

## Here we go again

Welcome to yet another edition of Contact this time for Autumn 2015. With the 'new year' well and truly underway from the schools'/colleges' point of view at this stage, not to mention the number of shopping days to Christmas already finely calculated, it's appropriate too that from the Parish point of view within the wider community, we lay out our stall for the coming year 2015/16 as well.

First off – we are looking to enhance even further the very positive experience, for everybody, of living in this part of South County Dublin. If you consider yourself to have an identity with St. Brigid's parish already, well and good, but similarly if (casting our request/offer further towards the whole community), we can help to reinforce that positive experience of living here for a wider group – then so much the better.

Still any ideas or suggestions or even better any offers that help us specifically – as a parish and as a community to do this with such a terrific resource as our Pastoral Centre building – that would be most welcome. The wide variety of talent, personalities, and life experiences that make up the community of Cabinteely are best appreciated when they are shared. If the parochial centre can help facilitate that without unnecessarily relegating our own specific use of its resources, don't be shy in coming forward with your ideas or suggestions.

If perchance you happen to be a new arrival in our midst, Ceád Mile Fáilte first off, and secondly there is a Parish Directory of services and contacts relating to Cabinteely available in the Pastoral Centre for everybody who might like one.

Here's hoping that the coming Academic year will see all of us together help to make our experience of living in this area – even better for all concerned. As the three musketeers used to say "One for all and all for one" – but more significantly here, the gospel exhortation "May they all be one" (JN: 17.21)

It's unity we seek – not uniformity.

**Frs. Arthur, Conor & Tom**



**Clockwise from top:** Enjoying their first day at school at St. Brigid's girls school were **Ally Whelan and Isabelle Magee; Amy Breslin and Alexander Malone.**

**The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.**

**The Parish Centre is open 9am to 10pm weekdays.**

**Coffee dock open from 10am daily.**

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

### Sunday Mass times:

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm.

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm and 4.30pm in St Brigid's Parish Church;  
11.15am in St Brigid's Girls' School Mass Centre

Please join us in the Parish Centre for coffee/tea after the 10am mass on Sundays.

# First Day of School



Cousins **Emily O'Beirne** and **Cara Gallagher**



**Martha Maguire**



**Isabele Stokes**



**Janet Li**



**Josie Bicknell**

# Dancing at the Crossroads

Another wonderful occasion was had last July 25th in Cabinteely Village with our Annual mid-summer Ceilí. As you can see from the photographs it was an evening that attracted young and old alike in their hundreds. Craic agus ceoil was the order of the evening until the small hours of the morning!

Full marks to the organisers, the Gardaí and the stewards for the evening, who ensured everything went so smoothly and maintained such a high standard of safety, entertainment and community spirit.



*Pictures by John Hickey*

## Project Cherry

One of the most exciting projects for this part of South County Dublin over the next few years has already been started. Project Cherry is the (huge) development, which will see a modern design city emerge from the area that is still largely wasteland today. The precise details and plans for the site, through which the Luas is already operational can be seen at [www.cherrywooddublin.com](http://www.cherrywooddublin.com). Having

the transport infrastructure already in place gives this project a great head start. The existence of a business park also ensures that this project has all the support structures already in place to ensure its smooth launch. Planning permission has already been submitted to commence the construction of over 3,000 houses ranging across the full range of dwellings.



## Bereavement

Bereavement is, as all of us know, a feature of life from which none of us can escape. At times of loss the sense of helplessness on the part of the bereaved, as well as on the part of those who surround them, as family, as neighbours, as parishioners and as friends can be very real.

Many parishes in the Dublin Diocese are

reinforcing their outreach to people at times of loss and sadness such as this. If there are any readers who feel that such a ministry might be something with which they could resonate - maybe you might make contact with the parish office at 01 2858835.

## Retirement



Pat O'Connell (right) with legendary Kerry GAA commentator, Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

After a lifetime of faithful commitment to countless numbers of children in St. Brigid's School Mart Lane, Mr. Pat O'Connell began a well-deserved retirement last June. Generations of students and parents owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his dedication and professionalism over more than 40 years.

As a community we wish himself and Kay every happiness and blessing surrounded by family and friends for many years into the future. Thank you Pat from all of us.

## What a difference a decade makes

It was in 2005 that on foot of a sermon by Fr. Paul Healy here in St. Brigid's that a link between Cabinteely and Kitui (Kenya) was first established. Ten years on the very evident and positive consequences of the support we have tried to offer to Kitui is amazing. Aidan Corless, thanks to the nudging of

his daughter at mass all those years ago, has spearheaded with remarkable tenacity the link ever since. No later than last month he and a number of students from Blackrock College and some parents spent a number of weeks over in Kenya. Aidan used the opportunity to visit Kitui and witnessed the fully oper-

ational boarding secondary school that is but one of the fruits of St. Brigid's and others' generosity over the years. He met with some of the graduates who were able to go to secondary schooling primarily because people from here sponsored them.

Parishioners **Thomas, Alice and Olivia** visit **St. Michael's** primary school in **Kitui**.



## What a relief!

Thank you to all who have returned completed Tax Relief forms to the parish. As a result of a change in the law the parish has been given the opportunity to avail itself of a substantial new source of income.

There is no longer any tax relief given to a taxpayer who makes a donation to a charity but, where any taxpayer contributes €250 or more to a charity (which includes St. Brigid's), in any year, the charity can claim a substantial tax refund. All that is necessary is that the contributor completes a form and

returns it to the charity. The refund can amount to as much as an additional €112 in respect of each €250 donated, and it costs the taxpayer nothing!! It will represent a very significant addition to the income of the parish.

We would be delighted to receive any outstanding forms, and if anyone has mislaid the form or would like another copy, they are available from the Parish Office.

## Changes to Baptisms on a trial basis from now up to end December 2015

Baptisms will take place on the second Saturday @12 noon and fourth Sunday @1.45pm of each month. Pre-Baptism meeting will take place on first Tuesday of each month @ 8pm.

## Correction

Sincere apologies for muddling up the pictures and captions of the baptisms in the last issue!

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Congratulations to **Ciara Connaughton** and **Jonathan Murphy** who were married in **St. Brigid's** on 8th August.



## Bridge

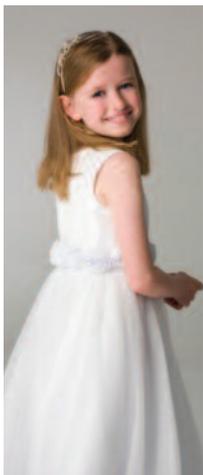
Bridge will recommence in St. Brigid's Parish Centre in September 2015.

Registration for beginners class on Thursday 10th and 17th September and classes will start on Thursday 17th September, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. St. Brigid's Bridge Club will recommence on Thursday 10th September. All welcome.

## Make Contact

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

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Contact the Parish Office (**Tel: 2858835**)  
for more information

If you are available on Sundays to help in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre after 10am mass, please get in touch with the Parish office on (01) 2858835

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