



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



**July 19th 2020—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.



## SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 19th July 2020

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 18th July 2020**  
**No Vigil Mass**

**Sun 19th July 2020**

**10.00 am only**

**We remember on Sunday.**

#### Recently Deceased

Mary O'Driscoll  
 Sonny O'Meara,  
 Ross Edwards

#### Anniversaries

Joan French ,  
 Thomas & Catherine Mulvany

#### Birthday Remembrance

Anthonia Umeh

#### Mon 10am.

Barbara Dwyer –Birthday Remembrance

#### Tues 10am.

Eileen Smyth—Recently Deceased

#### Thurs 10am

Breda Connolly - Recently Deceased  
 Paddy O'Leary—Recently Deceased

#### Fri 10am

Michael Toomey - Recently Deceased

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## Phased Re-Opening of St. Brigid's Church



### Let's Begin Together

We reopened with the first Public Mass on Monday 6th July. We had a full complement with 50 people present. Throughout the rest of the week we had an average daily attendance of 28. On Sunday we can only accommodate 70 and with families in the one bench can take up to 100 (50 below and 50 above). There will be just one Sunday mass at **10 AM** for now. We are asking people, where possible, to attend at the weekday Mass rather than on Sunday.

We continue to appeal for volunteers for the role of stewards required for midweek and Sunday mass. Thank You to those who have already responded. If you would like to put your name forward just email the Parish Office [info@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:info@cabinteelyparish.ie) or phone 01-2858835.

We ask People to continue to

- \*Follow the directions of the Stewards;
- \*Practice social distancing,
- \*Sanitise hands on the way in and out;
- \*Enter by front door and exit by side chapel door;
- \*Wear a face covering in the Church where possible;
- \*Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass as you are leaving the Church;
- \*No congregational singing,
- \*Provision of Tea afterwards is suspended for now
- \*Use of the Bathroom is by request;
- \*If you not feeling well please do not come to the Church;
- \*If you have any underlying medical conditions you may wish to continue watching Mass via our web cam.

See a [Video Walk Through the Church](https://www.cabinteelyparish.ie) to familiarise yourself at [www.cabinteelyparish.ie](https://www.cabinteelyparish.ie)

We are on this journey together so let's begin together slowly and carefully.

**Fr Aquinas.**

### St Brigid's Church has been treated with **Re-Active Barrier Technology.**

The Church was misted with a chemical solution that kills all germs on contact. Additionally, when the solution dries a barrier is created. If subsequent germs are re-introduced to the surface the solution reactivates and eradicates those germs and viruses immediately, thus providing protection between cleans.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmations

Dates have now been arranged for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion Masses in St Brigid's Church. The Schools will contact families informing them of the dates. We will need 6 Confirmation ceremonies and 7 First Holy Communion Masses throughout the Saturdays of September and October.

Fr Aquinas

### Local Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society Thank You & Appeal for Continued Help

We wish to thank all who responded to our recent appeal for help following the outbreak of Covid 19.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and has helped us to continue supporting needy families during the lockdown. However, as we still cannot hold our monthly church gate collections, our capacity to maintain all our services remains challenged. We are, therefore, seeking your continued support to allow us to continue providing help to families in need. This time of year, can be particularly difficult for families, as children prepare to return to school. Any contribution, no matter how small, would be very helpful in easing the burden on these families.

Contributions can be made as follows:

**by telephone** – Please call **0818176176** quoting **Cabinteely Conference**

**by post to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Cabinteely Conference, Parish Centre,  
St. Brigid's Church Cabinteely D18**

or **online** to the account below:

**Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul, Saint  
Brigid's. Bank identifier Code: BOFIE2D  
IBAN: IE92BOFI90118317728620**

Thank you for your generosity and God bless.

Kind Regards, **Brenda MacHugh.**

President Cabinteely Conference.

If you would like a loved one remembered at the weekday or Sunday Masses, please call the parish office 01-2858835 or email [info@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:info@cabinteelyparish.ie).

### **Thank You for Your Generosity**

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the First Collection (Common Fund which pays an allowance to priests) and the Second Collection (Share which supports developing parishes and the Diocesan Administration) in addition to the planned Giving which supports the running of the parish. There are permanent boxes in place for First and Second Collections. There is also a double envelope for the First and Second Collections. If you write your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.

**Fr Aquinas**

Our Parish Shop is now open  
9 AM to 4 PM Monday to Friday.