



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Third Sunday in the Year C

THERE SHOULD BE A LAW ABOUT IT

Politicians know that to be successful they have to convince us they would pass better laws in four main areas: education, health, transport and earnings. Everything else just comes and goes. Even though most of us don't like laws (we'd prefer fewer rather than more), we do recognise that they can be useful in regulating life for the common good. So we elect people to make laws that promote fairness and foster harmony in society.

The Jewish people were famous for their laws; they seemed to have one for every occasion. But when they were deported to Babylon in Iraq in exile, the new generations lost touch with their legal system. Upon their return to Jerusalem Ezra gathered them into an assembly and read the whole of the Law to them. They cried and wept, not because the laws were harsh, but because they showed the all-encompassing care that God had for them in setting up this legal system. That's why the psalmist sang about the Law of God being perfect and gladdening the heart.

All the Old Testament laws come to fulfilment in Christ. The wisdom of God once encased in legal codes is now distilled in the person of Jesus. And when we come across him in his home-town synagogue he takes the opportunity to tell people that the law is now fulfilled in their very presence. We know later that he would sum all of this up in two laws: love God and love your neighbour.

Unlike man-made laws, the law of God is not intended to be a burden to people. It's intended to set them free to get on with life. God's law is ordered in such a way that the innate goodness and beauty of human life should be shared by all to the maximum. It encourages growth rather than restricts; it offers freedom rather than a straight-jacket. It looks at the whole picture rather than the interest of the moment.

So when Jesus says that the law and prophets are about to be fulfilled, what does he say will happen? The poor will get some good news, prisoners will be given their liberty, the blind will see again and oppressed people will be set free. If there's a politician out there, your time may be running out...

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26th Jan 2019
6.30 pm Vigil

Anne Fox—40th Anniversary
Doreen Sexton—Months Mind

Sun 27th Jan 2019
10.00 am

Carmel Coughlan—2nd Anniversary
Michael Bolger—10th Anniversary

12.30pm
Michéal Gormley—1st Anniversary
Eamon & Dermot Doyle—Anniversary

Months Mind
Doreen Sexton

Anniversaries:
Michéal Gormley—1st Anniversary
Eileen & Jim McKell -
Joan Walsh—7th Anniversary

Mon 10 AM-Nuala Newman - Special Intention
Tues 10 AM
Thurs 10 AM
Fri 10 AM- 1st Friday

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St Brigid's Day—Feb 1st

St. Brigid, " Mary of the Gael", abbess and patroness of Ireland, and founder of the first Irish monastery in Kildare, was born near Dundalk in 450 A.D. Tradition tells us that her unbounded charity drew multitudes of the poor to her door and much enraged her father Dubhtach, a Leinster pagan Chieftain and a stubborn disbeliever. As he lay on his deathbed, she sat by him and whiled away the time weaving a cross from the rushes at her feet. Her father asked her to explain it's meaning and was so overwhelmed that he became a Christian before his death

Many believed that this rush cross, which became her emblem, keeps evil and hunger from the homes in

which it is displayed. For centuries, it has been customary on the eve of her feast-day for the Irish to fashion a St. Brigid's Cross of straw or rushes and place it inside the house, over the door. St. Brigid's feast day falls on the first of February, the day on which she died in 524 A.D. Her body lies at Downpatrick beside the graves of St. Patrick and St. Columba.



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

Use of Parish Centre Car Park Please note:

All those parking in the car park during the week (excluding Mass times) must sign into the centre. Cars not signed in will be clamped. Clamp release fee is €50.

Novice Bridge Club

Our Novice Bridge Club takes 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

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer group annual Spring conference

Venue: Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan.
Friday Feb 8th at 6.30pm to 2pm
Sunday Feb 10th 2019
Speakers Eddie Stone and Fr Peter Okpetu
All Welcome further details contact www.mcpg.net or 087 2251124.

The Parish Centre

There are rooms available for rent ranging in size from 15 to 100 people.

Do you have an idea for a course, a class, a one off event for 2019? Are you looking for a venue??? Give Marian/Ann a call on 01 2858835 to arrange to view our facilities.

Coffee Dock. The Coffee Dock is open weekdays from 10am.

The Coffee Dock is open Sunday Morning after 10am Mass. A warm welcome guaranteed. All welcome

Fancy brushing off your Cúpla Focal ?
Conversational Irish at one of the tables in the Parish Pastoral Centre [after the 10am Sunday mass] is starting back on Feb 3rd.
All levels of fluency welcome

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.

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.

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

New Parish Office Opening Times

From Wednesday 2nd January 2019, the secretarial office will be opened on Mondays and Thursday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

The Front Office/Bookshop will be opened Monday to Friday 9 AM to 4 PM

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.

World Day of the Sick Conference 2019

*"Community struggle with addiction -
A Pastoral response"*

Saturday 9th February 2019

9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

at *All Hallows, Drumcondra*

Registration from 9.30 a.m.

€10 per person, Pre-booking is required for this event

Dublin South Living Well with Dementia invites you to the following talk

**LEGAL ASPECTS OF DEMENTIA -
Information on legal matters pertaining to dementia**
Guest speaker : Mark Felton (Solicitor) LL.M

The evening will commence with the presentation from the guest speaker at 7.10pm followed by a facilitated discussion at each table on this topic

Monday 28th Jan 2019, *Time:* 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Outland's College, Stillorgan, Co Dublin.

Catholic Schools Week 2019

Catholic Schools Week 2019 will run from 27th January to 3 February. The theme this year is "Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools. "
The daily themes are as follows:

Monday: Living Tradition
Tuesday: Welcoming Diversity
Wednesday: Grandparents Day
Thursday: In Service of our Community
Friday: Supporting Faith

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

Table Quiz in aid of- ONE (Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann) – The organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel & USRU – The Irish Underwater Search & Recovery Unit in the **Graduate Bar & Restaurant, Rochestown Avenue, Killiney on Feb 7th at 7.30pm**

Come along on the night or donate a raffle prize or unwanted Christmas gift . Further information from fundraisingevents2019@gmail.com or 086-4089611.

Parish Stats 2018

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

Saints of the Week

Mon 28th—Saint Thomas Aquinas
Tues 29th— Servant of God Br. Juniper
Wed 30th—Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska
Thurs. 31st - Saint John Bosco
Fri 1st Feb - St Brigid



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