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SIGN OF THINGS TO COME

'Life is but a breath and my eyes will never again see joy.' We can all sympathise with Job. He feels so downhearted that nothing seems worthwhile any more. And from time to time we can all end up asking what's the point of life and whether it's worth all the effort. We take our fair share of knocks and it's easy to stay down rather than pick ourselves up and dust ourselves down.

That's why the cures that Jesus worked came as such a bombshell to a people that had grown cynical about life. St Mark tells us that from the outset of his ministry Jesus attracted large crowds eager to see him perform cures on those who were sick.

Of course, Jesus was no doctor. But it was as if, for the crowd, these miracles validated his preaching claims. Anyone can preach, but someone who can back up their preaching with healing is surely worth listening to. And for Jesus these cures were not the be-all and end-all of his mission. They were signs of something else: the setting up of the kingdom of God.

From the start Jesus never claimed any credit for these miracles. He was up-front about where he got his power from: his Father. And it was his Father who had sent him to inaugurate a new way of life, a new style of living according to the values of the kingdom which was about to come.

Two thousand years on the Church continues this mission of proclaiming the kingdom to a world that is often as weary as Jesus's listeners. In the midst of war, scandal, opposition and sheer human frailty we keep in mind that we are not trying to compete with other agencies, with governments or lifestyle promoters. Our message is radically different from any other. It says that God intends us to live in a way that puts others first, that thrives on self-sacrifice after the fashion of Christ and that has no time for the self-centred idealism of much of what advertisers and spin-doctors present us with today. For Christians are in the world but not of it. That's because, warts and all, they are part of the kingdom of God. And as Jesus's audience found out, despite the problems that each day might bring, the kingdom is very near.

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

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 – 1. Catherine Tracey – 9th Anniv
 2. Joan Moane – 1st Anniversary

10.00am – 1. Brian Brennan – Rec Dec
 2. Brian Brennan – Rec Dec

12.30pm – 1. Nora Hurley – Months Mind
 2. Peter Coyle – Months Mind

Recently Deceased: Moira Carter, Alan Fitzpatrick, Micheál Gormley

Months Mind: Nora Hurley

Anniversaries:

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
 We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
 One family, in the Spirit of your love.
 Bless us with the joy of love.
 Make us patient and kind,
 gentle and generous,
 welcoming to those in need.
 Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
 Protect all families with your loving care,
 Especially those for whom we now pray:
 [We pause and remember family members and others by name].
 Increase our faith,
 Strengthen our hope,
 Keep us safe in your love,
 Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
 This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
 Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
 Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
 Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
 Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

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.
Not available on Feb 27 or March 6.

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.

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.

House of Emmanuel

Eddie Stone from House of Emmanuel in Clonfert, will conduct an afternoon of healing and prayer in St. Brigid's Church, Cabinteely on Saturday 17th February. Starting time 3pm and concluding with mass for the First Sunday of Lent at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Read more about Eddie Stone, who is a healer and a man of prayer,

<http://www.emmanuelhouse.ie/>

Do you have a spare room?

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they have to cover accommodation costs also. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Ph: Parish Office 012858835

Irish Cancer Society

Operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then pick them up when their treatment is finished and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Visit their **website irishcancer.ie** or contact **Irish Cancer Society** for more info **01 2310 522**



Oil Painting Classes

St. Brigid's Parish Centre,
Tuesday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm.
Beginners & Improvers welcome.
Contact Derek on 086-312000 for more information

Luisne Centre for Spirituality

Saturday, February 17th: **Enlarged Horizons of an Emerging Spirituality with Diarmuid O'Murchu;**

2-5pm with optional Eucharist 5pm; **Cost €20**
Contact office@luisne.ie / 0860517575

The Cabinteely French Boules Club

Invite you to join them on **Mondays**

Times: 10.30am – 12pm

If interested, please call club secretary:

Mr. Brian Kavanagh on 087-6299752



Radio Maria Ireland

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New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week. 4th February 2018



"DailyGood" curates uplifting news stories on its website and delivers them in a unique package to over 100,000 inboxes around the world each day. Readers receive an inspiring quote, a powerful story and a take-action prompt – all packed into a crisp, daily or weekly newsletter. In a noisy world it aims to give people a regular touch point to the forces of good that exist all around. For this, and other rich online spiritual resources, visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely 18th Golf Classic Thurs, 17th May 2018 Old Conna Golf Club



Format – Rumble – Four person Team – any combination.

Special Prizes – Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive – Ladies and Men.

Timesheet now open, tee times from 12 noon – 3.30 pm

Entry fee (incl Golf and Meal) €75 pp or €300 per team.

Meal served in Parish Centre from 8 pm. Prizegiving at

9.30 pm. Contact Parish Office for more information.