



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## May 24th, 2020 - Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her "crying", mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus' friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbour to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 24th May 2020

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23rd May 2020  
No Mass

Sun 24th May 2020

10.00 am only  
Web broadcasted/ No Congregation

#### We remember on Sunday

Fionnuala Doyle (20th Anniversary)

Jack Tiernan (9th Anniversary)

Betty Scully RIP

Joan Smith RIP



**SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH**

Estimated Cost: €500,000

Donate online at [www.cabinteelyparish.ie](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie)

**YOUR DONATION URGENTLY REQUIRED**

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### 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: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE-92BOFI90118317728620.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless.  
Brenda MacHugh President Cabinteely Conference.

### Thank You for Your Generosity

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](http://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**

Congrats to **Fr Tom O'Keeffe** who next Friday (29<sup>th</sup> May) will celebrate the **Diamond Jubilee (60 Years) Anniversary of his ordination** to the priesthood. It is an opportunity for us to express our thanks to Fr Tom for the many many years of service that he has given to the Archdiocese of Dublin and in particular to the parish of Cabinteely where he has spent the greatest part of his ministry. May God continue to bless him and grant him good health and happiness. At a later time in the year we will have a Mass of thanksgiving.

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

### 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](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie)

Foxrock Church also broadcast Mass Monday to Saturday at 10 AM and on Sundays at 11.30 AM. See [www.foxrockparish.ie](http://www.foxrockparish.ie)

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

### 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

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If you would like a loved one remembered at the weekday or Sunday Masses, you can email Fr. Aquinas [pp@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:pp@cabinteelyparish.ie) with the details

As you know, donations made through the annual **Trócaire Lenten**

Campaign, especially the **Trócaire box**, fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Due to the necessary restrictions related to COVID-19, thousands of **Trócaire** boxes are sitting in homes across Ireland. This is the worst possible time coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Millions of people who live without access to adequate water supplies, sanitation and healthcare are now faced with the threat of COVID-19. We have done – and continue to do – so much to protect each other. Now it is time to protect the worlds' most vulnerable.

The contents of each and every **Trócaire** box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion. This year, people can return their Lenten donation in several way

Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org), By post to any of our offices: Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 50 King St, Belfast BT1 6AD. By phone 1850 408 408 (ROI) or. 0800 912 1200 (NI) Trocaire. Boxes can be dropped off to the church any day except Sat at 10.30

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