



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



April 5th 2020—Palm Sunday [Passion of the Lord]

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5th April 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4th April 2020
No Mass

Sun 5th April 2020

10.00 am only
Web broadcasted/ No Congregation

Remember at Mass on Sunday 5th April
[10 AM Broadcast Mass]

Veronica Crosbie (First Anniversary)

Sean Carr (Sixth Anniversary)

Mary Cadden (Anniversary)

Patrick Gillen (Anniversary)

Niamh Callaghan (Anniversary)

Frank Murray (Second Anniversary)

Charlie Breen (Anniversary)

Recently Deceased: Monsignor
John Fitzpatrick

Due to the numbers accessing the web broadcasts we have experienced problems with the service this week. As a contingency we will also broadcast mass live on the St Brigids Facebook page. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/SaintBrigidsChurchCabinteely/>



SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000

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The Church & Parish Pastoral Centre are closed until further notice.

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.

On behalf of Fr Arthur and Fr Tom, and myself and the Parish Team may we wish all parishioners a very **peaceful and Safe Easter**. I do hope that you will be able to connect to the Holy Week Services being broadcast from St Brigid's Church for Holy Week and Easter. Please continue to pray for those who are ill and those who have been bereaved and for healing at this time.

Fr Aquinas

Mass broadcast.

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

Mass (without a congregation) will be broadcast next week from St Brigid's Church on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. See below for Holy week Mass schedule [Web Broadcast/No Congregation]

Sunday Collections.

You can now contribute to the First Collection (Common Fund which supports Priests) and Second Collection (Share which helps developing parishes and the Diocesan Administration) via the online Donate Page on the www.cabinteelyparish.ie

Easter Dues may be given via the First Collection Section. Many thanks for your continuing support during these very difficult times.

Fr Aquinas

Holy Week Services 2020 (Web Broadcasts Only) - No Congregation

Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 AM

Holy Thursday (9th April 2020): Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM

Good Friday (10th April 2020): Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM and Stations of the Cross at 8 PM

Easter Saturday (11th April 2020): Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM

Easter Sunday (12th April): Mass at 10 AM

Easter Monday (13th April) Mass at 11 AM

A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

**Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus
Coved-19
in Ireland and across the world.**

**We pray too for all who reach out to those
who mourn the loss
of each and every person who has died
as a result of contracting
the disease.**

**Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and
researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days
of uncertainty and distress**

**This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.**

Amen.

**Archbishop Michael Jackson
Dublin & Glendalough**

Support Services for Older and Vulnerable People

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
Helpline 01 271 3199. Opens 9am every day.
E mail covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie**

Age Action and the Irish Red Cross have raised funds to provide additional assistance to older and vulnerable people around Ireland who are experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by making once-off grants, up to a maximum of €500, per person/household affected. Email: hardship2020@redcross.ie
Phone: **Irish Red Cross at 01 6424600 or Tel: (01) 475 6989**
Lo Call: [1890 369369](tel:1890369369)

The Samaritans

Available round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call on the phone. This number is FREE to call. **Tel: [116 123](tel:116123) Email: samaritans.org**

Pieta House

Pieta provides free therapy to those engaging in self-harm, with suicidal ideation, or bereaved by suicide. Freephone and no referral needed. **Tel: [1800 247 247](tel:1800247247)**

Jigsaw

Offering younger people going through a hard time, or for those worried about a young person in your life. www.jigsaw.ie <https://www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events/post/covid-19-what-were-doing>