

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



June 13th 2021 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favourite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER June 13th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Brigid's is open daily for Public Mass. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday at 10am

All masses are also broadcast online via our parish webcam and at www.churchservices.tv/Cabinteely

We remember on Sunday 13th Elizabeth & Michael Lyons

Recently Deceased

Maire Facey John McCarron Louise Doherty Noreen Lehane

Anniversaries

Betty Casey Philip Ryan Philip Purtill Patricia Halford—1st Anniversary Elizabeth Redpath

Mon 10am — Mass of the Hoy Souls

Tues 10am Tom Fennessey—Recently Deceased

Thurs 10am— Frank Marshall— Recently Deceased

Fri 10am. - Christopher & Elizabeth Donlon—Anniversaries

Welcome Back

Public Mass resumed from May 10th 2021.

Weekdays

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. at **10am** No mass on Wednesday Bank Holidays at **11am**

Weekends

Sunday: 10.00am All masses available online

www.churchservices.tv/ cabinteely

Numbers are limited to allow for social distancing

Dear Parishioner,

The last year has been a very strange one and much of what we have taken for granted in the past, has changed. One of the areas where the impact of lower numbers and ongoing months of Church closures has had an effect is on the first collection which supports the priests of the Parish and the sick and retired priests of the Diocese.

We have been very grateful for your support both online and by putting your offerings in the letterboxes in the Church. This, with your commitment to the Christmas and Easter Dues, has enabled the Common Fund to support the Priests here and in other Parishes. However the Common Fund, which is made up of the first collection, Christmas and Easter dues, is at an all time low and we need to build it up. We are introducing a 'Summer Dues' to help with this. It will be taken in the same way as the Christmas & Easter Dues and the Parish will benefit from the tax relief scheme on this contribution. We are very aware that everyone's situation has changed and we appreciate all your support. If you are able to support this new 'Summer Dues' we and the other priests in the Diocese would be very grateful. We hope that you get to enjoy some holiday time over the summer and meet up with family and friends.

We wish you every blessing and pray that things return to some sense of normality this year.

Fr Aquinas Duffy

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, 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

St Vincent de Paul Appeal

St. Vincent de Paul will resume their monthly church gate collection this **Sunday the 13th June.**

St Vincent de Paul envelopes are available at the back of the church & donations can either be given to collectors on the day or handed into the parish office during the week. Your continued generosity enables us to bring hope to those who are struggling at this time and is very much appreciated."

THEOLOGY OPEN DAY - PRIORY INSTITUTE

Online Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click here or

email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Day on Sat. 19th June. This is the link to register for the Online Open Day https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-day

FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on **25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral**.

The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in Sept. 2021. We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

Supporting St. Brigid's Parish-

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The Easy Payments online donate button is below through which you can set up once off or monthly payments to all the collections.

Also here are Print Version of Standing Order Forms

For First and Second Sunday Collections standing-order-collections

For Parish Planned Giving to support the Parish

Standing Order FAMILY OFFERING For Church Renovation Fund Standing Order FUNDRAISING



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.

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

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.