



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



September 13th 2020 -24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognize our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs to offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?



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Estimated Cost: €500,000
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Sept 13th 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12th Sept. 2020
No Vigil Mass

Sun 13th Sept 2020
10am only.

We remember on Sunday

Tom Brennan—RIP
Joan Salmon—Anniversary
Mary Elizabeth Dolan—RIP

Recently Deceased

Shane Kiersey
Maureen McAllister

Anniversaries

Helen Moran

Mon 10am— James Flynn— RIP

Tues 10am. — Gerard Holmes
Birthday Remembrance

Thurs 10am - Special Intention

Fri 10am. - Pierce Duggan—RIP

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER



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 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

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

Fr Aquinas.

The Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up next weekend Sept. 20th

As you will appreciate Crosscare need our support now more than ever before to help those most in need in our communities at this time of crisis.

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.

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]

St Vincent de Paul [SDVP]

will resume their monthly collection
outside 10am mass this

Sunday 13th September

Thank you for your continued support.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

"Silence is not the absence of something but the presence of everything...Silence is the think-tank of the soul". Gordon Hempton is an acoustic ecologist who has circled the globe three times, exploring and collecting disappearing natural sounds. A ten-minute film made with National Geographic is a beautiful and moving reflection on what may well be another form of endangered species. We feature his film to mark the Season of Creation, which runs from 1st September to 4 October this year. Celebrated throughout the Christian world, it is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation as we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Watch the short film at: www.newpilgrimpath.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

Did you know you can donate to our parish through our parish website? Simply visit www.cabinteelyparish.ie and click on the **Donate** button.