



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



January 17th 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Following the Government's recent announcement of Level 5 restriction for all of Ireland, all Masses will be online until further notice.

There will be NO public masses. Mass will be broadcast online via our parish webcam and at www.churchservices.tv/ Cabinteely

The Church is open for private prayer from **10.30am to 4pm—Mon to Fri**

We remember on Sunday 17th
William, Maureen & Pauline Heffernan
Kevin Duffy – 2nd Anniversary
Jack Flavin – 35th Anniversary
Brian Brennan – 3rd Anniversary
Tom Duffy
Michael Boylan – 6th Anniversary
Brid Duckers – 14th Anniversary
Nancy & Christy Swords
Brigid Perry

Recently Deceased.

Anthony Naughton
Francis [Frank] Byrne
Christy O'Connell
Thomas Twohig

Anniversaries

Mon 10am — Tom Murphy—Recently Deceased
Patrick [Paddy] Kelly—Months Mind

Tues 10am. Mass of Thanksgiving
Jack Flavin—35th Anniversary

Thurs 10am - Eugene Sexton
Kevin Duffy—2nd Anniversary

Fri 10am. Mass of Thanksgiving
Tom Clancy—Months Mind

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

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PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Age Friendly Strategy 2021/2026. Consultation taking place until 19th Jan 2021.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (DLR) County Council want to hear the voices of Older People in the County as we are preparing a new Age Friendly Strategy that will take us from 2021- 2026.

Older people and citizens in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are invited to complete our online questionnaire available at <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/community/dlr-age-friendly-strategy-2021-2026/> to inform us of the areas which affect your life in DLR and what can be done to bring about positive changes for Older People in the County over the next 5 years.

The questionnaire will be **open until the 19th Jan 2021** and feedback is being sought on areas such as Social Participation, Digital Access & Technology; Housing; Transport & Mobility; Covid 19 and Community Support & Health Services.

One of the key areas identified within the first [Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Age Friendly Strategy 2016 – 2020](#) was the need to hear the voice of older members of our County more clearly. Along with the online consultation, **hard copies of our questionnaire are also available** and you can call the Community Section of DLR County Council and we will send you out a copy in the post at: **01 2054893** or email community@dlrcoco.ie

All submitted questionnaires will also be entered into a draw for a **€50 One4All Gift Card**, all information supplied will be anonymised and will only be used for the purposes of preparing our new Age Friendly Strategy and we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Background:

In June 2013, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council signed the Dublin Declaration on Age Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe and is affiliated to the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities & Communities. This means that DLR is now committed to working towards becoming an Age Friendly County by creating an inclusive, equitable society in which older people can live full, active, valued and healthy lives.

The publication of the [Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Age Friendly Strategy 2016 – 2020](#) and the establishment of the Age Friendly Alliance were the first steps towards delivering on that commitment.

The Alliance is made up of key agencies in the County who are tasked with overseeing and progressing Age Friendly Strategies with the ultimate goal 'to make dlr a great place in which to grow old'.

Further information: Mary White, Age Friendly Programme & DLR Social Inclusion, Community Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Town Hall, Dún Laoghaire
01 2054893 / community@dlrcoco.ie / <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/dlr-age-friendly-county>

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

**Stay Safe
Protect each other**

**Stay Home,
Wash Hands,
Wear a Mask
Maintain Social Distancing**

COVID-19 . Support Line for Older People.

ALONE manage a national support line & additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries & give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

New Pilgrim Path—Website of the Week

For nearly three thousand years, men & women from diverse lands and cultures have been lifting their hearts to God by praying and singing the psalms. "The Psalms: 150 Ways of Praying" is a short introductory online course from the superb 'Pathways to God' website. It explores why these beautiful and timeless songs have such universal appeal and shows how the psalms can set us on a pathway to deeper prayer. For these, and other wide ranging spiritual resources especially useful in times of pandemic, visit www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Age Friendly Magazine

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Community Dept. has produced an *Age Friendly Magazine* for Winter 20/21. The magazine has been developed, in conjunction with the Council's partners in the County's Age Friendly Alliance, as a source of information and entertainment for the County's older population during the winter months. The magazine contains local information and supports, health and wellbeing information, short stories, poetry, recipes, activities and puzzles. Hard copy versions of the magazine are available in your local Supervalu, Centra stores, pharmacy, church or library. They are also available on request from the Council's Community Section on 01 2054893 or community@dlrcoco.ie. A soft copy version can also be downloaded from the dlr website, <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/dlr-age-friendly-county>.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021.

18th to 25th January marks the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's Liturgy was prepared by the monastic community of sisters in

Grandchamp, Switzerland, who draw much from the spirit of the Taizé Community. The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 'Abide in my Love... You Shall Bear Much Fruit'

Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the 1st Collection (Common Fund which pays an allowance to priests) and the 2nd Collection (Share which supports developing parishes & the Diocesan Administration) in addition to the planned Giving which supports the running of the parish. There are permanent boxes in place for 1st & 2nd Collections. There is also a double envelope for the 1st & 2nd Collections. **If you put your name and address on the envelope we can claim the tax back on it.**
Fr Aquinas