



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



February 9th, 2020— 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.



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Estimated Cost: €500,000
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 9th Feb 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8th Feb 2020

6.30 pm Vigil.

Carmel Coughlan -3rd Anniversary,
Evelyn Curtin - Anniversary

Sun 9th Feb 2020

10.00 am—

Maeve McDonald - 1st Anniversary,
Peggy O'Brien - Anniversary

12.30pm -

Marie Breslin,
Adeline Slattery - Anniversary

Recently Deceased—

Months Mind—

Anniversaries: -

Maeve McDonald - (1st Anniversary),
T & J Boyle

Mon—10am - Sean Finn - RIP

Tues 10 AM— Charlie & Nora
O'Connell - Anniversaries

Thurs 10am — John Ryan - Anniversary

Friday 10am—

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New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

Gerry Pierse (1940-1999) was a Redemptorist priest from County Kerry. During his missionary ministry, he became deeply involved in contemplative prayer, inspired by the teaching of Benedictine monk John Main. With a gift with words that made his teaching simple, clear, effective, and often humorous, Fr Pierse delivered a superb series of talks introducing Christian meditation.

Listen to them here: www.newpilgrimpath.ie

Anam Cara

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, are holding a Parent Support Event on 10th Feb. 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.

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!

The Annual Collection of ACCORD Dublin:

The diocesan Agency for Marriage & the Family, will be taken up all masses on the weekend of 15th & 16th Feb. The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. **ACCORD** offers marriage, preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. ACCORD needs your support so please give generously if you can. For further info. contact Linda Chambers by email. : LChambers@accordublin.ie

Ballybrack/Killiney Parish **Mass & Anointing of the sick** will take place in the Church of the Apostles (beside Tesco, Ballybrack), Church Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin on Sat.15th Feb. at 11.00am for more information see: www.ballybrack-killiney-parish.org

NEWSFLASH !!

St. Brigid's 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.

SPRING LITURGY SEMINAR.

The Diocesan Spring Liturgy Seminar will take place on **Saturday 15th Feb. 9.30am- 1.30pm** in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Rd, D3. There is a choice of 5 workshops to choose from. To book contact Grainne on Tel: 01 8087554 or litsec@dublindiocese.ie

Please remember to use the **hand sanitisers** when going in and out of the Church. In the light of flu and other viruses being around we will refrain from hand shaking for the time being and replace with a simple bow or prayer. More Information see <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/guidance-for-when-flu-or-an-epidemic-is-circulating/>

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.

FINDING GOD IN A LEAF

LENT BOOK CLUB TRAINING EVENING
11th FEBRUARY 7.30—9.30pm
HOLY CROSS DIOCESAN CENTRE
CLONLIFFE Learn how to lead a small group using the **SUGGESTED LENT BOOK:**
PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PART WITH:
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