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KEEP YOUR LAMP BURNING

A class of schoolchildren was told the story of the ten bridesmaids and then asked to comment on it. One little boy said he thought the wise ones were horrible because they should have shared their oil with the foolish ones. After all, everyone kept saying how important it is to share!

When we read the parables there are traps we can easily fall into. One of the most common traps is to try and find a meaning in every little detail of the parable. This is what the little boy was doing in his own way. But he was probably too young to appreciate the wider picture.

There is no lasting significance in the number five or ten for the bridesmaids. No deep meaning in the fact that it was oil which was needed. No great importance to the time, midnight, or that the bridegroom was late. So what is Jesus trying to tell us?

It's actually about life and death. Each of us has been invited to a wedding feast, an everlasting one in heaven. We have to ensure that we make all the necessary preparations in life and turn up ready for the event, whenever it may be. Now the foolish bridesmaids in the story were not excluded from the wedding due to a momentary lapse of concentration. They were habitually ill-prepared, whereas the wise ones had remained alert for whenever the call might come.

It is ludicrous to suggest that God would refuse heaven to a faithful person who just happened to stray the day before their death. What marked the five foolish bridesmaids out was a lifetime of half-heartedness in their preparation for the marriage feast of heaven. Like them, we too can find ourselves practising our faith out of duty or habit. A sign of this is when, unlike the wise bridesmaids, we stop feeling the sense of joyful expectation that our religion offers us.

As Advent approaches we are reminded that Jesus is inviting us not to a funeral but to a joyful wedding. So let's look forward to the invitation.

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 – John Gray – 1st Anniversary

Hugh, Kitty & Nessian McMahon

10.00am – Flo Lyons – 9th Anniversary

Thomas Corcoran - Anniversary

12.30pm – Mollie & Ernie Corcoran – Anniv.

Breda Brophy – 5th Anniversary

11.15am (The Park) – Evie Mooney- RIP

Recently Deceased: Fionnuala Hackett,

Bernadette Harnett

Months Mind: Tim O'Brien

Anniversaries:

Mass times in St. Brigid's Church

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 10 am

Saturday (Vigil Mass) – 6.30 pm

Sunday – 10 am and 12.30 pm and

11.15 am Park Mass Centre (term-time)

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

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

A big thank-you to all the volunteers who came forward following the call to join the Bethany Bereavement Support Group. There has been a great response.



Parish Noticeboard.

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.

St Brigid's Cross

The next mini cross is being engraved at present and should be in place in the patio outside the Church before the end of the month.

We are taking bookings for the next cross. Four bricks make up a cross – cost €125 per brick.

A great way to remember a special day/date, wedding, birth, baptism, family or a loved one. Contact the parish office for more information.

The **Irish Pilgrimage Trust** are seeking applications for young people to travel to Lourdes with us next Easter. We welcome applications from young people with:

A physical disability or illness (aged 11-30)

A learning disability (aged 11-30)

A serious illness up to the age of 11 accompanied by a parent or guardian

Forms and further information are available online at www.irishpilgrimagestrust.ie or through our office in Galway on 091 796 622. There is no cost for guests to travel with the Trust. All volunteer carers pay their own fare and fundraise throughout the year to cover the cost of the guests.

Set Dancing Classes

Set Dancing Classes have been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Parent/Minder and Toddler Group

This group takes place on Tuesday mornings from 11 am to 12.15pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre. All welcome



Novice Bridge Club

Our **Novice Bridge Club** takes place every Thursday from 7.30 pm - 10.00pm (for those playing bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required. If you play, come along and join us.

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland

will hold its annual Service of Remembrance today Sun, 12 Nov at 3 pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Ave, D.8. All parents, siblings and grandparents and anyone else affected by the loss of a baby welcome, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

Pipework's Coffee Concert

Sat, 25th November at 2.30 pm in St Brigid's Parish Church. Join us for a concert of Organ and Choral Music followed by afternoon tea.

Guest Organist: Patrice Keegan with St Brigid's Parish Choir.

Free admission with retiring collection. Supporting Pipework's Festival.

www.pipeworks.ie



St Brigid's Parish 18th Parish Golf Classic 17 May 2018

We are holding our bi-annual fundraising Golf Classic next May. We are

looking for volunteers to help on our Committee for the next six months to organise this event. Contact Ann L in Parish office for more information.



St Brigid's Boys' & Girls' School Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas Fair will take place on: Sunday 26th November 2 -5pm St. Brigid's Boys' School, Mart Lane, Foxrock. It's a great day put for all the family Visit Santa's Grotto, Wheel of Fortune, Raffles, Bottle Stall, Face Painting/Hair Braiding/Nails, Games, Accessories, scrummy yummy homemade cakes, Tea/Coffee or some mulled wine...and much, much more. Please come along and support the local Primary Schools. We will have a special guest, Sinead Goldrick from the Dublin Ladies GAA All-Ireland winning team.

The Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society with the help of staff from BT Ireland are running a massive fund raising sale in all of their shops. You can join in this great fund raising effort by bringing your clean unwanted clothing, bric a brac and saleable items here to the Church next weekend November 18th & 19th, where they will be collected and distributed to the shops. Collections over the past few weeks have raised €150,000. Collection bags are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you.