



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



November 3rd 2019.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was." We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colourful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house." If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2nd Nov 2019

**6.30 pm Vigil
Michael Gribbin - 2nd Anniversary**

Sun 3rd Nov 2019

**10.00 am
John Sinnott -5th Anniversary**

**12.30pm
John Cummins - Anniversary**

Recently Deceased

Months Mind

Anniversaries:

Mon—10am

**Tues 10 AM— Bridget Cleary - 5th
Anniversary**

**Thurs 10 AM— Anne O'Rourke -
Recently Deceased**

**Fri 10 AM— Dympna Cowley - 1st
Anniversary**

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All Saints' Day



Dun Laoghaire & Blackrock Support Group

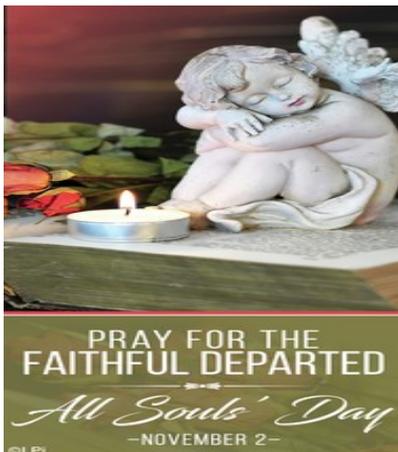
[GROW Community Mental Health are now delighted to have two Support Groups in Dun Laoghaire /Rathdown area. Why not come along and learn more about positive mental health, wellbeing, recovery and how GROW may help you achieve this. New members are always welcome. (Free of charge). Contact John 0868033126 or visit our website www.grow.ie for further information. New group meets every Mon. at 7pm in Parke House, Library Rd, Dun Laoghaire while our seasoned GROWers continue to meet every Wed at 7.15pm in The Centre for the Living Rose Hill Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock

Jane Clarke, Provisionally Accredited Cognitive Behavioural therapist (Adults only)(BABCP UK Register).089-9414764.
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will start in the parish centre on the 13th November 2019

The Irish Hospice Foundation Living with Loss

An Information evening about Bereavement
Guest Speaker , Emma Hayes.
All welcome. Thurs. 7th Nov. ,
Alex Hotel, 41Fenian Street , D2

November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory. While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God. These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.



Bethany Bereavement Drop-In returns, the last Friday of every month and is held in St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre after the 10am Mass.

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

The special Mass to remember our loved ones who have died this past year will be held on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Church.

All invited to attend, especially anyone who lost a relative or friend during this time. Tea/coffee will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Items for inclusion in this newsletter should be emailed to newsletter@cabinteelyparish.ie by Monday of the week of publication.

The Parish Centre

There are rooms available for rent ranging in size from 15 to 100 people.

Do you have an idea for a course, a class, a one off event for 2019? Are you looking for a venue??? Give Marian/Ann a call on 01 2858835 to arrange to view our facilities.

The **Coffee Dock** is open weekdays from 10am and is open Sunday Morning after 10am Mass. A warm welcome guaranteed.

Parish Prayer/Reflection Groups

Tues: Divine Mercy Devotions after the 10 AM Mass

Wed. Centering Prayer 7pm-8pm

Thurs.: Gospel Reflection 10.30am-12.30pm

Fri: Gospel Contemplation 10.30- 12.30pm
The Rosary is recited before the 10 AM mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thurs & Fri at 9.40 AM.

Dun Laoghaire Choral Society,

Church of the Assumption, Dalkey. Sun 10th Nov @ 3.30pm. Performing Hadyn's Creation. Tickets are 20e and can be booked through, Eventbrite using the Book Now button. By going to our website www.dlcs.ie. or at the door.

Cabinteely Church Renovation.

Anytime I celebrate Mass in St Brigid's Church, I am always filled with a deep sense of gratitude to the generations since 1836 that have looked after Cabinteely Church and Parish. I am also filled with a sense of wonder and feel privileged to be in such a beautiful Church. We are ultimately custodians and it is our turn now to look after the Church for this generation and beyond. We have no control over the future but we do have control of the present. On the weekend of the **9/10th November** we will be making a presentation at all Masses about the proposed work to be done on the Church. You will find the fund-raising booklet at the back of the Church which also gives an outline of the scope of the work and of how you can help. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Parish which is sowing seeds for the future.

Fr Aquinas