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**GET YOUR OWN BACK?**

One of the most misquoted phrases from the bible is “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth”. People use it to

justify revenge. They think that it means you can get your own back on those who do wrong to you. What they don't understand is that this phrase in the Old Testament was used to ensure that people did not retaliate wildly against each other. It was intended to set the limits, to stop people looking for a payback that was out of proportion to the offence. So if someone cheats you out of your car, you shouldn't try and have their home taken away from them. If someone defrauds you of a thousand euro you shouldn't try and sue them for a million. Our response should be proportionate. This is not a response favoured by the “no-win-no-fee” lawyers!

Christianity invites us always to be more generous in our response than we need to be. A Roman soldier could demand by law that a Jew must carry his load for approximately one mile. Carry it two, says Jesus. You must forgive your enemies, says the law. Don't just forgive them, says Jesus: love them and pray for them.

Of course, Christians are mocked for following this teaching of Jesus. It doesn't rank among the streetwise skills. In fact it runs contrary to a society that prizes assertion, aggressiveness and getting a “piece of the action”. But there's one obvious ingredient missing from the commonly agreed way of behaving: God. When it comes to loving your enemies, the idea that Christianity is simply nothing more than good manners breaks down. For the teaching of Jesus is not only revolutionary but also subversive. It challenges society's commonly accepted ideas about how we should deal with those who break the law, those who threaten our security or those who offer us the chance of making a fortune at the expense of others. This is because if we model ourselves on God then we are signing up to values that put others first, especially the weak and vulnerable. And if God, who created us in his own image of goodness and holiness, chooses not to obliterate us when we deface his image in our world, then how can we possibly claim vengeance for the paltry complaints that we have against others?

Anyone can love those who are good to them. It takes a special kind of person to be able to love their enemies. And it's the minimum requirement for a Christian.

**Weekend Intentions**

Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.



- 6.30pm** – Carmel Coughlan – Rec. Dec
- 10.00am** – Mary Edge - 1st Anniversary
- 12.30pm** – Jim Philips – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Tom Brazil Snr. - Anniversary
- 11.15am (The Park)** – Eileen Moore -  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**Recently Deceased:** Gerard Comiskey, John Toal

**Months Mind:** Margaret Cunningham

**Anniversaries:** Maeve Bree (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), Denis Bree

**Mass times in St. Brigid's Church**

**Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday - 10 am**  
**Saturday (Vigil Mass) – 6.30 pm**  
**Sunday – 10 am and 12.30 pm and**  
**11.15 am Park Mass (term time)**

**There will be a 10 am Mass on**  
**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March – Ash Wednesday.**

**ACCORD**

The annual collection for **ACCORD**  
**The Catholic Marriage Advisory Agency**  
 takes place at all masses this weekend,  
 replacing the usual SHARE collection.

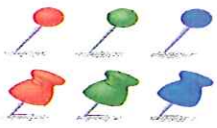
**ACCORD** run pre-marriage courses throughout the Archdiocese and also offer a counselling service for couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

**ACCORD** Dublin needs your support, please give generously.



There is a copy of a letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at the back of the church for those who wish to take one home.





## Parish Noticeboard.

**Confessions** every Saturday after 6.30pm  
Mass here in St. Brigid's, Cabinteely

### The Parish Office/Centre

Do you have an idea for a class/course/event? We would love to hear from you.

The Centre is open for bookings of classes, events, courses etc. Lots of activities/coffee dock in the parish centre every day. Coffee dock open after 10 am Sunday Mass. Do drop in, you will be very welcome.



**Help needed** on Sunday Mornings – can you spare an hour on a rota basis as Volunteers are required to help in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre – contact the Parish Office if you can help. A great way to meet parishioners and make new friends.

### Social Welfare Information

Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm. Just drop in – no appointment needed.

**No information service on 7<sup>th</sup> March.**



### Novice Bridge Club

Our Novice Bridge Club will take place every Thursday evening from 7.30 pm - 10.00pm (for those playing

bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required.

**New members very welcome**



**Ministers of the Eucharist** are available to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. **Contact Joan O'Shea on 01 2824814** if you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis.



**Mother & Toddler Group** – this group has takes place each Tuesday of term time from 10.30 am to 11.45 am in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

Please note there will be no mother & toddler group this coming Tuesday due to the mid-term break.

### Frank Quinn Catering

Catering for all your requirements, Confirmations, Communion, Birthdays, Parties, etc.

Outdoor catering also available.

Contact Frank on 086-3598258



### Important Date for your Diary

### Launch Date for St Brigid's Parish CAR RAFFLE

**Our Fundraising 500 Limited Raffle for a 172 Hyundai i20 Deluxe will be launched on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

Tickets will be available that weekend after all masses and in the Parish Office after that date.

Tickets are €75 each and can be purchased either with a once off payment or can be purchased over March, April and May at €25 per month.

The raffle will take place on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Centre at 8 pm.

The Car supplied is by Mooney's Deansgrange.



**Married Couples** – Gift yourself a special weekend break together to boost and refresh your relationship by making a

Marriage Renewal Weekend in the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 3 – 5 March. More info from [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 087 784 0408.



### Faith Development Groups

**Centering Prayer:** Wednesday 7pm– 8pm

**Prayer group:** Thursday 10.30am

**Gospel Contemplation:** Fridays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.

**Please feel free to join any groups.**

### Life in Abundance

#### Saturday Scripture Day

#### Lent and Easter in the Gospel of John

Seán Goan – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30 am – 4 pm  
Clonliffe College - €50 incl lunch.

Book: [mary.dent@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:mary.dent@dublindiocese.ie)

or ph: 8087533

### Are you in your 40s?

The Dublin 40 somethings organise spiritual and social events in and around Dublin for those with a Catholic ethos. Next monthly meeting Fri, 3 March in the Trinity City Hotel, Perse St at 8.30 pm. More info 087 760 8268

### Dun Laoghaire Choral Society & Galway Baroque Singers, Fishamble Sinfonia.

Conductor: David Brophy.

4<sup>th</sup> March – St Ann's Church, Dawson Street

11<sup>th</sup> March – Galway Cathedral

Tickets €20 – [www.eventbrite.ie/](http://www.eventbrite.ie/) @the door.