



## St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



### January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfilment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfilment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realise, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away

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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/johnstownourlady>

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

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Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20016166  
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: Mental Health Exercises**

In the northern hemisphere, this time of year can be dark in every sense. The Jesuits in Britain, creators of the wonderful Pray As You Go website, have devised seven mental health audio exercises designed to encourage, in God's presence, prayerful awareness of any feelings of unease or distress. These short exercises last no more than eight minutes. They address addiction, aging, anxiety, depression, grief, insomnia and loneliness. It is hoped that they will be helpful for anyone who might be struggling at the moment. To access these, and other rich online spiritual resources, visit:  
**[www.newpilgrimage.ie](http://www.newpilgrimage.ie)**

### **Association of Catholics in Ireland Synodality, the Parish and Climate Change Zoom – Jan 27th 2022 – 8.00 p.m.**

As the global climate crisis deepens, so does the crisis of the Irish Catholic church – intensified unexpectedly by a viral pandemic. Faced also with understanding & implementing synodality - a new relationship centred on communion, co-responsibility & mission – Irish parish clergy and lay people are challenged by the understandable indifference of younger generations, who are often more alive to the global climate issue.

Meanwhile Pope Francis complains about the fixation of too many on issues of sexuality – while he is also the first pope to appreciate the full importance of the environmental crisis. Advised on the topic of biodiversity by the globally recognised expertise of Columban father Seán McDonagh, the pope's 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* is now a landmark in church teaching and climate awareness.

Convinced that parishes can play a key role in meeting Ireland's carbon reduction targets in the 21st century – and that climate concern needs to be a vital focus of the Irish church – Fr Seán McDonagh will Zoom on this theme on January 27th, 2022, at 8.00 p.m.

Click the link below to join the discussion on **Jan 27th at 8pm**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83007717613?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83007717613?pwd=U3JZMnBXdnNhTXVldEoybXFjMWUxUT09)**  
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**Meeting ID: 830 0771 7613 Passcode: 298337**

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](#)



### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from **Sun 23 Jan.—Sun 30 Jan.** The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. For Catholic Schools Week, Fr Gareth Byrne, Moderator for the Curia will celebrate Sunday Mass broadcast on RTE One television on 30th January 2022 at 11am. Resources are available at [Catholic Schools Week 2022 | Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](https://www.catholic-schools-week.ie/)

### **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*