



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



May 2nd 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective centre around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavour. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER May 2nd 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 2nd

Denis Tuohy – 100th Anniversary
Una Hogan – 20th Anniversary
Valerie Hogan—Recently Deceased
Kathleen Quinn – 4th Anniversary
Ailish Bresnan - 4th Anniversary

Recently Deceased.

Aidan Carroll
Canon Erill O'Connor
Eileen Magee
Dan Kelly

Anniversaries

Paul Daly
Peg Hayes

Bank Holiday Mon 11am — Marie Devlin Blake—Recently Deceased

Tues 10am. Sé Quirke— 14th Anniversary

Thurs 10am. Tony Naughton— Recently Deceased

Fri 10am. - 1st Friday

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It is our great joy to be able to welcome people back to public Masses starting on Monday 10th May at 10 AM with rosary at 9.30 AM. More details next week

St Vincent de Paul Appeal

We have all found this past year very challenging at times. However, since the St Vincent de Paul church gate collections have been suspended, we need to appeal once again for your kind support to enable us to bring hope and practical help to struggling families. Your generosity and kindness makes a world of difference and is sincerely appreciated.

Donations can be made as follows:
by post to:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Cabinteely Conference, Parish Centre, St. Brigid's Church, Cabinteely. D18.
or online to the account below:
Account : St. Vincent de Paul, Saint Brigid's
Bank identifier Code: BOFII2D
IBAN: IE92BOFI90118317728620

Thank you.

PENTECOST PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The parishes of Old Bawn and Bohernabreena will host a home based programme in preparation for Pentecost. It follows the daily inspirational thoughts from LIVING WORDS (<https://www.jesuit.ie/news/inspiration-and-guidance-for-faith-communities/>)

A weekly video clip is also available through geraldine.massey@gmail.com

The programme leads to a rich awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
For more information
01 4510160/01 4141838.



New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: Poetry – a Tuning Fork for the Divine

Poetry has been described as capable of making one into a tuning fork of the Divine. Journey with Jesus is a weekly webzine of the global Presbyterian Church, which includes a poetry section offering over 300 poems by writers as diverse as Teresa of Avila, GK Chesterton, John Donne, Thomas Aquinas, Seamus Heaney, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, and many, many more. Access it here: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

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

FAITHFEST – POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Calling all teenagers! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats & prayer
Faithfest will take place **21st May 6:30 – 8:30 online**. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZRLPXhUvSP> For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.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).

TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL: PENTECOST 2021

- “Babel to Jerusalem & beyond: Acts 2:1-11” (Jessie Rogers)
 - “There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13” (Kieran J. O’Mahony)
 - “Breathing new life: John 20:19-23” (Sean Goan)
- To explore and register, [click here](#)

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, These services provide support, coping skills & information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

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