



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time/February 23rd 2020

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.



SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000

Donate online at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 23rd Feb 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22nd Feb 2020

6.30 pm Vigil.
 Anne Mallin – 10th Anniversary,
 Mary Stewart

Sun 23rd Feb 2020

10.00 am
 Anne O'Gorman – Rec. Dec
 Thomas Brazil - Anniversary

12.30pm -
 Hugh & Geraldine Howe - Anniversary,
 Christopher & Elizabeth Donlon

Recently Deceased—

Months Mind—

Anniversaries: - Ann & Paddy Moore,
 Deirdre O'Donohoe (Anniv.), Peggy
 Cronin – (Anniv.)

Mon—10am - Hyciant Ikwukeme -
 Anniversary

Tues 10 AM—.

ASH Wednesday— 10.00 am Mass

Thurs 10am —

Friday 10am— Michael & Ann Murney

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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 €107,000. 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

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!

NOTICE OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INFORMATION NIGHT

We are currently in the process of forming a new Parish Pastoral Council and with this in mind, we are hosting an information night on

Thursday 27 February at 7.30pm

in St. Brigid's Parish Pastoral Centre, Cabinteely..

All are most welcome.

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

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NEWSFLASH !!
St. Brigids Parish
New website is now live
Find us at
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.

Parish Office & Centre Manager - full-time, fixed term basis, 35 hours per week

St. Brigid's Parish wish to recruit a Parish Office & Centre Manager on a full-time, fixed term basis, 35 hours per week, Mon – Fri, including occasional weekend work. This role is offered initially for a period of one year and flexibility is required. The role is to provide administrative assistance to the priest in charge in the day to day running of the parish office while professionally managing the Parish Centre, ensuring its' objectives by supporting and developing its' staff and volunteers as well as sourcing funding through appropriate commercial activity in addition to managing the day to day running of the centre.

Applications should be made by email to Fr. Aquinas Duffy, Acting Moderator with an up-to-date C.V. and Covering Letter attached indicating how your skills and experience match the role advertised.

Applications may also be posted to Fr. Aquinas Duffy c/o. St. Brigid's Parish Office, Johnstown Road, Cabinteely, Dublin D18 YP96 or
email: pp@cabinteelyparish.ie
Closing date for completed applications is 5.00pm on Friday 28th February 2020.
More information from www.dublindiocese.ie / noticeboard

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.

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.