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DYING TO LIVE

One of the saddest stories told recently was about a people that was suffering famine. Eventually they were given some meagre rations to keep them from starving to death. In addition they were given seed potatoes to be planted so that they would produce a crop that would eventually feed them. But they were so hungry that they ate most of the seed potatoes and when harvest time came round the yield was so small that it was not enough to feed them.

Stupidity? Maybe, but who knows what we would have done when the pangs of hunger got the better of us? What the story illustrates is that there are times in life when we have to deny ourselves in order to reap the benefit later. At a deeper level it shows that we have to take the long-term view of many things in life rather than going for the here and now.

Of course, the gospel story today involves Jesus reminding us that like the wheat grain we too have to die in order to live. There are circumstances in which we are asked to put ourselves in second place and see to the needs of others first. And this is what is asked of all Christians.

They are not particularly famous, but they are heroic. There's the wife who has lived with her husband for forty years and now he's developed Alzheimer's disease and no longer knows who she is, yet she is there for his every need, putting him first. There's the family who live with the consequences of the eldest son's drug taking. Their lives are regularly thrown into turmoil. It would be easier for them to disown him, but they keep supporting him in the hope that the treatment will eventually come up trumps. And what about the teenager who holds faith with his father even though he regularly fails to turn up on weekend visits, or the husband whose wife fritters away their meagre earnings on drink? Or even the kids who let the no-hoper play on their team because his grandma died last week and he's feeling really low?

And then, of course, there's you. What wheat grain has been offered to you? For Christ says that if you plant it deep, then you will reap a rich harvest.

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. Fionnuala Doyle - 18th Anniv
 2. Rita Parsons – 1st Anniversary

10.00am – 1. Nellie Lynch – 7th Anniversary

12.30pm – 1. Freda O'Halloran – 17th Anniv
 2. Jim Phillips – 7th Anniversary

Recently Deceased: Margaret Toal,
 Elizabeth Peart

Months Mind: Ethne Meagher

Anniversaries: Eileen & Jim McKell, Tom Walsh (12th 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

Crosscare Youth Collection

will take place this weekend 17th & 18th March and will replace the usual share collection, Crosscare provide youth based services across the Archdiocese of Dublin

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

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 from 7th to 12th September.

5 night's full board, fully inclusive - €737

Contact Parish Office for more information or booking forms.

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

Oil Painting Classes

St. Brigid's Parish Centre,
Tue evenings, 7.30-9.30pm.
Beginners & Improvers welcome.
Contact Derek on
086-3120000 for more information.

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely 18th Fundraising 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
– filling up fast so get your slot reserved.

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.

Advocate Collection for Sunshine Fund.

The annual Advocate Collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place next weekend, 24-25 March. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

All Night Vigil Our Lady of Victories , Sallynoggin/Glenageary Friday 23rd/Sat 24th March.

Join us in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Confessions Fri 8pm, Sat 10.30am & 3pm.

Car parking and refreshments available.

Please contact Mairéad Bernal **085 861 7884**
to commit to an hour.

Good Friday National Holy Face Public Prayer Vigil- 30th March

Where: Old Town Hall, Main St, Bray.

A public prayer vigil will be held in each county in Ireland at 12noon-1.00pm on Good Friday 30th March.

Enquiries to: Peter – 087/8343322

Are you a good listener? Senior Help Line

are looking for man and women aged 55+ to train as phone line volunteers. See notice at back of church for more information or call Anne on 087 7450721.

You are invited ... celebrate with us! Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day

by helping the official launch of their new centre on Wed next, 21st Mar from 10 am – 12 noon in Shrewsbury House, Old Bray Road.

RSVP: sharon@downsyndrome.ie

Service of Remembrance for the Coombe Hospital

will be held on Sun, 8th April at
3 pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphins
Barn, D.8

Bridge Night in aid of Laura Lynn.

Where: Killiney Golf Club

When: Thursday 22nd March @ 7.30pm.

Beginners & improvers welcome. Pre-booking essential.

Phone: Denise **087-2267378** or Gemma
087-6815614 -€20 per person includes light
refreshments - 24hr notice for cancellations

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

Described by Dietrich Bonhoeffer as *'the prayer book of the Bible'*, the Psalms have been an important element of public and private worship since the time of King David. A beautiful way of praying the Psalms is offered by the choir of Westminster Abbey, in a recording of 39 Psalms over two hours of glorious music.

visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

