

St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely

September 6th 2020 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Sept 6th 2020



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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 <u>Video Walk Through the Church</u> to familiarise yourself at <u>www.cabinteelyparish.ie</u>

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

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 14th September at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. * subject to change in accordance with government guidelines*.

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. Confirmation Services 2020 (without Mass) (all in St Brigid's Church Cabinteely)

Saturday 12th Sept 10 AM St Brigid's Boys Saturday 12th Sept 12 Noon St Brigid's Boys

Saturday 19th Sept 10 AM St Brigid's Girls Saturday 19th Sept 12 Noon St Brigid's' Girls

Saturday 26th Sept 10 AM St Brigid's Boy's Saturday 26th Sept 12 Noon St Brigid's Girls

First Holy Communion Masses 2020 (All Masses at St Brigid's Church)

Saturday 3rd Oct: 10 AM Girls School Class (20) 12 Noon Girls School Class (20) Saturday 10th Oct 10 AM Girls School Class (20) 12 Noon Girls School Class (14) Saturday 17th Oct: 10 AM Boys School (20) 12 Noon Boys School [20] Saturday 24th Oct 10am Boys School [16]

St Vincent de Paul [SDVP]

will resume their monthly collection outside 10am mass next **Sunday 13th September** Thank you for your continued support.

It is an unfortunate reality that many people all over Ireland today may be struggling with unmanageable

levels of debt, even more so now as a result of COVID-19. **The Insolvency Service of Ireland** has a range of debt solutions for every situation, and a regulated network of qualified professionals to provide people with debt advice and to work with creditors on their behalf to work out a solution. At the end of the process, the person will be solvent again and can start planning their future. <u>https://</u> backontrack io/ for more details

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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**

Did you know you can donate to our parish through our parish website? Simply visit www.cabinteelyparish.ie and click on the **Donate** button.