



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



July 4th 2021- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for molluscs at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbours and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offence at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER July 4th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Brigid's is open daily for Public Mass

Weekdays

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

Weekends

Sunday: 10.00am only
All masses available online
www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely
Numbers are limited to allow for
social distancing

We remember on Sunday 4th

Sheila Conlon – 1st Anniversary
Michael Casey – 14th Anniversary
Tom Keogh – 1st Anniversary

Months Mind

Brendan Purcell

Anniversaries

Mon 10am - Special Intention
Tues 10am - Special Intention
Thurs 10am - Special Intention
Fri 10am - Special Intention

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS

BUILDING HOPE TASK FORCE – Invitation to Parishioners

Archbishop Farrell has set up a Task Force under the title of Building Hope. The Task Force aims to stimulate engagement with the whole diocesan family and shape an inclusive approach to a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times. It is intended to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity, enabling the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. You are invited to take part in this consultation.

There is a video, a prayer and a form on the www.dublindiocese.ie website. Please watch the video from the Archbishop and join with your family to pray and to discuss the future of the Church together. It is hoped that you might nominate one member of your family to return to the website and make a contribution by filling out the form. *The consultation form will remain online until the 18th July 2021*

<https://dublindiocese.ie/taskforce-request-for-contributions/>

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you 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 info. about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

PETERS PENCE

The annual Peter's Pence collection takes place this year on **Sun. 4th July.**

The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. This year's Peter's Pence collection will replace the second collection for Share.

Congratulations to
Deacon Jeremy Seligman who has just been appointed as Permanent Deacon to the parishes of Ashford, Glenealy, Glendalough & Roundwood.

GROW and DLR social prescribing will be running a community education program promoting positive mental health from **Thursday 15th July.** The program aims to support us all as we move towards better times.

The program will run for 5 weeks, every **Thursday from 15th July.** Each session will start at 19.00, for one hour, on zoom. The program includes some amazing keynote speakers and will cover topics that will support us all as we move forwards. **Please register with Niamhgilmore@grow.ie**

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](tel:0818222024).

Congratulations to **Brian and Aisling O Doherty** who recently celebrated the silver jubilee anniversary of Marriage.

FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on **25th 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](#)



Website of the Week: St Brendan the Navigator

*Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.*

*Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.*

Christ of the mysteries, I trust You...

These are the opening lines of the powerful prayer of St Brendan the Navigator, the 5th century Irish monk who has long and convincingly been credited with the discovery of America, centuries before Columbus. Read the full prayer and watch a short video on the life of this intrepid sailor

at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

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.**
Fr Aquinas