

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Second Sunday in the Year C

AN OPEN INVITATION

When an invitation to a wedding drops through the letter box onto the mat it never fails to perk us up. A sure sign that you need treatment is when the prospect of going to a wedding gets you down!

Because the bible is not concerned to give us a day to day account of Jesus's life we tend to get only an occasional glimpse into his personal, social life. But the wedding at Cana is an exception. We all know the story. The wine runs out. Jesus tells the waiters to pour out from the water jars, and the new wine turns out to be better than the expensive stuff they served at the start of the meal.

Where do we go next? Well, we could talk about the compassion of Mary who wanted to spare embarrassment to the groom's family. Or we could talk about the fact that Jesus's wine outclassed the normal brew. Perhaps we could mention the fact that Jesus and his family had a perfectly normal social life like anyone else. Or, of course, we could talk about the miracle.

But if we do talk about the miracle, the first of Jesus's "signs" as St John calls them, then we can't stop in Cana. Because John tells us that Jesus worked these signs in order to provoke a reaction in people. When the water was turned into wine Jesus let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him.

Cana hailed a new age, a new stage in which God would overturn the accepted norms of society and usher in a messianic time, the wedding of life in which God's intervention is a daily event. God never stops issuing us with invitations to this wedding, to see the wonders that he performs in this world of ours. In fact, the Church refers to the celebrations of heaven as the "wedding feast of the Lamb".

The wedding is a symbol of integrity, festivity and loving security. And today Isaiah tells us that God has a permanent invitation for each of us to this wedding of life. No longer will we be forsaken or abandoned but we will be on God's guest list under the name "My Delight". Wherever we live will be called "Marriage-Land". And all of this is because "The Lord takes delight in

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19th Jan 2019 6.30 pm Vigil

Charles Quigley – 11th Anniversary Dermot Delahunty – 6th Anniversary

Sun 20th Jan 2019 10.00 am Ann Healy – 1st Anniversary Angela Brennan – 1st Anniversary

12.30pm

Patricia Larkin – 5th Anniversary John Brennan (A)

Anniversaries:

Maura Earley (1st Anniversary)
William, Maureen & Pauline Heffernan,
Mary Dowling.

Mon 10 AM
Tues 10 AM
Thurs 10 AM
Fri 10 AM Patrick Cunningham 3rd
Anniversary

Retrouvaille – a Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 8 – 10 February 2019. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be emailed to info@cabinteelyparish.ie by Monday of the week of publication.

The 2019 Laudate Festival celebrations will take place in:

St. Pius X Church, Templeogue on Monday, 28 January at 7.00pm.

Our Lady of Victories Church in Ballymun Road on Tuesday, 29 January at 7.00pm.

St. Therese's Church, Mount Merrion on Wednesday, 30 January at 7.00pm.



Bethany Bereavement Support

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group holds its "drop in" on the last Friday of every month in the Parish Pastoral Centre after the 10 AM mass. All are welcome. Next meeting is 25th January 2019.





Baptisms take place in St Brigid's
Church on the Second and Fourth Sundays of every month at 1.45 PM. Please contact the Parish Secretarial Office on Mondays or Thursdays between 9 AM and 4.30 PM to book

Church/Parish Collections: What are they?

Each Sunday there are two collections that take place. During mass.

First Collection: Diocesan Common Fund from which all priests are paid an allowance. Supporting this fund and the Christmas and Easter Dues go directly to support priests including your local priests.

Second Collection: Share: This collection supports developing parishes and the Diocesan Administration which supports parishes by professional advice on all aspects to managing parishes and schools.

Parish Planned Giving Collection: This fund can be donated to by weekly, monthly, or annual envelope or by direct debit. This is the only fund that we have to run the parish; to pay for light, heat and power, wages, maintenance, renovation etc. If you do not already subscribe please contact the parish office for more details.

Thank you to all who support these collections without which there would not be a parish.

C.A.R.A. – Cabinteely Active Retirement Association welcomes members who are retired and aged 55 or up. We are affiliated to A.R.I. (Active Retirement Ireland). Our activities include Boules, Cards, Mahjong, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Ten Pin Bowling, Pitch and Putt, Scrabble, Walks & Talks, Socials, visits to places of interest, Whist, holidays (home and away). There is an annual subscription and a small charge for some events.

"When we are dreaming alone it is only a dream. When we are dreaming with others, it is the beginning of reality."

— Hélder Câmara

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18-25 January 2019 on the theme 'Justice and justice only you shall pursue'.



The new rota for Ministers of the Eucharistic is available for collection from the Sacristy this weekend.

The next "Do This in Memory of Me" mass takes place next Saturday 26th Janaury at 6.30 PM in St Brigid's Church.

A Presentation by Peter Siney for the parents of Boys and Girls making First Holy Communion this year will take place in St Brigid's Girls School on Thursday 24th January at 7.30PM.

A Presentation by Rosemary Lavelle for the parents of Boys and Girls making Confirmation this year will take place in St Brigid's Girls School on Thursday 31st January at 8 PM.

Prayer/Reflection Groups in the Parish

Tuesday: Divine Mercy Devotions after the 10 AM Mass

Wednesday Nights Centering Prayer 7pm-8pm

Thursdays: Gospel Reflection Group 10.30am-12.30pm

Fridays: Gospel Contemplation 10.30am- 12.30pm

The Rosary is recited before the 10 AM mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays at 9.40 AM.

All of our Church Services are broadcast live through churchservices.tv . Follow the link from our parish website at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

Help Needed

Volunteers Urgently Needed to assist in the Parish Pastoral Centre particularly in the evenings. If you think that you can give some time please contact Marian in the Parish Office.

Aware

Aware undertakes to create a society where people affected by stress, depression, bipolar disorder and mood related conditions are understood, supported, free from stigma, and are encouraged to access appropriate therapies.

An Aware group meet in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Wednesday nights from 7.30 PM to 9.30 PM

Parish Stats 2018

Baptisms: 78
First Holy Communions: 125
Confirmations: 122
Marriages: 10
Funerals: 34

Number of Catholics in Parish: 7132

Saints of the Week

Thur 24 Jan St Francis de Sales
Fri 25 Jan The Conversion of St Paul
Sat 26 Jan Ss Timothy and Titus

"In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction."

St John of the Cross





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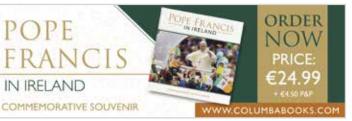
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