



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



January 10th 2021 - The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to centre, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?



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Estimated Cost: €500,000
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Jan 10th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Following the Government's recent announcement of Level 5 restriction for all of Ireland, all Masses will be online until further notice.

There will be NO public masses.
Mass will be broadcast online via our parish webcam and at www.churchservices.tv/ Cabinteely

The Church is open for private prayer from **10.30am to 4pm—Mon to Fri**

We remember on Sunday 10th

Recently Deceased.
Eileen Corrigan

Anniversaries
William Doyle
Maggie & Jack Donoghue
Paddy Byrne— 28th
Albert Fox—3rd
Johnny Reynolds—40th
Robert Henderson
Bernie de Burca—1st
Anna & Tommy O'Neill.

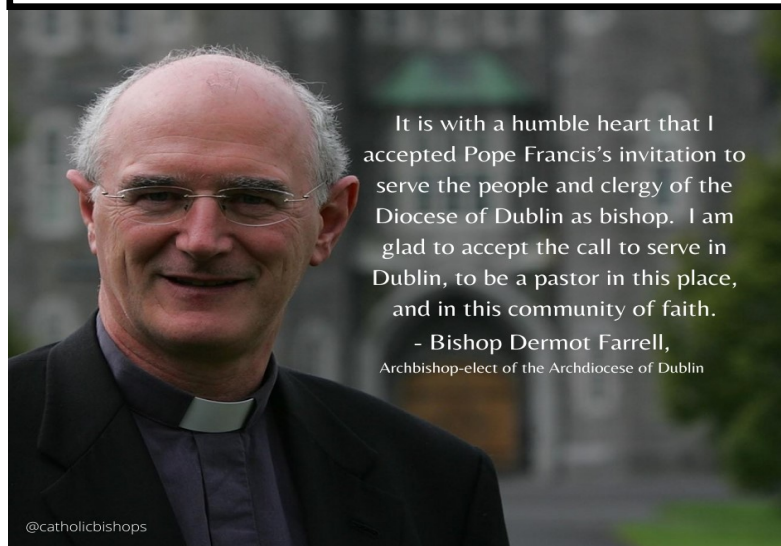
Mon 10am — Tom Murphy—
Recently Deceased

Tues 10am. Mass of Thanksgiving

Thurs 10am - Thomas Twohig—
Recently Deceased.
Brian Brennan - 3rd Anniversary

Fri 10am. - William, Maureen &
Pauline Heffernan

Pope Francis appoints Bishop Dermot Farrell as the new Archbishop of Dublin. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes up his new ministry.



It is with a humble heart that I accepted Pope Francis's invitation to serve the people and clergy of the Diocese of Dublin as bishop. I am glad to accept the call to serve in Dublin, to be a pastor in this place, and in this community of faith.

- Bishop Dermot Farrell,
Archbishop-elect of the Archdiocese of Dublin

The Young Church Dublin – Young Adult Alpha Course

The Young Church Dublin team would like to invite you to join us for our Young Adult Alpha online course which we will start from **Monday, 18th January, from 7.00-8:15pm**. The course will be run from the comfort of your own home over Zoom for 11 weeks until **March 29th**. This Alpha course with YCD is an opportunity for you to grow in your own faith. Alpha is also a wonderful opportunity for friends, family or community members to explore the Christian faith together. Taking part might even encourage you to run Alpha yourself in the future! All participants must register by emailing your name and contact details to kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie *Please note that numbers are limited..

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

**Stay Safe
Protect each other**

Stay Home,
Wash Hands,
Wear a Mask
Maintain Social Distancing

COVID-19 . Support Line for Older People.

ALONE manage a national support line & additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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](tel:0818222024).

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

As so much of the world enters another lockdown, many feel a deep sense of crisis. However, there's a saying that a crisis should never be wasted. The philosopher Ivan Illich reminds us that the original meaning of the word is 'turning point', 'the marvellous moment when people become aware of their self-imposed cages, and of the possibility of a different life'. New Pilgrim Path this week introduces a wide range of opportunities for spiritual transformation in times of pandemic, from online courses & retreats to inspirational websites, music and poetry; from marvellous resources for contemplation, meditation and self-examination to a comprehensive listing of streamed religious services for a range of Christian denominations worldwide. Access these, and many more rich online resources, at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.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 put your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.**
Fr Aquinas