



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



February 6th 2022 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and grey. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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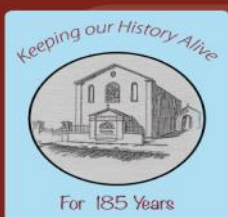
St Brigid's Church closed on Nov 1st for essential maintenance work which is expected to take approx. 4 months

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/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

**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 or email info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com.

Completely Confidential

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](tel:0871890236) or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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](#)



The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **12th & 13th February 2022.**

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples & individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- A Relationship & Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Donate at www.accord.ie

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 14th February at 7:30pm** 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: Rediscovering Scripture through the Visual Arts

The 'Christian Art' website is the brainchild of a former director of Sotheby's, London, now studying for the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Westminster. Patrick van der Vorst's offering is simple: "one newsletter a day where we simply send you the Gospel reading of the day, alongside a work of art that we believe is poignant, reflective and appropriate to that reading."

Simple it may be, but the results can be astonishing as he draws on his encyclopaedic knowledge of the visual arts. The often surprising art choices – ancient and modern, paintings, sculptures, installations, furnishings – together with his imaginative commentary achieve at times the almost impossible: bringing the shock of newness to scripture passages long blunted by familiarity. To learn more, and read a sample email, visit: www.newpilgrimpath.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