



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



February 28th 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behaviour and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realising we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.



SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Feb 28th 2021

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 28th

Mary Reynolds – 34th Anniversary
Peter McGuinness 6th & Lily McGuinness 1^s Anniversary
Rose White – 7th Anniversary
David Vance – 1st & Robert Vance 33rd Anniversary
Anne Mallin – 11th Anniversary
Nora Duffy- Anniversary
Eileen Boylan- Anniversary
Patrick Sonny Nolan– 18th Anniversary

Recently Deceased.

Gerald [Gerry] Callaly
Harry Broderick
Rosaleen Smith
Jim Gallagher

Birthday Remembrance

Paddy Duffy
Sean Carr

Months Mind

Winifred Tallon

Mon 10am.— Get Well Mass

Tues 10am— Greg Walsh, Maurice McNamara & Noreen O'Leary RIP

Thurs 10am— Jim Gallagher— Recently Deceased

Fri 10am.— 1st Friday

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LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations -
5 Tuesdays starting 16th Feb @8pm.

March 2nd - Songs of the Sanctuary

March 9th - Into the Light

March 16th - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

If you would like to listen to the recordings of the Cabinteely Gospel Choir that we use at the online Mass on Sundays at 10 AM, You can find them at <https://cabinteelygospel.org/audio/>

Thank You to Chris O'Sullivan and all the Choir members for such inspiring music.

"With God on our side, who can be against us?" (Romans 8: 31) Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: info@vocations.ie

TRÓCAIRE

Lent is an extremely important time of year for Trócaire. The organisation relies heavily on the income that comes in during Lent through the generosity of schools and parishes. The ongoing lockdown presents challenges especially in relation to the distribution of Lenten Boxes. You can pick up a Trocaire box from the church or donate online at www.trocaire.org.

Your love can make all the difference this Lent.



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](tel:0818 222 024).

We wish to thank all parishioners, who have contributed to, and are continuing to contribute to the fund to refurbish the church building.

Progress has been delayed by the pandemic, but we are now in position to commence work on most of the items recommended by our architectural consultants. This work will both enhance the church building, and ensure St. Brigid's is fully compliant with all statutory requirements. The main components include Major Electrical works in the church, replacement of all lighting inside and out, cleaning & repairing the Stained Glass windows, (including the Joshua Clarke window), and enhancing security, through fitting cameras, etc. The church will also be re-painted. We will issue a full financial report to parishioners, once costings for this work are available. In the meantime, we wish to thank you again for your continued support, which will ensure St. Brigid's survival as a centre of worship for the coming generations

Please find below the link to a recorded message **by Archbishop Dermot Farrell to the parents of children due to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.** It expresses to them and to parish communities the broad approach which is being taken: there is no pressure to celebrate the sacraments by any given deadline; we should use this time of uncertainty to support families to nurture their children as they journey towards the sacraments whenever they can be safely celebrated; and we are creating supports and resources for parishes to draw on in their accompaniment of families.'

<https://youtu.be/XhHjlc23UWA>

Acts of Love for Lent

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the Sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you. " **Pope Francis**" Our lives will not be measured by the big things we do but rather by the little steps we take to make a difference. Each day during Lent take a step with us and together we will change the world. Visit <https://cabinteelyparish.ie/some-ideas-for-lent-2021/> for more details

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