

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



4th Sunday of Lent- March 22nd, 2020

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

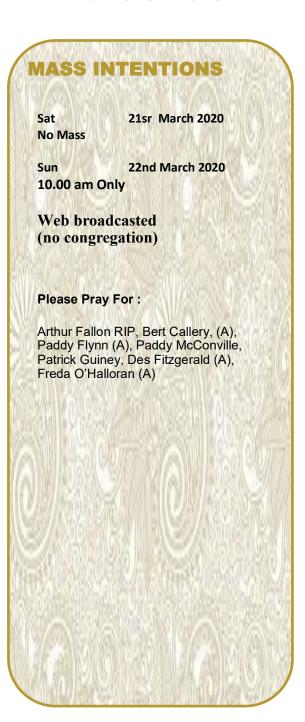
Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?



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The Parish Pastoral Centre is closed until further notice.

The Church will remain open for prayer

Pause For Prayer.

The Parish Pastoral Council are inviting people to pause for prayer at 12 Noon each day to pray for healing, hope and inspiration during these difficult and challenging times. Together our prayer can be powerful for the Lord is in our midst.

Mass broadcast.

During the current Public Health Emergency, Mass is broadcasted each Sunday from Cabinteely Church at 10 AM See www.cabinteelyparish.ie .

Weekday Mass is also broadcasted from Foxrock Church at 10 AM See www.foxrockparish.ie

People can now donate online directly to the First (Supports the Priests of the Diocese) and Second (Share which helps the developing parishes and the Diocesan Administration) Collections through the Donate Page at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open Mon to Fri, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

SeniorLine has been the national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers since 1998. This peer-to-peer helpline for older people receives in excess of 10,000 calls per year.

The corona virus is a particular threat to older people and subsequently SeniorLine has put in place a number of protocols to support our many older callers from all over Ireland. Any caller, concerned about Covid 19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. This information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones.

SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800804591

Website: www.thirdageireland.ie

A rough translation of a prayer issued recently by the Italian Bishops Conference:

O almighty and eternal God, refreshment in our weariness, support in weakness, from you all creatures receive energy, existence and life. We come to you to invoke your mercy because today we know deeply the fragility of our human condition as we live in the midst of a new viral epidemic. We entrust the sick and their families to you: bring healing to their body, their mind and their spirit. Help all members of society to carry out their tasks well and strengthen the spirit of solidarity among them. Support and comfort the doctors and health professionals on the front line and all the carers in carrying out their service.

You, who are the source of all good, bless the entire human family abundantly, remove all evil from us and grant us firm faith, hope and love. Free us from the epidemic that is affecting us so that we can return to our usual occupations calmly and praise you and thank you with a renewed heart. in you we trust and raise our plea to you because you, Father, are the author of life, and with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in unity with the Holy Spirit, live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, our Mother, health of the sick, pray for us!

Coronavirus

COVID-19

Know the signs



High Temperature



Shortness of Breath



Breathing Difficulties



Cough

For 8 out of 10 people, rest and over the counter medication can help you feel better.





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