



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



July 12th 2020 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11th July 2020
No Vigil Mass

Sun 12th July 2020

10.00 am only
[Also Web Broadcast]

We remember on Sunday

Tommy Merriman- 12th Anniversary,
Theresa Doyle – Anniversary
Sylvia Edejiogho
Paddy Kelly – 1st Anniversary

Recently Deceased

Sheila Conlon
Tom Keogh
Michael Toomey

Anniversaries

Paddy Kelly – 1st Anniversary
Theresa Doyle – Anniversary
Tommy Merriman- 12th Anniversary

Birthday Remembrance

Sylvia Edejiogho

Mon 10am

Tues 10am

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am

 **SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH**
Estimated Cost: €500,000
Donate online at www.cabinteelyparish.ie 

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Phased Re-Opening of St. Brigid's Church



Let's Begin Together

We reopened with the first Public Mass on Monday 6th July. We had a full complement with 50 people present. Throughout the rest of the week we had an average daily attendance of 28. On Sunday we can only accommodate 70 and with families in the one bench can take up to 100 (50 below and 50 above). There will be just one Sunday mass at **10 AM** for now. We are asking people, where possible, to attend at the weekday Mass rather than on Sunday.

We continue to appeal for volunteers for the role of stewards required for midweek and Sunday mass. Thank You to those who have already responded. If you would like to put your name forward just email the Parish Office info@cabinteelyparish.ie or phone 01-2858835.

We ask People to continue to

- *Follow the directions of the Stewards;
- *Practice social distancing,
- *Sanitise hands on the way in and out;
- *Enter by front door and exit by side chapel door;
- *Wear a face covering in the Church where possible;
- *Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass as you are leaving the Church;
- *No congregational singing,
- *Provision of Tea afterwards is suspended for now
- *Use of the Bathroom is by request;
- *If you not feeling well please do not come to the Church;
- *If you have any underlying medical conditions you may wish to continue watching Mass via our web cam.

See a [Video Walk Through the Church](https://www.cabinteelyparish.ie) to familiarise yourself at www.cabinteelyparish.ie

We are on this journey together so let's begin together slowly and carefully.

Fr Aquinas.

St Brigid's Church has this week been treated with **Re-Active Barrier Technology.**

The Church was misted with a chemical solution that kills all germs on contact. Additionally, when the solution dries a barrier is created. If subsequent germs are re-introduced to the surface the solution reactivates and eradicate those germs and viruses immediately, thus providing protection between cleans.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

According to the American mystic, Thomas Merton, the more we try to analyse life, the more we involve ourselves in sadness. "But it does not matter much because no despair of ours can alter the reality of things, or stain the joy of the cosmic dance which is always there. Indeed, we are in the midst of it, and it is in the midst of us, for it beats in our very blood, whether we want it to or not". James Finley spent six years at the monastery of Gethsemane, where Thomas Merton was director of novices. He has given a series of insightful online talks and retreats on Merton's spiritual writings. Access them at:

www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

The Irish Hospice Foundation - National Freephone Service

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it difficult to cope with a bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service - **1800 80 70 77** - available 10.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday .

If you would like a loved one remembered at the weekday or Sunday Masses, please call the parish office 01-2858835 or email info@cabinteelyparish.ie .

Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the First Collection (Common Fund which pays an allowance to priests) and the Second Collection (Share which supports developing parishes and the Diocesan Administration) in addition to the planned Giving which supports the running of the parish. There are permanent boxes in place for First and Second Collections. There is also a double envelope for the First and Second Collections . If you write your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.

Fr Aquinas

ALONE manage 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). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8.00am – 8.00pm**, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Our Parish Shop is now open
9 AM to 4 PM Monday to Friday.