



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



March 28th 2021 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 28th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Following the Government's 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 28th

Dr. Declan Irving – 7th Anniversary
Joan Davitt – 14th Anniversary
Terry Boyle—Anniversary
Joan Fox – 3rd Anniversary

Recently Deceased.

George Boyle
Eileen Magee
Eileen Larkin
Vera Martin

Anniversaries

Jim Philips—10th
John Duffy
Desmond Healy
Patrick [Pa] Shanahan

Mon 10am—Sr. Anita—Rec. Deceased

Tues 10am— Ella Kennedy— 4th Anniv
Penitential Prayer Service - 7.30pm

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm.

Good Friday.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday at 8pm

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS

Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies at

St. Brigid's Cabinteely

Palm Sunday, March 28th Mass 10am

Tuesday 30th March

Penitential Prayer Service 7.30pm

Thursday 1st April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

Good Friday 2nd April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday April 3rd 8pm

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday April 4th 10am only

All services Online unless otherwise announced.

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Wishing all our Parishioners every blessing and a very Happy Easter.

Thank You so much for your continued support during these difficult times

Fr Aquinas

Accessing the Church Webcam

It is always best to access the Church webcam directly by going to

www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

rather than via the website where a queue can develop and people get timed out when all accessing at 10 AM

Vox Hiberniae, are a group of musicians from parishes in the Archdiocese of Dublin and have prepared the following reflection in conjunction with the Avila Carmelite Centre in Donnybrook. "A Celtic Lenten Journey - Harp, Voice and Violin" reflects in Word and in song on the Passion of Jesus.. It can be viewed from the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90>

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**.

TRÓCAIRE

Lent is an extremely important time of year for Trócaire. The organisation relies heavily on the income that comes in during Lent through the generosity of schools and parishes. The ongoing lockdown presents challenges especially in relation to the distribution of Lenten Boxes. You can pick up a Trocaire box from the church or donate online at www.trocaire.org.

Your love can make all the difference this Lent.

EASTER 2021

In the absence of public ceremonies this Easter, we have prepared an Easter pack for you to take home. This pack includes some Blessed Palm, details of all the web broadcast Easter Ceremonies, the Easter Triduum booklet and an Easter Dues envelope. The packs are available to collect from the back of the church.

Age Action

Is offering five hours tutoring, remotely, to anyone who needs support using their smartphone, tablet or laptop. Covering topics like how to set up an email, how to download an app, how to use video calling to see your loved ones etc. For more information, please call 01 4756989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Generation Tech

Volunteer run FREE HELPLINE to help older people in Ireland with tech issues. Our volunteers are tech experts and work in shifts from 8am-8pm Mon to Fri. Support is provided over the phone. If you need help with smartphones, tablets, social media, apps, PCs, printers, etc. **CALL US on: 01-9633 288**

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

Happiness and Heartbreak: Palm Sunday & Holy Week

"Palm Sunday is a day of high emotions, teetering on the edge between happiness and heart-break." This is the opening line of a beautiful Ignatian reflection on Giotto's painting, *Christ's Entry into Jerusalem*. Throughout Holy Week, New Pilgrim Path will provide a host of spiritual resources each day of Holy Week. These will include links to online Stations of the Cross and streamed church services; music ranging from Malcolm Williamson's marvellous *Ride On, Ride on in Majesty* to Poulenc's sublime *Stabat Mater*; poems as diverse as Katharine Tynan's *All in the April Evening* and Mary Oliver's *Gethsemane*; and much more. Access all this at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.