



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



**Sunday 24th Feb - Seventh Sunday C**

## GET YOUR OWN BACK?

One of the most misquoted phrases from the bible is "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth". People use it to justify revenge. They think that it means you can get your own back on those who do wrong to you.

What they don't understand is that this phrase in the Old Testament was used to ensure that people did not retaliate wildly against each other. It was intended to set the limits, to stop people looking for a payback that was out of proportion to the offence. So if someone cheats you out of your car, you shouldn't try and have their home taken away from them. If someone defrauds you of a thousand pounds you shouldn't try and sue them for a million. Our response should be proportionate. This is not a response favoured by the "no-win-no-fee" lawyers!

Christianity invites us always to be more generous in our response than we need to be. A Roman soldier could demand by law that a Jew must carry his load for approximately one mile. Carry it two, says Jesus. You must forgive your enemies, says the law. Don't just forgive them, says Jesus: love them and pray for them.

Of course, Christians are mocked for following this teaching of Jesus. It doesn't rank among the streetwise skills. In fact it runs contrary to a society that prizes assertion, aggressiveness and getting a "piece of the action". But there's one obvious ingredient missing from the commonly agreed way of behaving: God. When it comes to loving your enemies, the idea that Christianity is simply nothing more than good manners breaks down. For the teaching of Jesus is not only revolutionary but also subversive. It challenges society's commonly accepted ideas about how we should deal with those who break the law, those who threaten our security or those who offer us the chance of making a fortune at the expense of others. This is because if we model ourselves on God then we are signing up to values that put others first, especially the weak and vulnerable. And if God, who created us in his own image of goodness and holiness, chooses not to obliterate us when we deface his image in our world, then how can we possibly claim vengeance for the paltry complaints that we have against others?

Anyone can love those who are good to them. It takes a special kind of person to be able to love their enemies. And it's the minimum requirement for a Christian.

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 24th February 2019

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 23rd Feb 2019**  
6.30 pm Vigil

**Sun 24th Feb 2019**  
10.00 am

**12.30pm**  
Peggy Cronin - 5th Anniversary  
Sonny Nolan - 16th Anniversary

**Recently Deceased**  
Maira Flavin

**Anniversaries:**  
Eileen Boylan  
Maeve Bree

**Mon 10 AM-**  
Flavin & O'Shea extended families

**Tues 10 AM—**  
Francis Byrne - 2nd Anniversary

**Thurs 10 AM—**  
Matt Fitzgibbon - Anniversary

**Fri 10 AM—**

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## 'MONDAY MEET UP's for LENT' .. DON'T MISS OUT!

Let's gather, reflect and connect. St. Brigid's Parish are offering a series of three talks in our Parish Pastoral Centre in the weeks leading up to Easter.

1. **Monday March 25th- Fr Alan Hilliard**, Coordinator Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service at TU Dublin  
Theme of talk: **'Happy to Be Holy'** :  
Can holiness make any difference in our lives?

Alan Hilliard's encouraging and 'relevant to life' presentation will take us on a journey through Pope Frances's latest writing 'Gaudete and Exsultate' (Rejoice and Be Glad!) on how holiness is a matter for us all and is intimately connected to a life of personal and Christian Joy.

2. **Monday April 1st, P J Lynch** (Children's Laureate/'Illustrator of 'The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey' Kate Greenaway Medal winner, Knock Mosaic Artist, :  
Theme of talk: **"Miracles and Moonshine**  
The value and role of Art and Beauty in our Churches and Sacred spaces.

P J Lynch's personal experience of how the recent 1,500,000 piece Knock apparition mosaic was conceived, designed and built , including examples of other of Sacred Art pieces/illustration he is currently working on.

3. **Monday April 8th Fr. Pat Claffey** Divine Word Priest, Curate, St. Mary's, Haddington Road.  
Lecturer in comparative religions in Trinity (Loyola Institute.)  
Theme of talk: **'Secularisation - How do we respond?'**

Fr. Pat promises a lively, well researched presentation, inviting us all to acknowledge changes in contemporary culture and encouraging us to reflect, engage and dialogue.

**All talks take place in the Parish Pastoral Centre from 8pm to 9.30pm**

### Emmanuel 2019 at the Helix

70 second Level Schools from all over the Archdiocese will participate in the renowned Emmanuel concert series this year where hundreds of teenagers take part in a live concert in the Helix over four nights. 25th to 28th of February at 7.30pm each evening. Come along to listen to young people praising God with energy in this unique event. A list of participating schools is available at

[www.litmus@dublindiocese.ie](http://www.litmus@dublindiocese.ie)

### 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.

The **Coffee Dock** is open weekdays from 10am and is open Sunday Morning after 10am Mass. A warm welcome guaranteed. **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**

### **Lectio Divina - Living Word Worship.**

As a parish prayer exercise for Lent, Patricia Carroll of the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism will host a *Living Word Workshop*, **Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb from 7.30 - 9.30pm in Dundrum Parish Pastoral Centre**, [Adjacent to Holy Cross Church, Main St, Dundrum, *Dundrum Luas Stop; Bus Routes 75, 14, 44*, Parking Available in 'Blue Carpark' entry to the side of Holy Cross Church] *This workshop is for Southside/Wicklow Parishes to help in preparation for Lent. Workshop also available on Tues. 26th in Clonliffe College.* Resources will be made available as well as input about how to lead a group in Lectio Divina. Those who wish to register should e-mail [dundrumparish@gmail.com](mailto:dundrumparish@gmail.com) or call **01 2983494**.

**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.



### 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

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be emailed to [newsletter@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:newsletter@cabinteelyparish.ie) by Monday of the week of publication.

### Old Dublin Society

The next meeting of the Old Dublin Society takes place at 6pm on Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, [138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2](#), at which Fergal McCabe will present his lecture 'Down with Dublin - Frank Gibney and the Role of the Capital in the Vision of the Nation's City.' All welcome - admission free

### Koins for Kids Ireland

Is a small voluntary charity putting all its efforts into providing an MRI machine (scanner) for the New Children's Hospital once building is complete. They are asking you to donate any unwanted Non-Euro Coin and Currencies and accumulations of 1&2 cent coins that may be lying around your house or business. To date we have raised in excess of €95,000 on a completely voluntary basis. The MRI machine will save Children's lives decades into the future. Peace and love to all from Koins for Kids Ireland."

### A Journey Through Lent

We could consider the Way of the Cross as a pilgrimage or journey, following the path not only of Christ's journey through suffering and death to new life but also our own.

Humanity and all of Creation is on a critical journey as we are challenged by climate change. Will this critical journey lead us towards sustainability and new life?

Sessions will look at the Way of the Cross in the light of Pope Francis' teachings in Laudato Si. They will be based on a document published by Trócaire in cooperation with CAFOD and SCIAF.

**Location:** Luisne Centre for Well-Being Kilcoole  
**Thursdays of Lent** beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 to 12 noon.

**Facilitator:** Sr. Miriam

**Cost:** Suggested Donation: €15 for the series

### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time counts the time between Christmas Season and Lent and between Easter Season and Advent. Ordinary Time readings, liturgy and prayer can be a rich time to reflect upon our relationship with God, our relationships with each other and to grow in depth on many levels. Creighton University Online Ministries has a huge variety of helpful resources for prayer in Ordinary Time, which you can access at [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

### 28<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Conference

23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. in the RDS, Ballsbridge. On Friday night, 22nd Feb. we are continuing our very successful addition to the programme which includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confessions and which is aimed specially at our young people. This year's theme is:

**Let Us Not be Put to the Test .**

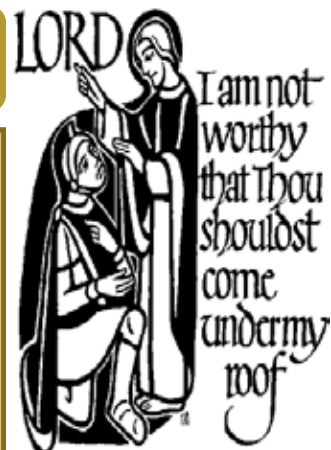
Schedule available from [www.dublindiocese.ie/noticeboard](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/noticeboard) - All welcome

### Listening 2019

The Archdiocese is seeking the views of parents, teachers, priests and parish personnel and the wider faith community on how we might improve the way we prepare and celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, , Communion and Confirmation. As many people as possible are invited to take part in this on line survey so that we can get a wide range of views. <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/survey-on->

### Saints of the Week

1st March: St David





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