



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



January 31st 2021 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.



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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 31st

Mary Brophy—1st Anniversary
Mass of Thanksgiving
Jackie Kennedy—2nd Anniversary
Chris Kane—1st Anniversary
Michael Doyle—9th Anniversary

Recently Deceased.

John Connolly
Jerry Kiernan
Cathal McAlinden
Laurence Redmond
Camilla McLoughlin

Anniversaries

Thomas & Josie Fox
Lily O'Shea
Dermot Roughan—11th Anniversary

Mon 10am. Special Intention
Bridgie Keating—Recently Deceased

Tues 10am. Frank Byrne—Recently Deceased

Thurs 10am - Teresa Brid Walsh—Recently Deceased

Fri 10am. — 1st Friday

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS

*Go out to the world;
proclaim the Good News*

PSALM 117

Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults – New Course Dates January 2021

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel transformational leadership Skills. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders & change agents within their own parishes, communities. The Foundational Leadership Programme is run jointly between the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin and a team of young adult volunteers. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday morning - 20 Feb.-20 March initially.

For more information, online registration and payment – use this link <https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020/>

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

“Alone Together” is a website offering online resources to help people live through the coronavirus pandemic. The special quality of these resources is that they don't come from theories; they all come from those with experience of social distancing or isolation, people who have lived this reality - either intentionally like monks and nuns - or against their will, like hostages or the housebound.

The resources include three films to help with 'Shaping the Day'; 'Isolated' – lived experiences of isolation & distancing; helpful reflections from the “Alone Together” community; and 'How to' – simple guidance from a range of isolation experts.

This hugely valuable website is introduced by Dom Christopher Jamison OSB, a Benedictine monk who became well-known through the BBC TV series *The Monastery*.

For these, and other wide ranging spiritual resources especially useful in times of pandemic, visit www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

**Stay Safe
Protect each
other**

Stay Home,
Wash Hands,
Wear a Mask

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 & give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

St Brigid's Day—Feb 1st

St. Brigid, " Mary of the Gael", abbess and patroness of Ireland, and founder of the first Irish monastery in Kildare, was born near Dundalk in 450 A.D. Tradition tells us that her unbounded charity drew multitudes of



the poor to her door and much enraged her father, Dubhtach, a Leinster pagan Chieftain and a stubborn disbeliever. As he lay on his deathbed, she sat by him and whiled away the time weaving a cross from the rushes at her feet. Her father asked her to explain it's meaning and was so overwhelmed that he became a Christian before his death. Many believed that this rush cross, which became her emblem, keeps evil and hunger from the homes in which it is displayed. For centuries, it has been customary on the eve of her feast-day for the Irish to fashion a St. Brigid's Cross of straw or rushes and place it inside the house, over the door. St. Brigid's feast day falls on the first of February, the day on which she died in 524 A.D. Her body lies at Downpatrick beside the graves of St. Patrick and St. Columba.

As part of our online mass
on Mon 1st Feb—St Brigid's Day
we are linking in with the schools who will be involved electronically.

Dublin Diocesan liturgical Resource Centre.

In place of our Annual Winter/Spring Seminar we invite you to join us for 3 Online Liturgy Tuesdays with presentations and chats where ideas can be shared. **To book your place** email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie
Tuesday 26th January - 8.00 – 8.45pm - ZOOM - How we can celebrate the season of Lent in COVID times?

Tuesday 2nd February 8.00 – 8.45pm - ONLINE
(www.rednuns.com) Day for Consecrated Life.

Tuesday 9th February 1 8.00 – 8.45pm - ZOOM - How do we reconcile in COVID time?

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 & 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