

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



May 3rd 2020—Fourth Sunday of Easter

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbour anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our of lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3rd May 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat No Mass 2nd May 2020

No Mass

Sun 3rd May 2020

10.00 am only

Web broadcasted/ No Congregation

Bank Holiday Monday 4th 11am web broadcast only

We remember on Sunday

Martin Prenter (11th Anniversary)

Sé Quirke (13th Anniversary)

John D Sheridan (40th Anniversary)

Jodie Moreland (First Anniversary)

Months Mind

Patrick (Pa) Shanahan

Anniversaries

Paul Daly

Kathleen Quinn

Ailish Bresnan

Hilary Fogarty Mac Kenzie

Denis Tuohy (99th Anniversary)

A Prayer for Vocations based on the words of Pope Francis

LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

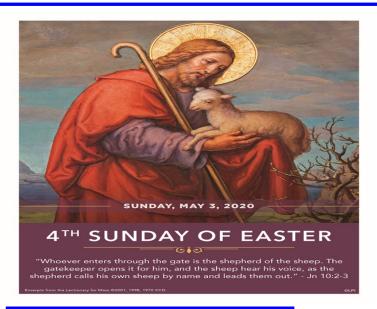
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis



We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar, but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?

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

Mass broadcast.

During the current Public Health Emergency, Mass is broadcast from St Brigid's Church on Mondays to Fridays at 10 AM and on Sundays at 10 AM at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

Foxrock Church also broadcast Mass Monday to Saturday at 10 AM and on Sundays at 11.30 AM. See www.foxrockparish.ie

Our neighbouring Parish Johnstown-Killiney now have a live web camera for the broadcast of their services. See

> http://www.churchservices.tv/ johnstownourlady

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

Donations to the **Easter Dues** which supports priests can also be given online.

Many thanks for your continuing support during these very difficult times. *Fr Aquinas*

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

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 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

Jigsaw

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

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