

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfilment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 17th May 2020

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat No Mass 16th May 2020

Sun

17th May 2020

10.00 am only Web broadcasted/ No Congregation

We remember on Sunday

Gerry and Maureen Beegan (A)

Carl Daniel Monaghan (A)

Barry Henry (First Anniversary)

Sean Clarke (33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

John Fitzpatrick (A)

Seamus and Mairead Kennedy (First Anniversaries)

Pauline Heffernan (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Michael Henry (Anniversary)

Recently Deceased Archdeacon Ciaran Canon Holahan (Pastor Emeritus Foxrock Parish), Gerard Keane

# PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

### Cabinteely Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

Provides support to needy families, who are struggling with everyday expenses or who experience unforeseen hardship. In many cases, their situation has been exacerbated by Covid19. Currently, we cannot hold our monthly church gate collection due to the ongoing lockdown. As this collection represents the main source of income to support the work of Cabinteely Conference, our ability to continue providing services is being seriously jeopardised.

We are, therefore, seeking your support to allow us to continue providing help to families in need. Any contribution, no matter how small would be very helpful in easing the burden on these families. Contributions can be made as follows:

by phone - Please call 0818176176 quote Cabinteely Conference.

by post to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Cabinteely Conference Parish Centre, St. Brigid's Church, Cabinteely, Dublin 18.

or online to the account below: Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul, Saint Brigid's. Bank identifier Code: BOFIIE2D. IBAN: IE-92BOFI90118317728620. Thank you for your generosity and God bless. Brenda MacHugh President Cabinteely Conference.

# <u>Thank You for Your Generosity</u>

I would like to thank those who have contributed in these difficult times to the Easter Dues. The Easter Dues along with the First Collection on Sundays goes to the Common Fund from which an allowance is paid to priests. As there has not been a public Mass with a congregation since the middle of March and Churches are not due to open till after 20 July, the Common Fund is greatly depleted and in danger of complete collapse. People can still donate online to the First Collection, Share and to the Easter Dues. See the Donate Page on our

website www.cabinteelyparish.ie

You can also put money or a cheque payable to St Brigid's Parish and put into the letter box of the Pastoral Centre (Up the steps at the front door) or post a cheque to St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely Dublin 18. All of us are in uncharted waters. We all look forward to the day when our Churches will be open again even if they will only be able to accommodate smaller numbers due to the requirement for physical distancing. But we are on this journey together and together and with God's help we will find a way forward **Fr Aquinas** 

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

I know that many of the boys and Girls who were due to make First Holy Communion and Confirmation are very disappointed that we have not been able to celebrate these Sacraments at this time. But we will in due course have those celebrations when it is safe to do so. We may not be able to celebrate them in the way we used to in such large numbers. But it will in time be possible to celebrate with smaller groups and we all look forward to that. We are all remembering you and looking forward to your special day.

Fr Aquinas

If you would like a loved one remembered at the weekday or Sunday Masses, you can email Fr. Aquinas <u>pp@cabinteelypa</u> <u>rish.ie</u> with the details

#### Mass broadcast.

During the current Public Health Emergency, Mass is broadcast from St Brigid's Church on Mondays to Fridays at 10 AM and on Sundays at 10 AM at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

Foxrock Church also broadcast Mass Monday to Saturday at 10 AM and on Sundays at 11.30 AM. See <u>www.foxrockparish.ie</u>

Our neighbouring Parish Johnstown-Killiney now have a live web camera for the broadcast of their services. See <u>http://</u> <u>www.churchservices.tv/johnstownourlady</u>

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a

week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

#### CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: 0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm ALONE

# Support Services for Older and Vulnerable People

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

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:** <u>samaritans.org</u>

#### 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>

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

Congrats to Brendan and Jean Sheehan who recently celebrated their Golden Jubilee of marriage