

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioural habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the "what has always been" and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The shear thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 21st June 2020

# MASS INTENTIONS

Sat No Mass 20th June 2020

Sun

21st June 2020

**10.00 am only** Web broadcasted/ No Congregation

We remember on Sunday

Gus Lehane—R.I.P

**Recently Deceased** 

Gus Lehane-R.I.P

Det. Garda Colm Horkan. R.I.P

Anniversaries,

Patrick O'Carroll - 22nd Anniversary

Raymond Widdis – 20th Anniversary

Paul Feighery – 9th Anniversary

Neville Matthews - 2nd Anniversary

Des Ryan - 18th Anniversary

Noel Doyle - 1st Anniversary

Months Mind

Barbara Holmes

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## Update in relation to Re- Opening of the Church

As I have previously said we are working very hard to prepare for re opening of the Church for Public services. We have also been appealing for volunteers for the Stewarding and Cleaning Team roles.

**Thank you** to those who have responded. The Archbishop requires us to have teams of volunteers in place and all

other requirements before we can re open. What is possible depends on the number of volunteers. What is becoming clear is that this is very challenging and that re opening may take many months. Initially we may start with one Sunday morning mass, the initial date to be confirmed. We will have some weekday masses and we will be encouraging people who can to come to those masses instead of Sunday so that those who are working can come on Sunday. Unfortunately we will not be able to have choirs or tea

after mass. So it is most definitely not back to normal. Parishioners who attend the Church should also wear face Coverings. At the end of the day, the safety of our parishioners, staff and priests comes first. Hopefully in time we will be able to provide more services but it is a work in progress



## New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

Lectio Divina is the oldest method of Bible reading, systematised around the 5<sup>th</sup> century. It is a dialogue between the written biblical word and life experience. In the dialogue our experience throws light on the Bible word, bringing it to life for us so that we feel at home with it. The Bible word in turn throws light on our experience which is transformed from merely being an event into being a word of God spoken to us. Lectio Divina presupposes that every Bible text speaks to the imagination. It invites us to enter through our imagination into the movement. There are many excellent online resources for guided Lectio. One of these is provided by the Carmelite Brothers in Rome. You can access it at www.newpilgrimpath.ie



#### 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>

#### St Brigid's Church is now open for Private Prayer Monday to Friday from 10.30 to 12.30.

There will be a section at the back of the Church where people can pray. We ask that people use the Hand Sanitisers and exercise Social Distancing with numbers limited at any one time to ten. There are bottles of Blessed Easter Water available. The Safe may also be used for the return of any offerings.

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

### <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** 

Our Parish Shop will be opened next week (22nd June) from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday to Friday.