



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## February 21<sup>st</sup> 2021- 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbour, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centred, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.



### SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Feb 21st 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 21st

##### Recently Deceased.

Elizabeth Hofeld  
 John Bisset  
 Eamonn McKeon  
 Eithne Fitzpatrick

##### Anniversaries

Maira Flavin—2nd  
 Henry & Josephine Smith  
 Vera O'Sullivan—1st  
 Thomas Brazil—17th

##### Months Mind

Danny Deegan  
 Jean Brennan

**Mon 10am.—** Rosaleen Smith —  
 Recently Deceased

**Tues 10am—** The Buckley Family

**Thurs 10am—** Jim Gallagher —  
 Recently Deceased

**Fri 10am.—** Special Intention  
 Sean Carr — Birthday Remembrance

**PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS**

## 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)

*Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God" (Mk 1: 12)*  
Is He asking you to follow Him by proclaiming the Good News to the people in your Diocese as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office:  
email: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** invites you to get involved in the preparation of the new **5-year County Heritage Plan**

You are welcome to attend an online zoom event, **6-7pm, February 25th, 2021**, hosted by DLR Public Participation Network, where the County Heritage Officer, Deirdre Black, will discuss how you can share your ideas and help shape the new plan.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>  
[tZwoceGvpz8tHtJTER6MKSrdb2IFunNF-kBy](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact [dblack@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dblack@dlrcoco.ie) with any queries. We look forward to seeing you there.

### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

For Lent, **BBC Radio 4** will explore aspects of Ignatian spirituality in their daily Morning Service and Sunday Worship, drawing on 'Knowing Jesus', a superb online retreat being offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow.

**This multifaceted retreat** provides daily reflections, an Introduction to different ways of praying, stillness and awareness exercises, imaginative contemplation exercises, *lectio divina*, praying with art (a different image for each day of Lent) and many more. It is available to anyone in the world with access to the Internet who wants to immerse themselves in the spirituality of St Ignatius. For this - and other great online Lent resources - visit: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

### 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).

## St Vincent de Paul

are unable to hold their monthly church gate collections at present but they would be extremely grateful for any contributions, no matter how small, to help them to provide much needed assistance and support to local families in need.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

Contributions can be made as follows:

**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:

Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul, Saint Brigid's  
Bank identifier Code: **BOFIE2D**  
**IBAN: IE92BOFI90118317728620**

### Acts of Love for Lent

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the Sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is....

Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

**"Pope Francis"**

Our lives will not be measured by the big things we do but rather by the little steps we take to make a difference. Each day during Lent take a step with us and together we will change the world.

**Visit <https://cabinteelyparish.ie/some-ideas-for-lent-2021/> for more details**

### Pandemic Mass - Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Join us in Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh, for our Pandemic Mass in this uncertain time for the whole world, for all those impacted by the virus, for the safety of all those on the frontline, and essential workers. This special Mass takes place **Mon to Fri at 7.00pm** This can be accessed, like all our Masses, on the Parish webcam at [www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie)

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*