



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## February 14<sup>th</sup> 2021- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the centre of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the centre of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labour to achieve God's vision.



### SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000  
Donate online at [www.cabinteelyparish.ie](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie)



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## WEEKLY

## NEWSLETTER

Feb 14th 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/Cabinteely)  
The Church is open for private prayer from 10.30am to 4pm—Mon to Fri

#### We remember on Sunday 14th

Mary Harkin—Anniversary  
Brendan Farrelly—30th Anniversary & his wife Sarah recently deceased

#### Recently Deceased.

Alice O'Keeffe

#### Anniversaries

Nan Flavin—35th Anniversary  
Charlie & Nora O'Connell  
Patrick & Mary Carr & Patrick & Catherine Berns  
Jimmy Hickey  
Seamus Moore

#### Months Mind

Maura Murphy  
Tony Naughton  
Maureen O'Connell  
Jean Brennan

#### Mon 10am.—

Maura Murphy—Months Mind

#### Tues 10am— Special Intention

Patrick Gill—Anniversary

#### Wed 10am— Ash Wednesday

#### Thurs 10am—

Maura Flavin—2nd Anniversary

#### Fri 10am.—

Kevin Rice—Recently Deceased

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## LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE.

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - **5 Tuesdays starting 16th February @8pm.**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** - Let it Go  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Would you listen to Him?  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Songs of the Sanctuary  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Into the Light  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email [lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie)

## New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

The season of Lent gives us a heaven-sent opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the unprecedented events of the last 12 months. We have been challenged, individually & collectively, in ways no-one could have imagined. Successive lockdowns have confronted us with the question of whether we want to go back to how things were, or to 'grow back better'.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, Pray-As-Your Go – in partnership with the global online prayer phenomenon, Sacred Space – offers a Lenten online retreat. 'Growing Back Better' encourages us to reflect on what kind of people we truly desire to become and what kind of world we hope to pass on to future generations. There is a new session for each of the seven weeks of Lent. For this, and for other excellent online Lenten resources, visit: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

## Accord Annual Collection

Accord Dublin's Annual Collection will take place this weekend of **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February**. We realise that it will be much more difficult for parishes to support us this year – although the demand for services is greater than ever.

You can donate in the following ways:

**Online** at [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie) where you will find a DONATE button.

**By post** to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

**By bank transfer** to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, D2.

IBAN: IE27 BOFI [9001 1357 0742 03](http://www.bankofireland.ie); BIC:BOFIIE2D.

## 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](tel:0818222024).

## Ash Wednesday— Feb 17th 2021

Blessed ashes are available for collection from the Church on Monday and Tuesday and there will also be an online mass on Ash Wednesday at 10 am.

Parishioners can self administer the ashes from home while watching the Mass online

## COVID-19 and Church-21: Survey

The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU invites all adult churchgoers in Ireland to take part in their new survey [Covid-19 & Church-21](https://www.dcu.ie/~materdei/covid19andchurch21/). It aims to gather information on how churchgoing and faith have been impacted by the pandemic and to find out more about the different online and socially-distanced services that have taken place during the varying restrictions. Your input is much appreciated. All adults - lay, clergy and religious, are invited to participate in this anonymous study. For more, please see [Covid-19 & Church-21](https://www.dcu.ie/~materdei/covid19andchurch21/) or contact [bernadette.sweetman@dcu.ie](mailto:bernadette.sweetman@dcu.ie).

## Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity. Beginning Ash Wednesday, 17th Feb. 2021

The idea is simple. A **Continuous Rosary** will be offered up every minute of every day for PEACE and CHARITY in Ireland. There needs to be a minimum of 2 parishioners per parish one with surname beginning A-L and one with surname M-Z who will pray the Rosary, at a set time, twelve times per year. It is however hoped that many families from each parish will be involved. Every Parish in Ireland has a date and time allocated the same for every year.

Visit <https://www.continuousrosary.com/> for more details

If you would like to listen to the recordings of the Cabinteely Gospel Choir that we use at the online Mass on Sundays at 10 AM, You can find them at <https://cabinteelygospel.org/audio/>

Thank You to Chris O'Sullivan and all the Choir members for such inspiring music.

## 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*