



## St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



### January 9th 2022—The Baptism of the Lord

***"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis***

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, We have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Jan 9th 2022**

***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/>

**Anam Cara South Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 10th January at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght**. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



### **Website of the Week: Laughing with the Saints**

“Joy, humour and laughter are unappreciated values in spirituality. Joy has a disreputable reputation in the spiritual life. That’s a real tragedy. Not only is joy necessary, but it has a distinguished history among the saints as an essential element for a healthy spirituality. Anyone truly in touch with God is joyful”. These words are from one of Fr James Martin’s effervescent podcasts. Jim is an American Jesuit priest, writer, and editor-at-large of the Jesuit magazine America. Access his talk, “Laughing with the Saints” – as informative as it is entertaining – at:

[www.newpilgrimage.ie](http://www.newpilgrimage.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**.

**Thank you to Johnstown and Foxrock Churches** for facilitating Cabinteely parishioners during the temporary closure of our Church.

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

### **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](#)



### **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*