



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## January 30<sup>th</sup> 2022- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalised. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

***St Brigid's Church closed on Nov 1st for essential maintenance work which is expected to take approx. 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/>

### Recently Deceased.

Breda O'Leary [née Ronayne }

Parish of St Brigid's Cabinteely

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Monday - Friday 9 - 1pm

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/>

### **Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples:**

*Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next virtual programme starts 3rd to 6th March 2022*

*For information contact:-*

*Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, text or call 086 413 5440, Mike & Anne 087-2526812 / 087-6874658, visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie) or email [info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com](mailto:info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com).*

**Completely Confidential**

### **Website of the Week: 'For all that has been, THANKS! For all that is to be, YES!'**

"For all that has been, THANKS! For all that is to be, YES!" This marvellous prayer is very appropriate as we stand on the threshold of another year. It was written by Dag Hammarskjöld, a Swedish diplomat and the second Secretary General of the United Nations, who died at the age of 56 in an airplane crash as he travelled to a warring region of Africa. Br. Jonathan Maury of the Society of St John the Evangelist, an American monastic community in the Anglican Communion, has written an inspiring reflection on Hammarskjöld's words. You can read it at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

### **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](#)



## **Diocesan Synodal Oct 2021 – April 2022**

In his homily of the 3rd June 2021 the Archbishop reminded us of the context we find ourselves in as we are invited to embark upon a **Synodal Pathway**. This context is one of an ever-changing Church in an ever-changing world. "The Church centred around the monasteries of early medieval Ireland was replaced by the diocesan Church. When one studies the history of the Church in Ireland, there are five discernible historical phases:

- The Gaelic and Monastic Church
- The Anglo-Norman Church
- The Reformation and Penal Church
- The Post-Emancipation Church.

**and now**

- The Church in Contemporary Ireland

In each of these historical phases there was a beginning, a flourishing and a decline. What remains constant in the midst of all the change?

Four things that are essential:

- The community** without which there is no Church; our Christian faith is rooted in our humanity: the Word became flesh and dwells among us. This is at the heart of our faith.
- The living Tradition**—made life-giving in the Spirit and actualised in the Scriptures. The risen Lord continues to speak to us through the Sacred Scriptures and in the words and witness of those who seek him with a pure heart (see Gaudium et Spes 1).
- The Breaking of Bread**—the summit and source of the very life of the Church and of the faithful
- Prayer**—the lifeblood of the Church's life, where the Father's closeness and care, and the fullness of His will are revealed.

Down through the centuries particular forms of Church life flourished, waned and were replaced by another one. The Church is continually changing and adapting. The people of God are a people on the move, a people on pilgrimage through life and history. This is how the Church actually is: never static, but continually responding to a changing cultural context.

What we are experiencing today is a crisis in a particular historical form of Church. The Church, however, is more than any one particular historical form. Since change occurs over a period of years, our generation cannot easily see the contours—not to mention the final form—of what is going to emerge. However, just as the raindrops on the footpath suggests the imminence of rain, we are surrounded by signs of change that are as profound as they are imminent. For more information see

<https://dublindiocese.ie/category/synodal-pathway/>

### **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*