



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



April 11th 2021—2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER April 11th 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Following the Government's 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 11th

Gabriel Moore – 11th Anniversary
George Moore – 38th Anniversary
Joe Concannon – 24th Anniversary
Maura Byrne – 2nd Anniversary
Michael Farrell—1st Anniversary

Recently Deceased.

Alannah Dunn

Months Mind

Marie Devlin Blake
Máire Facey

Anniversaries

Monday 10am. Patricia Lynch—
Months Mind.

Tues 10am. Miriam Sorahan –
Months Mind.
Maura Reade –21st Anniversary

Thurs 10am. Marie Devlin Blake—
Recently Deceased

Fri 10am. Nessa Cruise—Anniversary

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS

Wishing all our Parishioners every blessing and a very **Happy Easter**.

Thank You so much for your continued support during these difficult times

Fr Aquinas

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities". This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Mon. 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively. To **Register visit** – www.bibleweek.ie

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you." Is Jesus trying to send you to proclaim his truth and peace as a priest, sister or brother? Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: info@vocations.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 10AM, You can find them at <https://cabinteelygospel.org/audio/>

Vox Hiberniae,

[A group of musicians from parishes in the archdiocese of Dublin] have recorded Ronan McDonagh's merging of the Regina Caeli with the Magnificat to finish off their Lenten series (link below) [Vox Hiberniae - Easter Magnificat](#)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



Bottles of **Blessed Easter Water** available for collection from the church from Monday.

Thank you to those who have returned **Easter Dues** envelopes or who have donated online. The Easter Dues goes to the common fund from which priests are paid an allowance.

Accessing the Church Webcam

It is always best to access the Church webcam directly by going to www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely rather than via the website where a queue can develop and people get timed out when all accessing at 10 AM

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).

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: An Alternative Theology of Atonement

Amid the joys of Easter, many still struggle with the idea that Jesus had to die for our sins as a sacrifice to appease a wrathful God. Franciscan theology offers an alternative, non-violent, atonement theory which has never been deemed heretical. It is synopsised by Richard Rohr: "This theory says that Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity, He came to change the mind of humanity about God." Listen to a fascinating interview on this topic with Pat Coyle, Director of Irish Jesuit Communications, at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Do you know someone who would like to learn how to use **Zoom, Facebook, Twitter** and how to **take photos using their mobile phone**?

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are providing 4 free training sessions aimed at complete beginners.

Registration is now open for the **Digital Skills** for beginners for April.

[April 19th—April 22nd 2pm—4pm]

Those interested can register at the link below

<http://dlrppn.ie/training-2/>

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