



## St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



**January 16th 2022 -2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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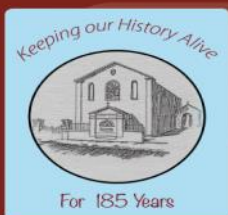
***St Brigid's Church closed on  
Nov 1st for essential  
maintenance work which is  
expected to take approximately  
4 months.***

We are encouraging our parishioners to attend Masses both on the weekday and Sundays in the other two Churches in the Pastoral area, namely Johnstown and Foxrock. Masses can also be viewed online from these Churches.

<https://www.churchservices.tv/foxrock>  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/johnstownour lady>

<https://cabinteelyparish.ie/mass-times-in-neighbouring-parishes/>

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and CHY 7424



**Our Church is Closed for Essential Works until early 2022**  
**Thank you for your continued support**

[www.cabinteelyparish.ie](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie)

**Parish Office & Centre  
will remain open**

**PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

### **AWARE- SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS**

If you wish to connect with people in relation to your mental well-being, 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 info. about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/>

### **Website of the Week: Tribute to John O'Donohue**

"Somewhere, out at the edges, the light is turning... and the freed air goes wild with light... May I live this day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love." These are the words of the late, great Irish poet, philosopher and writer, John O'Donohue in a truly uplifting memorial video.

Watch it at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

The essential repairs of the Church are continuing according to schedule. Thank you so much to all who have supported and who continue to contribute towards this fund.

<https://cabinteelyparish.ie/cabinteely-church-renovation.../>

### **COVID-19 - Support Line for Older People -**

**ALONE** manage a national support line & supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries & give advice. The line is open 7 days, 8am- 8pm, by calling. **0818 222 024**.

### **Supporting St. Brigid's Parish-**

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20016166 and CHY 7424

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](#)



### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup> to 25th 2022**

The theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is 'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him' (Mt 2:2), taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women. Read more at <https://dublindiocese.ie/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

### *A Prayer for the Synodal Pathway*

Lord of all hopefulness, as we embark on this journey together, may we listen and discern and be guided by the Holy Spirit, who constantly breathes new life into our world, our hearts, our families, homes and parishes.

May renewal and reform, fresh hope and healing come for all people of God in Ireland. By virtue of our baptism may we each play our part in transforming the church through a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit which is your gift and promise, upon our land.

Grant us the encouragement we need to bring faith, hope and love in abundance to meet the challenges before us and to fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming to the world, God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

A Mhuire Mháthair, mother of the Church, guard and guide us on our pilgrim way.  
Amen.



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Fully Escorted Pilgrimage to **Knock Shrine, 21st Feb. 2022. €549.00 per person** sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Dublin, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment & excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement €60.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Christmas Dues** can be given online or there are envelopes in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

### **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*