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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**THROW AWAY YOUR WHITE STICK**

The internet's a fascinating thing. Just connect to it, type in a word or phrase and suddenly you have access to hundreds of thousands of sites all vying for your attention and offering the solution to your questions.

Of course, it's not quite as simple as that, is it? You want to find out about the queen who ruled in 19th century Britain and so you type in "Victoria". However, all you get is page after page of tourist guides to Canada, or Australian Chamber of Commerce web sites.

Information is a wonderful thing but it needs a certain ability to see through it and sift the evidence before it becomes really useful. And too much information simply blinds us; we don't know which avenue to go down to find our answer.

Today's long gospel passage from St John presents us with the man who has been blind since his birth. He has always had to rely on others to describe the physical world to him, always had to ask directions from strangers, always lived off second hand accounts of what people and places were like. Today he would carry a white stick. When Jesus gives him his sight back it transforms his world. Not only do his eyes work correctly but his vision of reality is transformed. So sure is he of the power of Jesus that he even begins to argue and taunt the religious leaders. These same leaders had previously blamed him and his parents for his blindness.

As we move towards Easter and the renewal of our baptismal promises, the Church gives us this gospel passage to remind us that our faith in Christ has opened our eyes to see clearly what we must do to live the life God wants of us. We no longer are blindly searching for meaning and fulfilment. We need feel no fear when faced with so many shallow and pale imitations of what life is about, so many people who pretend to have the secret of happiness, so much junk information that offers us the world.

When Jesus calls us out of darkness into light he offers us the gift of faith, the ability to discern, to see clearly, to journey without stumbling. Throw away your white stick, he says, and see how wonderful the world can be!

**Weekend Intentions**

Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.



- 6.30pm** – 1. James & Elizabeth O'Brien and their daughter Betty - Anniv  
 2. John Duffy – 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 10.00am** – 1. Desmond Healy – Anniversary  
 2. Alexandra 'Button' Kelly – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 12.30pm** – 1. Bert Callery – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 2. Patrick Flynn - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
 3. Paddy McConville – 1st Anniv.  
 4. Brendan Brady – Rec Decd

**11.15am (The Park)**

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**Recently Deceased:** Jim Byrne, Rita Parsons, Mimi Gaynor, *SEAN FITZPATRICK*

**Months Mind:** Cardinal Desmond Connell

**Anniversaries:** Lily & Jack Flynn,

**Mass times in St. Brigid's Church**  
**Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday -10 am**  
**Saturday (Vigil Mass) – 6.30 pm**  
**Sunday – 10 am and 12.30 pm and**  
**11.15 am Park Mass (term time)**

We congratulate the **girls from St Brigid's Girls' School** who received **Confirmation** here last Friday. Congratulations also to their parents and teachers.

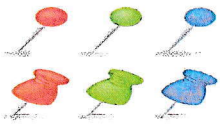
**Lent**

Do something special for Lent. Come to the morning Prayer of Light every Monday morning after 10 am Mass for 10 minutes of prayer, singing, meditation and psalms. All welcome.



**Foxrock Parish** are holding a **Week of Guided Prayer** from 2 – 8 April. Information at back of church. Booking essential.





## Parish Noticeboard.

**Confessions** every Saturday after 6.30pm  
Mass here in St. Brigid's, Cabinteely



### Social Welfare Information

Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm. Just drop in - no appointment needed.



### Novice Bridge Club

Our Novice Bridge Club will take place every Thursday evening from 7.30 pm - 10.00pm (for those playing

bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required.

**New members very welcome**



**Ministers of the Eucharist** are available to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. **Contact Joan O'Shea on 01 2824814** if you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis.

**Mother & Toddler Group** - this group takes place each Tuesday of term time from 10.30 am to 11.45 am in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

**Senior Social Club**, meet every Wednesday 2.30pm-4.30pm. Cup of Tea & chat, Bingo, Exercise, Music, Art, Outings, Talks & Card playing. New members welcome. Transport available. New drivers needed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. Thank you to the new drivers who have volunteered.

See noticeboard for classes/workshops in **Luisne Centre for Spirituality**, Kilcoole

### New Pilgrim Path - Website of the Week.

3 minute retreats from Loyola Press invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer, phone or tablet. Spent some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Access this, and other rich online spiritual resources via [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**Study Liturgy at the National Centre for Liturgy** in St Patricks College, Maynooth. Liturgy courses, Masters, Higher Diploma, Diploma. Contact 01 708 3478 - [liturgy@spcm.ie](mailto:liturgy@spcm.ie)

**Our Fundraising 500 Limited Raffle for a 172 Hyundai i20 Deluxe will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Centre at 8pm**

Tickets are available in the Parish Office weekdays and from the Sacristy after weekend masses.



Tickets are €75 each and can be purchased either with a once off payment or can be purchased over March, April and May at €25 per month. -

The Car supplied is by Mooney's Hyundai, Deansgrange.

### Book now for Mindfulness Classes

Starting Tues.28<sup>th</sup> March/9.45am - 12.15 pm & Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> March/7pm-9.30pm  
8 classes plus 1 day of mindfulness.

**Decrease** anxiety, stress and pain  
**Increase** self-compassion, confidence, acceptance

**Improve** sleep, communications, relationships, health.

Contact Pamela Maria 083-8166800

### VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA

Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 15 June 2017.

The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn.

No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs.

If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope.

**Contact Denis, Humanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271.**

### Cabinteely Annual Spring Clean Day

**Date:** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Time:** 10 am to 12 noon.

**Meeting point:** Cabinteely Village.



### Are you a good listener? Senior Help Line,

confidential phone listening service for older people need volunteers, 55+ to work in

Donnybrook. Commitment is 3 hrs once every three weeks. Information morning on Tue, Mar 28. Contact Anne on 087 745 0721 for more information.