

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



April 12th 2020- Easter Sunday

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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The Church & Parish Pastoral Centre are closed until further notice.

Pause For Prayer.

The Parish Pastoral Council are inviting people to pause for prayer at **12 Noon** each day to pray for healing, hope and inspiration during these difficult and challenging times. Together our prayer can be powerful for the Lord is in our midst.

If you would like to have a deceased relative remembered in the daily or Sunday Masses. email <u>pp@cabinteelyparish.ie</u>

On behalf of Fr Arthur and Fr Tom, and myself and the Parish Team may we wish all parishioners a very Peaceful and Safe Easter. I do hope that you will be able to connect to the Holy Week Services being broadcast from St Brigid's Church for Holy Week and Easter. Please continue to pray for those who are ill and those who have been bereaved & for healing at this time. *Fr . Aquinas*

A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

Almighty and All–loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Coved–19 in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen.

Archbishop Michael Jackson Dublin & Glendalough

Mass broadcast.

During the current Public Health Emergency, Mass is broadcasted each Sunday from Cabinteely Church at 10 AM. See $\underline{www.cabinteelyparish.ie}$.

Wed Broadcast Masses next week 13th to 17th April . Easter Monday 11 AM., Tuesday to Friday at 10 AM. Sunday 10 AM

Sunday Collections.

You can now contribute to the First Collection (Common Fund which supports Priests) and Second Collection (Share which helps developing parishes and the Diocesan Administration) via the online Donate Page on the <u>www.cabinteelyparish.ie</u>

Easter Dues may be given via the First Collection Section. Many thanks for your continuing support during these very difficult times. *Fr Aquinas*



Support Services for Older and Vulnerable People

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Helpline 01 271 3199. Opens 9am every day. E mail covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie

Age Action and the Irish Red Cross have raised funds to provide additional assistance to older and vulnerable people around Ireland who are experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by making once-off grants, up to a maximum of €500, per person/household affected. Email: <u>hardship2020@redcross.ie</u> Phone: Irish Red Cross at 01 6424600 or Tel: (01) 475 6989 Lo Call: 1890 369369

The Samaritans

Available round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call on the phone. This number is FREE to call. **Tel:** 116 123 Email: samaritans.org

Pieta House

Pieta provides free therapy to those engaging in self-harm, with suicidal ideation, or bereaved by suicide. Freephone and no referral needed. Tel: **1800 247 247**

Jigsaw

Offering younger people going through a hard time, or for those worried about a young person in your life. <u>www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events/post/covid-19-what-were-doing</u>