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CLEARING THE DECKS

Christian writers tend to see the episode when Jesus overturned the Temple traders' tables as a sign of the human side of Jesus. He was genuinely angry and lashed out at those who were abusing the real purpose of the Temple.

One such writer, Origen, points out that each one of us has to allow our own tables to be overturned if we are to worship God in spirit and in truth. And Lent is the time for clearing the decks of those obstacles that prevent us from serving God to the best of our ability.

If we're honest then we'll admit that there are many things that get in the way of our spiritual life. We know how we'd like to be, but we never seem to get round to it. It's not that we're headline sinners. It's just that we tend to drift. Perhaps we need to allow Jesus to overturn the tables of our lives and to chase out what is getting in the way.

Origen points out that the cattle in the Temple represent attachment to earthly things, since they require constant husbandry and need looking after at all times. The sheep symbolise the senseless way in which we act, wandering without rhyme or reason. The doves conjure up images of empty and unstable thoughts, or 'flightiness', while the coins of the moneychangers portray all that we strive for but which brings us no good.

Jesus says that for true worship to happen in the Temple all these things need to be cleared out. And the same is true of our lives. Lent gives us the chance to reset our sense of values, to ask ourselves whether all the effort we put into getting and having, into consuming and spending, into keeping up appearances is really doing us any good. And St Paul hints that if we go with the flow then we are probably missing the boat. For what God asks of us seems foolish to those who do not believe. Whereas, in fact, God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

Faith Development Groups
Centering Prayer: Wednesday 7- 8pm
Bible Reflections: Thursday 10.30am
Gospel Contemplation: Fridays 11am to 12.00 noon. **Please feel free to join any groups.**

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. Anne Mallin – 8th Anniv.
 2. Margaret O'Brien -1st Anniv

10.00am – Philomena Davey

12.30pm – 1. John Holland -17th Anniv.
 2. Kathleen O'Sullivan

Recently Deceased: Margaret Fox

Months Mind: Angela Brennan, Philomena Davey

Anniversaries: Maureen O'Connor (1st Anniv) Patrick & Mary Carr, Patrick & Catherine Berns, Matt Fitzgibbon (10th Anniv)

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

St Patrick's Day – Sat, 17th March.
 There will be **10 am Mass** in the Church on this day.





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

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.



LOURDES

160th Anniversary 1858-2018

Cabinteely annual pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place 7th-12th September.

5 Nights full board

Fully inclusive Price €737.

**For details Contact Parish Office:
01-2858835**

Minister of the Word Rota

The new rota from **March – May** including the Easter Rota is available for collection from the Sacristy this weekend.

Save the Date

The Archdiocese of Dublin's Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Sat, April 21. Theme: 'We are Pilgrims – Knock invites us to Healing and Peace'. More information to follow.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, 5th March, there will be Adoration in St Brigid's Parish Church from 10.30 am to 11 am. All Welcome.



Cabinteely French Boules Club

You are invited to join this group on Mondays.

Time: 10.30 am – 12 noon.

If interested or want more

information please call Brian Kavanagh, Club Secretary on 087 6299752



Alcoholics Anonymous Ireland

Meeting in St. Brigid's Parish Pastoral Centre,
Tuesday evenings, 7.00-8.00pm.
All Welcome

Oil Painting Classes

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

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.

Irish Hospice Foundation Workshop. 'Communicating in Challenging Circumstances when People are Experiencing Loss & Grief'

Thursday 8th March 9.15am-4.15pm.

Irish Hospice Foundation, Bereavement & Resource Centre, 32 Nassau St, D2. Fee €100 for 1-day workshop, includes lunch/tea and coffee.

Church Gate Collection

There is a Church Gate Collection this weekend for **Coolmine Treatment Centre.**

Coolmine is a drug and alcohol treatment centre providing community, day and residential services to men and women with problematic substance use and their families in Ireland.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

A beautiful Lenten resource for individual and group meditation is Ecce Homo: Poems for Lent and Holy Week, from the Anglican Archdiocese of Algoma, Canada. The daily Lenten poems include poems of lamentation and pain – reminders of Jesus's suffering – as well as of contemplation, praise and thanksgiving. To access this inspiring and varied selection, visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie