



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## March 7th, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behaviour. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behaviour, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviours, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or half-hearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbour, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centred relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.



### SAVE CABINTEELY CHURCH

Estimated Cost: €500,000

Donate online at [www.cabinteelyparish.ie](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie)



**YOUR DONATION  
URGENTLY  
REQUIRED**

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER March 7th 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/Cabinteely)  
The Church is open for private prayer from **10.30am to 4pm—Mon to Fri**

#### We remember on Sunday 7th

Sr. Christine Blake – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Anne & Jimmy Rigney –  
11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mary Carson – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Michael & Annie Murney—Anniversary  
Sheila O'Carroll—2nd Anniversary

#### Recently Deceased.

Michael O'Keeffe  
Greg Walsh  
Maurice McNamara  
Noreen O'Leary

#### Months Mind

Alice O'Keeffe  
Madeline Fennessy

**Mon 10am—** Frank Byrne—  
Recently Deceased.  
Arthur Blake—80th Birthday Wishes

**Tues 10am—** Dominic Lewis

**Thurs 10am—** Danny Deegan—  
Recently Deceased

**Fri 10am.—** Dominic & Patricia  
O'Dowd.—Recently Deceased.

**PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS**

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

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

March 9<sup>th</sup> - Into the Light

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Seeds of Hope

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

## 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](http://www.trocaire.org).

**Your love can make all the difference  
this Lent.**

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> March: Living with Loss

[www.glasnevinparish.ie](http://www.glasnevinparish.ie)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Will We Get Back to Normal ?

[www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March: I haven't much to offer ! –

[www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie](http://www.corpuschristidrumcondra.ie)

## 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:0818222024).

**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

## 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

## Teen Hope Connected

Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group. It takes  
place every **Wed 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun,  
exploring faith and life with other Teens through small  
group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you  
are interested in joining, please email:

[kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

## Generation Tech

Generation Tech is a free service and is run by  
volunteers. 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 Monday to Friday. 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*