



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



November 22nd 2020 — Feast of Christ the King

Many people are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centred on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes & soul of your sisters & brothers, all of them and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?



SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000

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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 4pm—Mon to Fri**

We remember on Sunday 22nd

Michael Ferris – 24th Anniversary
 Denis Luby – 13th Anniversary
 Marie Dolan – Anniversary
 Paddy Duffy—12th Anniversary

Months Mind

Jimmy Slevin
 Richard Morton

Recently Deceased.

Olive Montgomery
 Paul Barrett
 Sean MacAlinden

Anniversaries

Anne O'Meara—Anniversary
 Olga Downes & Reginald Johnson

Mon 10am —

Conor Byrne—Months Mind.
 Tom Murphy— Recently Deceased

Tues 10am.

Patrick Duffy —12th Anniversary

Thurs 10am -

Maureen Brophy—Anniversary

Fri 10am. -

Richard Morton—Recently Deceased



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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*

Due to the Level 5 restrictions the **Parish shop** is closed until further notice.

The **Parish Office** can be contacted as usual on 01-2858835 or email info@cabinteelyparish.ie

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

"We have spent so much of 2020 physically apart from each other, or at least more distanced than ever before; the Incarnation shows how it was vital to God's plan for him to draw near to us in the flesh as God-with-us". These words introduce this year's online Advent retreat from the great Jesuit websites, Sacred Space and Pray as you Go. It is one of many online Advent retreats provided by sources ranging from American Benedictine nuns to the Church of England, and addressing topics ranging from 'Spirituality of the Hymns of Advent' to 'The Dawn of Hope'. Get all the links at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Irish Hospice Foundation

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the Pandemic. In the face of such loss and trauma, the Irish Hospice Foundation have a Bereavement Support Line. It is a **national Freephone service 1800 80 70 77**

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.

Crosscare Appeal

A simple way communities can support each other.

We need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products.

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community. As the need for people to access our services increase, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stock at a level that can cope with the demand. Please donate new toiletry products [in their original packaging please:] to Community Food Bank, Sussex St., Dún Laoghaire Boylan Centre. Wed 9th and 16th Dec **Time: 1-2pm**
Please contact vcummins@crosscare.ie if you need to make an alternative drop off arrangement.

If you wish to support the work of Crosscare at this difficult time for those most in need in our Diocese, please remember you can donate on line at www.dublindiocese.ie

Crosscare would like to thank all who contributed to their recent collection. €110 was donated from St. Brigid's Parish. Last year's collection raised €1950. This shows the stark challenge faced by charitable organisations trying to maintain their services in these very difficult times.

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 put your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.** *Fr Aquinas*

Local Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society Appeal for Help

We wish to thank all those who support our work, which enables us to assist families in difficult circumstances. Due to the continued lockdown, we have been unable to hold our monthly church gate collection.

As this is our main source of income, our capacity to maintain all our services remains challenged. We are, therefore, seeking your continued support to allow us to continue providing help to those in need. This time of year, can be particularly difficult for some families. 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: **A/c Name: St. Vincent de Paul, Saint Brigid's Bank identifier Code: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE-92BOFI90118317728620** Thank you for your continued support and generosity, Kind Regards, **Brenda MacHugh, President Cabinteely Conference.**