



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Second Sunday of Easter

28th April 2019 • Divine Mercy Sunday

A Saint for dark times

It's perfectly understandable: Thomas is having trouble believing that Jesus has returned to be with his friends again. The disciples, who witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial, are now talking about having seen Jesus in the flesh again. It sounds impossible. Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, so of course he is doubtful.

Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light – it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord.' His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God!' We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang onto our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27th April 2019

6.30 pm Vigil

Leaha Kennedy - 17th Anniversary

Sun 28th April 2019

10.00 am

Terry Hurley - 1st Anniversary

James Dolan - Anniversary

12.30pm

Martin Prenter - 10th Anniversary

Fr Colm Connolly OFM - Months Mind

Mass for Mairín Conlon

Months Mind

Fr Colm Connolly OFM

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries:

Terry Hurley - 1st Anniversary

Mon 29th 11 AM-

Kathleen Fisher - Anniversary

Tues 30th 10 AM—

Thurs 2nd May

Philip, Brigid & Patrick Lynch - Anniversary

Friday 3rd May

1st Friday of the Month

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Planning for The Future

I write to update you on the current situation facing both Cabinteely and Foxrock Parishes. It is now eight months since I was asked to look after Foxrock Parish in addition to Cabinteely Parish, where I have been for over two years. I did not think that I would still be in this situation eight months on. A crisis is not always a bad thing. The Chinese character for 'Crisis' denotes both risk and opportunity. We were fortunate in Foxrock to have the assistance of Fr Francis up to Christmas and of Fr Emmet for two months after Christmas. I am grateful also for the generosity of the retired priests in Cabinteely and Foxrock, the dedication of the staff and volunteers, without whom it would not have been possible to have got this far. Clearly the current services are not sustainable into the future. The reality is that Foxrock had two full time priests and Cabinteely had one full time priest and now there is just one full time priest for Cabinteely and Foxrock Parishes. In the parish of Foxrock there is mass at 7.25 AM in the Divine Masters, 10 AM in Foxrock Church, and 11.30 AM and 4 PM in Cornelscourt Oratory each day while there is 10 AM Mass in Cabinteely on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 10 AM in Johnstown Monday to Saturday. There are ten Sunday Masses between Cabinteely, Foxrock and Johnstown, many of them at the same time.

The Parish Pastoral Councils in Cabinteely and Foxrock parishes are working with me in reviewing the current situation and together we are looking at creative solutions that will ensure that the faith communities in Cabinteely/Foxrock will continue to be nourished and survive into the future. The Archbishop has indicated that he hopes to appoint another priest to replace the late Fr Gerry Doyle. But he has given no indication as to when that would happen. He has also explained that it is not easy to find a priest. We will continue to communicate with our respective Parish Communities in all processes of discernment and planning, confident that with your support, input and most importantly your prayers, God will help light up the path for all.

Fr Aquinas

HELP—KEEP CABINTEELY CÉILÍ GOING

CABINTEELY CÉILÍ, REQUIRES your HELP and SUPPORT

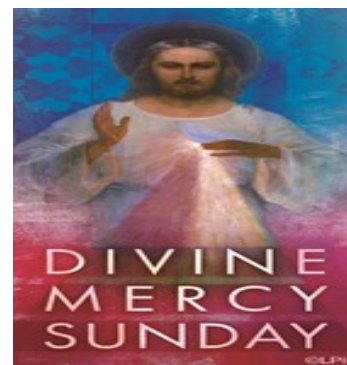
The Céilí committee are holding a public meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Pastoral Centre to discuss the future of the Cabinteely Céilí.

The present Céilí TEAM has managed the Céilí for 9 years. The task of running the Céilí has been managed by the present team since 2010. We now ask for your continued support to ensure the Cabinteely Céilí continues into the future..

The Céilí team is at a critical point and look for support from the community. The task of running the Cabinteely Céilí requires HELP and SUPPORT to guarantee its future.

"NEW BLOOD and NEW IDEAS URGENTLY NEEDED"

Have your say. Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm. NO NEW HELP NO CÉILÍ
CABINTEELY CÉILÍ 2019 proposed date—SATURDAY 27TH JULY ????????????



ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers:

Volunteers For: Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators. To give courses for couples preparing for marriage and Marriage and Relationship counsellors.

If you would like to join a committed and professionally trained team who support couples in their marriage and those preparing for marriage, please contact us. Training for both roles will take place in the Pontifical University in Maynooth.

For further information please contact 01 4784400 before 30 April 2019.

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 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

Cabinteely Active Retirement Association welcomes members who are retired age 55 or up. We are affiliated to A.R.I. (Active Retirement Ireland) Our activities are :- Boules, Cards, Mahjong, Pitch and Putt, Scrabble, Walks and Talks, Socials, visits to places of interest, Holidays (home and Away). There is an annual subscription and a small charge for some events.

Bethany Bereavement Support

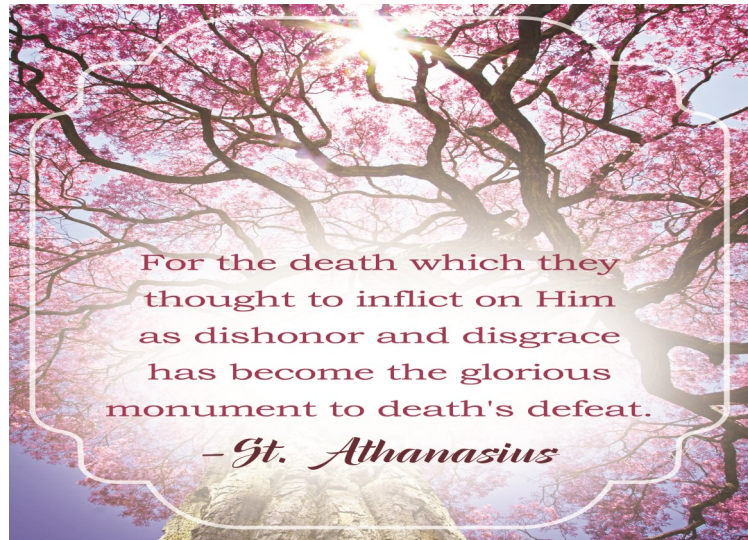
The Bethany Bereavement Support Group holds its "drop in" on the last Friday of every month in the Parish Pastoral Centre after the 10 AM mass.
All are welcome.



Come celebrate the book launch of 'Live While You Can', the life affirming memoir by Fr. Tony Coote On Wednesday May 1st at 6.30pm, at the Church of St Therese, Mount Merrion. Books will be available to purchase on the night."

Killiney Lions Club

Are having an open night on Monday 29th April 2019 at 8pm in the Cabinteely Suite at the Rochestown Lodge Hotel. Please come along to find out exactly how we help those in need in your locality.



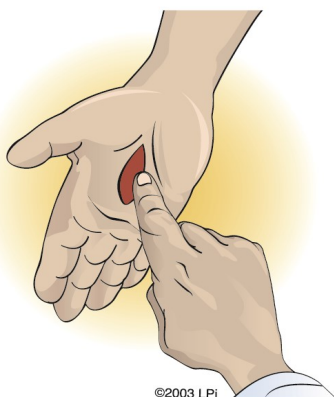
On June 7th and 8th, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth will host a conference on the subject of the spiritual life of the child and their place in the community of faith. The keynote speaker will be Annemie Dillen from KU Leuven who will speak on: "Children in the midst? On marginality, the center and the challenges of turning social norms upside down." Register online, through Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.ie. (Search under "The Child in our Midst".) queries please contact t.specialevents@spcm.ie.

Centering prayer will resume on Wednesday 1st May at 7pm. All welcome

Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday, 28th April 2019

You are invited to join in Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday, 28th April 2019 (Divine Mercy Sunday) in the Chapel of Adoration, Disciples of The Divine Master, White's Cross, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock. **Devotions commencing at 2.00pm** will include a guided Holy Hour, Confessions, **Mass at 3.45pm**, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Blessing with St. Faustina Relic.

All are welcome.



Each day in May 2019, thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grottos to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland. To sign up your local Grotto, text/call 087 278 6552 or at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Lough Derg: One Day Retreats begin on Saturday 4th May. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A new event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18th May. Booking essential. Tel: (00353) 71 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org or www.loughderg.org

VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish of Ballybrack-Killiney is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one year fixed term/part-time basis and is part-time, 6 hours per week.

Reporting to the Moderator, duties include:

Providing an administrative service to Ballybrack-Killiney parish .
Managing the parish office with the effective use of up-to-date office systems.
Receiving members of the public & dealing with enquiries.
Recording and managing parish records.

Requirements:

- ✦ The successful candidate will have at least 5 years clerical/administrative experience.
- ✦ Up-to-date computer skills including Microsoft word and excel with some database experience. Microsoft publisher would also be desirable.
- ✦ Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively and work as part of a team. Excellent customer services skills.

Letters of application with curriculum vitae should be emailed to Fr. Tom Dalzell at ballybrack.killiney@gmail.com The closing date for