



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## 31st March 2019 • Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

The Elder Son

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However, the Father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love for the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost.

Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative: where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice: to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power ... that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 246)



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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 31st March 2019

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 30th March 2019**

**6.30 pm Vigil**

Ella Kennedy - 2nd Anniversary  
Liam O'Brien - Recently Deceased  
Margaret O'Brien - 2nd Anniversary

**Sun 31st March 2019**

**10.00 am**

Special Intention  
Mary Cadden - Anniversary

**12.30pm**

Bert Callery - 8th Anniversary  
Paddy Flynn - 3rd Anniversary  
Paddy McConville - 3rd Anniversary

**Months Mind**

Marion Molloy

**Recently Deceased**

Anne MacNulty-Farrell

**Anniversaries:**

Pat Mullen (1st Anniversary), Justin Nelson (1st Anniversary), Tony Kelly (12th Anniversary)

**Mon 10 AM-**

Special Intention

**Tues 10 AM—**

Moira Flavin - Recently Deceased

**Thurs 10 AM—**

John Howard Griffin - 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.

A special thank you to Fr Alan Hilliard who gave our first Lenten Talk last Monday. It was interesting, prayerful and challenging

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**

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### **Week of Guided Prayer in Foxrock.**

The annual Week of Guided Prayer for Lent will take place from 7 to 13 April 2019. This is a retreat for busy people when trained Prayer Guides come to the parish to work with us. You are invited to meet for half an hour every day with a Prayer Guide who will gently accompany you as you reflect on a piece of Scripture. No previous experience needed. Prayer Guides will be available for sessions in the morning, afternoon or evening and they usually make every effort to meet you at a time that suits you best. The Week of Guided Prayer will begin with a session at 7.00 pm on Sunday evening 7 April in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre when participants will meet their Prayer Guide for the week. It will close with a session with Prayer Guides on Saturday 13 April at 7.00 pm. It is necessary to register so that we can arrange to have Prayer Guides to accommodate everyone. To register or to make further enquiries, please contact Maeve Davidson by email to [maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie](mailto:maevedavidson@foxrockparish.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**

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

New stock & cards can be purchased in the parish centre at very reasonable prices. Call in and take a look.

### **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. Front Office/Bookshop will be opened Monday to Friday 9 AM to 4 PM

**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.



## Cabinteely Community Spring Clean Day

Saturday 6th April  
10.30am - 12.30pm

Please come along and help  
(Meet opposite the Post Office)

Facebook & Twitter:  
@CabinteelyTidy  
[www.cabinteelytidytowns.com](http://www.cabinteelytidytowns.com)

**Sallynoggin/Glenageary Parish**, as part of our Lenten Preparation, will have 24hour Adoration on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April beginning at 6.30pm Mass on Friday and concluding with 6.30pm Mass on Saturday. Please contact Mairéad Bernal (085) 861 7884 to commit to an hour

The Irish Wheelchair Association are now working directly with the elderly in the community under our Enhanced Homecare Services and are seeking employees to carry out this service on our behalf. To work in this capacity you will need to be studying or have completed a Fetac Level 5 in healthcare or its equivalent. If you are interested in working with the IWA as a caregiver please send your Curriculum Vitae to the email contact below. We offer excellent rates and inter client mileage, training is provided. Contact email. [Mairin.oneill@iwa.ie](mailto:Mairin.oneill@iwa.ie)

## Marriage Enrichment Course:

Is your marriage due a check-up? Do you think you could benefit from a few helpful tips? This course will run for four Thursdays from 7.30 - 9.30pm on March 14<sup>th</sup>; March 28<sup>th</sup>; April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> in Foxrock Parish Centre. For further details or to register, contact Foxrock Parish Office at 01 2893492 or Maeve Davidson at 087 6904814. Early booking advised. **Facilitator:** Barbara Duff B.A., H Dip in Ed., NAPCP, marriage counsellor and psychosexual therapist with Accord and author of *Rekindle the Spark – 10 steps to revitalize your relationship* **This course is free of charge.**

## SHARING SPIRITUALITY

*Sharing Spirituality* is an informal Group which meets monthly to consider, on a broad basis and in a reflective spirit, religion, spirituality and **RELIGION/SCIENCE: A CONVERSION.**

Facilitator :Carmel Heaney.  
Venue: St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Glashule  
Date: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup>. April, 2019 :  
Time: 8 p.m.

From all here in St Brigid's Parish we would like to congratulate our parishioner **Fiodhna O'Leary** a Special Olympian who won a Silver Medal in the singles Table Tennis and a 4th place in the Doubles at the Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi. Congratulations to all the other participants and to their families and friends.

Living Well with Dementia



Saint Joseph's Shankill

HSE CHO 6 Dublin South

Dedicated to Dementia Care

Present

# An Afternoon of Song

at Foxrock Church, Kill Lane, Foxrock  
Sunday, 7th of April @ 3pm  
Admission €10

Featuring  
Gerry Noonan

Living well with Dementia Sweet Memories Choirs  
Ballinteer Gospel Choir  
Students from Oatlands College  
Glencullen / Dundrum Musical & Drama Society  
& soloists Patricia Dolan & Kylabelle McKinney

In aid of  
Living Well with Dementia Sweet Memories Choirs  
Stillorgan & Saint Joseph's Shankill

## BOYS AND GIRLS 2ND TO 6TH CLASS



Come take part in St Brigid's Parish

## DRAMATISATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Singer, readers, dramatists required & Parental Support!. Practice - St Brigid's GNS 4 - 6pm, Mon 15th - Thurs 18th April 2019. Performance - Stations of the Cross, St Brigid's GNS. 11.30am for 12, Good Friday 19th April 2019

Contact. Niamh Down 086 8352739 AND/OR come take part in our new ART WORKSHOP to make Backdrops for The Stations of the Cross 4pm to 6pm Wednesday 17th April, St Brigid's GNS.  
Contact: Mary Delaney 086 2075244 or Niamh 086 8352739