



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



March 14th 2021. 4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalised, victimised, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labour simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far-reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.



SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 14th 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 14th

Special Intention
Bert Callery - 10th Anniversary
Pat Flynn - 5th Anniversary
Paddy McConville—5th Anniversary
Jim Philips—10th Anniversary
Rory Henderson—48th Anniversary

Recently Deceased.

Patricia Lynch
Miriam Sorohan
Fr. Eoin Cassidy
Danny Deegan
Damien & Patricia O'Dowd
Frank Byrne

Anniversaries

Dominick Lewis - 2nd Anniversary
Lily Sheridan - 12th Anniversary

Mon 10am— Mercia & James Treacy
& Margaret & Tom Manley

Tues 10am— Thomas, George & Mary.

Wed 10am — St. Patrick's Day.
James & Christina Brady & deceased
members of both their families

Thurs 10am— Get Well Mass
Eileen O'Neill—1st Anniversary

Fri 10am.— Margaret McCann.
Danny Shannon—7th Anniversary

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS



Praying at Home With Saint Patrick.

Praying at Home With Saint Patrick is a new resource offered to the faithful so that, even in the absence of public Mass, Saint Patrick's Day can be celebrated prayerfully wherever you are. If possible, prepare a suitable prayer space with a crucifix, holy picture or even a simple candle. We hope that, if possible, you might also participate in one of the many Masses being celebrated all over Ireland on webcam, or parish radio. **Click here to download the resource.**

[Praying at Home with St Patrick](#)

Everyone Who's Been Suffering.

Our world has changed
Like never before and
We live in a scary
World today and
It's so different than
Before and there's
No more hugs kissing and
Our happiness has all gone away
And like never before
This killer virus has taken our
Loved ones away
Families suffering
Like never before and
The fear of the unknown
Has arrived but
May you be strong in life
And strengthen the weak
And encourage the fearful
And calm the horrible coronavirus storm
And pray for the suffering every day
As we practice social distancing
Every day to keep this horrible virus at bay
and I join the priests to pray for the suffering today
Sheltered from this coronavirus storm and
Lord Jesus Christ stay in my heart every day
And deliver us all from this evil in life
And glory to the heavenly Father above
And God have mercy on the dying
And I promise the Lord Jesus Christ I'll love
And pray for everyone who's suffering
From coronavirus every day.

David P Carroll.

Saint Patrick the Migrant

"Saint Patrick is so emblazoned with symbols of his Irishness that we forget he is an immigrant to Ireland. Not unlike the Holy Family and many families today, he was an undocumented migrant, a refugee, a slave, a member of a diaspora and a returnee. Yet somehow he transcended all of these categories and made himself 'one of us'. I often wonder how Saint Patrick would describe himself. Did he see himself as a constant migrant, did he come back to Ireland because he felt an affinity with the people? Was he just aware of the fluidity of the world of his time, prompted by trade and transport not unlike globalisation today? Did he feel constrained in his own place among his family and community? Was he just plain restless? Did his early experience of slavery make him restless for other things? Was he someone who rose above tribal identity and found his identity in his work and his belief?"

Father Alan Hilliard

Age Action

Is offering five hours tutoring, remotely, to anyone who needs support using their smartphone, tablet or laptop. Covering topics like how to set up an email, how to download an app, how to use video calling to see your loved ones etc. For more information, please call 01 4756989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

LIVING IN UNSETTLING TIMES – REFLECTIONS FOR THE TIME AND SEASON

The Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes are doing a series of online reflections by Fr Paddy Sweeney over Thursdays in Lent. Each session will start at **7:30pm** and can be accessed by webcam.

Thursday 18th March: Will We Get Back to Normal ?

www.ionaroadparish.ie

Thursday 25th March: I haven't much to offer ! –

www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie

Generation Tech

Volunteer run FREE HELPLINE to help older people in Ireland with tech issues. Our volunteers are tech experts and work in shifts from 8am-8pm Mon to Fri. Support is provided over the phone. If you need help with smartphones, tablets, social media, apps, PCs, printers, etc. **CALL US on: 01-9633 288**

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

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**.