



Naomi Redmond, Ciara O'Brien, Isabelle Walsh and Julia O'Conail.



Victoria Mdimela, Isabelle Murphy, Mia Wall and Darcey Shaw.



William King and Ryan Dennis



Samantha Goode and Anna Rose McCarthy.



Ciarán Wong, Finn Mahon and Vadim Pirlea Cojocari



Alaina McArdle and Alannah Murphy.



Ben Ryan and James Smyth



Principal Fiona Griffin with Ciarán Stephenson Wong.



Natalie Morton and Eva Gallagher.

Cabinteely Athletic Club takes gold



Cabinteely Athletic Club based in Kilbogget Park had great success at the Dublin Indoor Championships and at the National Indoor Championships recently.

The Club's U14 boys won national gold in the 4 x 200m relay and one of the boys, Shane Gevero, won gold in the 60m, setting a new National Championship record of 7.47 seconds.

The team pictured from the left is **David Bosch, Liam Molloy, Danny Morton, Brian Doody** (coach), **Shane Gevero, Peter Kenny, Ruairi Myers**. Liam and Danny recently made their Confirmation in St. Brigid's.

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your community? Get involved with us.

Contact

cabinteelycfr@gmail.com

or look us up on Facebook at **CabinteelyCFR**.

**Because when a heart stops,
seconds count.**

Dancing at the Crossroads HELP NEEDED!

The Annual Crossroads Céilí is one of the highlights of the summer in Cabinteely and will take place on Saturday 29th July from 8pm until midnight. A large attendance is expected once again this year so we really need lots of volunteers to help out and make this a successful community night. If you could help out on the night or in any way with the event then please contact Michael O'Brien on 087-2843015 / email: obrien980@hotmail.com

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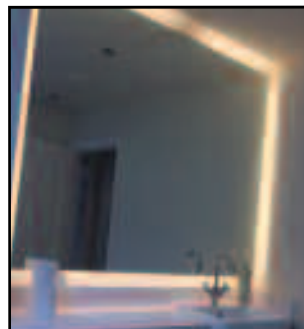
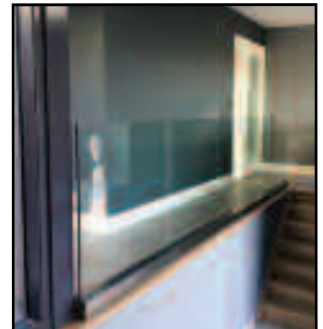
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