



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## 1st Sunday of Lent/March 1st, 2020

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbour. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go ?



### SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1st March 2020

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 29th Feb 2020**

**6.30 pm Vigil.**

James & Elizabeth O'Brien - Anniversary  
Matt Fitzgibbon - Anniversary

**Sun 1st March 2020**

**10.00 am**

Sheila Nethercott – Get Well  
Pat & Jack Mullen

**12.30pm -**

Kathleen O'Sullivan - Anniversary  
Theo O'Leary & John & Kathleen O'Leary  
Sonny Nolan – 17th Anniversary

**Recently Deceased—**

**Months Mind—**

**Anniversaries: -**

Sonny Nolan— 17th Anniversary,  
Philip Ryan (anniversary)

**Mon—10am -**

**Tues 10 AM—.**

**Thurs 10am —**

**Friday 10am— First Friday**

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### Church Renovation Update

We are continuing to raise funds to address the urgent repairs to the Church. Thank you to all those who have made a donation or who have signed up for direct debit donations. So far we have raised **€134,000**. In order to address the most urgent needs, we need to continue to raise more funds before we can begin.

Fr Aquinas

**The Dublin Diocesan Annual pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on **Sat. 25th April 2020 from 11am to 4:30pm**. The day will include talks, personal time, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Pilgrimage Mass and picnic lunch (bring your packed lunch!). There will also be specific programmes for children & young people. Come and join others from throughout the Diocese for this pilgrimage of Hope, Healing and Reflection. For more information [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

### Lenten Talks Series, 2020- St. Brigid's Parish Pastoral Centre,

**Mon 2nd March 8.00pm – 9.30pm**

#### **ACTIVE HOPE'**

**Speaker : Dr. Lorna Gold** author, commentator, and well known media and public speaker. Lorna has worked with Trocaire for 20 years in areas of policy, advocacy and research.

*Do we really believe Pope Francis's writings in Laudato Si - Care for our Common Home' have a relevance for us? In the face of challenges brought by climate change and the ecological crises, how can we bring hope? Lorna will offer a lively, fresh and credible approach to an important contemporary issue for people of all faiths and none.*

**Monday 9th March: 8pm -9.30pm**

#### **Refugees and Migrants – What has this got to do with me?**

**Speaker: Fr. Alan Hilliard**, Dublin Diocesan Priest and Chaplain, DIT Grangegorman. Author of 'Dipping into Lent'. Fr Hilliard is informed and well acquainted with refugee and immigration issues.

*We are delighted to welcome back Fr. Alan Hilliard for our Lenten Talks Series. His first hand experience will help enlighten, challenge and animate dialogue on an issue relevant for us all.*

**Both evenings will include a brief Q & A session, followed by tea, coffee and refreshments.**  
**ALL MOST WELCOME!**

Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family wish to thank you for your very generous donation of **€1420** for their annual collection

**Anam Cara** South Dublin the organisation that supports bereaved parents, are holding a Parent Support Event on **9th March at 7:20pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**Bethany Bereavement Drop-In**, the last Friday of every month in St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre. 10.30 -11.30 All Welcome

Prof John O'Callaghan, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, to address us on the theme of When Mercy Became Compassionate. **Monday 9th March at 7:30pm** in the **Loyola Institute (Room G16)**. All are welcome. [ Free admission }

**NEWSFLASH !!**  
St. Brigid's Parish  
New website is now live  
Find us at  
**[www.cabinteelyparish.ie](http://www.cabinteelyparish.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 2020? 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.

### Parish Prayer/Reflection Groups

**Tues:** Divine Mercy Devotions after the 10 AM Mass

**Wed.** Centering Prayer 7pm-8pm

**Fri:** Gospel Contemplation 11am-12pm  
The Rosary is recited before the 10 AM mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thurs & Fri at 9.40 AM.

### Free course

Computers for over 55s

Starting March 2020 **5 Week course**

Limited places For more information, please phone Carly 01-204 36 76  
Adult Education Service, Loughlinstown ETB Training Centre, Loughlinstown Drive, Co Dublin

### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

Lent presents a wonderful time to explore Scripture in our daily prayer. 'Living Lent Daily' is an email series of Scripture-based inspirations from Loyola Press. Each day of Lent, those who sign up for the (free) emails will receive a reflection based on Bible verses from Loyola's immensely popular 3-Minute Retreats. The emails also include suggestions for further exploration of Lenten themes through additional online articles and prayers. Access this superb Lenten resource here: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

### Daily Mass in Irish during Lent

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelors Walk, Dublin 2 Mon to Fri. 1.15 p.m. from Ash Wed. 26th Feb.

Beware of fraudulent emails and texts purporting to be from the parish or local clergy. Never disclose any personal/sensitive information in response to these emails.

We are delighted to provide our parishioners with a simple solution for all donations and offerings.

A **donation option** is now included on the parish website [www.cabinteelyparish.ie](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie).

From here you can contribute to the Church Renovation Fund, parish family offering or automate your mass donations. A major advantage to the solution is that all donations will be recorded against the giver and this will enable us to avail of more tax relief. As the use of cash declines in society the church needs to embrace new technologies, and this is our first step to that end.