



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



October 18th 2020 - Mission Sunday.

In West Africa, the people of Niger have suffered for too long from poverty, drought and conflict. Famine has left over 2.4 million, including 800,000 children, starving and vulnerable. Women endure the most, battling child marriage, female circumcision and lack of education. Now **COVID-19** is taking hold, bringing more hardship. The virus is more than a health crisis, it is an economic disaster. Prices have sky-rocketed, and there is little work. The pandemic has shut down borders, meaning no one can leave, and desperately needed supplies cannot enter. As many village men attempt to illegally leave to find work, the women remain, doing their best for their starving children. Much of the health system has collapsed, and mothers have the added fear of an increase in other diseases due to COVID-19.

Thankfully the Catholic Church offers hope. Hardly any other organisation, through its global network of solidarity, can stand by so many. In the rural villages of Niger, Sister Marie Catherine, and her small community of fellow sisters are bringing the courage of the Church. They deliver life-giving programmes, specifically educating and enabling women and girls with the skills they need to survive. To ease their suffering and limit the risk and spread of the virus, Sister Marie Catherine has developed a hygiene programme. Through the programme, women learn how to make soap and avoid diseases like malaria. Together with her sisters, she works with women's groups from 125 villages. Each group has at least 40 women, meaning nearly 5,000 women can be reached. Before the pandemic, Niger food supplies were decimated due to drought. To further help, the sisters are now buying maize to improve the food supply. The maize is distributed through women's groups, ensuring it reaches the families who need it the most. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, it is missionaries like Sister Marie Catherine who are on the front line. Without World Mission Sunday, work like hers cannot be funded. Over the weekend of the 18th October, World Mission Sunday Mass collections will take place in 120 countries. However, it is in real jeopardy. The worldwide pandemic means that less parishioners are attending Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket in support of mission. Its implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. Missionaries like Sister Marie Catherine need our help more than ever. ***Please show you care by donating in Church, online at www.wmi/mission, or by calling Fiona on 01 497 2035***



SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH
Estimated Cost: €500,000
Donate online at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

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REQUIRED**

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Oct 18th 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

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There will be **NO** public masses.
The Church will be open for private prayer each day from **10.30am to 12.30pm**

We remember on Sunday 18th

Mary Quinn— Recently Deceased
Esther Bracken— Anniversary
John Coughlan— 11th Anniversary
Kathleen Fenton— Birthday
Remembrance
Special Intention—Get Well Soon

Recently Deceased.

Thomas Coone
John Hume
Anthony (Tony) Richardson
Theresa Keyes
Larry Ryder

Anniversaries

Robert & Ann Fegan

Mon 10am— Deceased members of the Kirwan Family

Tues 10am. —
Cyril Smyth—Birthday Remembrance
Clare Grant—Birthday Remembrance

Thurs 10am -
Peter Conan— Recently Deceased.

Fri 10am. -
Christina Lynch—13th Anniversary

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The Confirmation & First Communion Services are postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date

Mass will continue to be broadcast online via our [parish webcam](#) 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

Mission Sunday - Oct 18th 2020

This weekend parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a direct appeal from Pope Francis. He is asking all of us to give what we can so that overseas missionaries can reach and care for suffering men, women and children. On World Mission Sunday, all Mass collections, including those from the most impoverished churches in the developing world, will be offered to help further the reach of missionaries and mission. The collection is a lifeline, not only to missionaries, but also the future of the Church. However, it is in jeopardy. The worldwide pandemic means less of us can physically attend Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket. Its implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating.

COVID-19 brings fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact, they can be found in every one of us, and that by standing in solidarity together we can do more. Please, if you can, be extra generous this weekend. Your kindness will be used in the coming months to support overseas missionaries who dedicate their lives to some of the most impoverished and overcrowded communities in the world. To give what you can donate at www.wmi/mission, call Fiona in World Missions Ireland on 01 497 2035, or lodge money directly: IBAN - IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC - BOFIE2D, Account Name - Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

"With Jesus in the Desert" is a guided online retreat prepared by the Australian Jesuits for people who have to isolate themselves for 14 days during the Coronavirus pandemic. Others, particularly those who are living under lockdown, may also find it helpful. The suggestions on how to pray the retreat invite you to imagine yourself in different Gospel stories. Each day also includes a way of reviewing your day and how your heart has been moved during that day. This can be especially helpful if you find the time of isolation wearisome and dispiriting. Access this excellent resource at www.newpilgrimpath.ie

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. 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**.

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

Volunteer Drivers Irish Cancer Society

Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with a free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month. Please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566 for an application form. Due to the impact of the Cov19 we are seeking drivers under the age of **70 years**.

If you would like a loved one remembered at the weekday or Sunday Masses, please call the parish office on 01-285 88 35 or email info@cabinteelyparish.ie.

Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the 1st Collection (Common Fund which pays an allowance to priests) and the 2nd 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 1st & 2nd Collections. There is also a double envelope for the 1st & 2nd Collections. If you write your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.
Fr Aquinas

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

The special Mass to remember our loved ones who have died this past year will be held on Thurs 12th Nov at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Church. Due to the ongoing restrictions this mass will be **ONLINE** only and can be viewed at cabinteelyparish.ie or <https://www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely>. If you have a loved one who died in the past year that you would like remembered at this mass please contact the parish office with details. [2858835 or email Info@cabinteelyparish.ie] by Nov 6th.