



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



**August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more sceptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable scepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but don't completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too sceptical?



**SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH**

Estimated Cost: €500,000

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 22nd August 2020**  
**No Vigil Mass**

**Sun 23rd August 2020**

**10am only** - Web Broadcast also

#### We remember on Sunday

James, Ann & John Doonan,  
Willy Mooney- 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Hugh Hackett -5th Anniversary  
Richard Thornhill - 9th Anniversary  
Tom Conlon - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Hyacienth Emake Ikwukeme—  
Birthday Remembrance

#### Recently Deceased

**Anniversaries.**  
Michael O'Sullivan

#### Months Mind.

**Mon 10am** Special Intention

**Tues 10am.** Tom Cushion  
Recently Deceased.  
Paddy & Mona Byrne.

**Thurs 10am** Special Intention

**Fri 10am.** Margaret Kearney—  
Recently Deceased

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

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

*Fr Aquinas.*

## New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

Alan McGuckian is a Jesuit, and the Bishop of Raphoe. 21 years ago, he was quick to identify and embrace the power of the then emerging digital media as a powerful force for good in helping people encounter Christ. He co-founded the global online prayer phenomenon which is **Sacred Space** – a website that today attracts several million visitors each year. A superb communicator, he introduces "The Joy of the Gospels" in five inspirational short videos which you can access at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

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).

## Confirmation Services 2020 (without Mass) (all in St Brigid's Church Cabinteely)

Saturday 12th Sept 10 AM St Brigid's Boys  
Saturday 12th Sept 12 Noon St Brigid's Boys

Saturday 19th Sept 10 AM St Brigid's Girls  
Saturday 19th Sept 12 Noon St Brigid's Girls

Saturday 26th Sept 10 AM St Brigid's Boy's  
Saturday 26th Sept 12 Noon St Brigid's Girls

## First Holy Communion Masses 2020 (All Masses at St Brigid's Church)

Saturday 3rd Oct: 10 AM Girls School Class (20)

12 Noon Girls School Class (20)

Saturday 10th Oct 10 AM Girls School Class (20)

12 Noon Girls School Class (14)

Saturday 17th Oct: 10 AM Boys School (20)

12 Noon Boys School [20]

Saturday 24th Oct 10am Boys School [16]

**Only The Parents Can be Accommodated**

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

**ALONE** manage 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 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

## 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.