



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



September 20th 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labour Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self-interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbour, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.



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Estimated Cost: €500,000
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Sept 20th 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Following the announcement of Level 3 restriction for Dublin, all Masses will be **online only** for the next three weeks.

There will be **NO** public Masses. The Church will be open for prayer each day from 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM

We remember on Sunday 20th

Fergus O'Brien – 4th Anniversary
James Bracken – 5th Anniversary
Peg Higgins – 92nd Birthday remembrance
Susan & J.Y. Okigbo—Birthday remembrance

Recently Deceased

Frances Conlon
Fr. David Lumsden
Thomas Kane
Pierce Duggan
James Flynn

Anniversaries

Celine O'Carroll – 7th Anniversary

Mon 10am— Special Intention

Tues 10am. — Special Intention

Thurs 10am - Special Intention

Fri 10am. - Ita Kelly—RIP

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER



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The Confirmation Services that were planned for Saturday 19th and 26th September have been postponed. The dates for First Holy Communion will also have to be rearranged.

There will be envelopes at the back of the Church for the

The Annual Church Collection for Crosscare which may be placed in the box marked "Second Collection" or people can also donate online to them at www.crosscare.ie

Mass will continue to be broadcast online via our [parish webcam](http://www.parishwebcam.com) and at www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely on Sundays at 10 AM and on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays at 10 AM.

Please note that there will be no baptisms during this period and the maximum number of people who can attend a **wedding or funeral is 25.**

While we are all deeply disappointed, we have to work together to ensure the safety of all.

Fr Aquinas

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

The 500-year old Ignatian *Examen* is a daily prayer of review - a short reflection back over the day, recalling events and taking note of your feelings. The purpose is to discern the ways in which God has been present to you, the times when the Holy Spirit was drawing you towards life. Taking about 15-20 minutes, this simple, life-changing prayer has five steps:

- (1) Pray for light to understand and appreciate the past day.
- (2) Review the day in thanksgiving.
- (3) Review your feelings in the replay of the day.
- (4) Choose one of those feelings (positive or negative) and pray from it.
- (5) Look toward [tomorrow](#).

Suitable for people of all Christian denominations, this wonderful prayer can be accessed at 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.

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.