



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



October 31st 2021 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off centre.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and side-tracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbour as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Oct 31st 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

We remember on Sunday 31st

10am.

Mae O'Connor - Anniversary
Carmel Maguire - Anniversary
Hugh & Kitty McMahon & their
grandson Nessian
Eva Coughlan—Anniversary

11.30am.

Jim O'Callaghan - Anniversary
Bill Kavanagh - Anniversary
Tom Curry—Anniversary

*St Brigids Church will close on
Nov 1st for essential
maintenance work which is
expected to take approximately
4 months.*

We are encouraging our parishioners to attend Masses both on the weekday and Sundays in the other two Churches in the Pastoral area, namely Johnstown and Foxrock. Masses can also be viewed online from these Churches

<https://www.churchservices.tv/foxrock>
[https://www.churchservices.tv/
johnstownour lady](https://www.churchservices.tv/johnstownour lady)

[https://cabinteelyparish.ie/mass-times-in-
neighbouring-parishes/](https://cabinteelyparish.ie/mass-times-in-neighbouring-parishes/)

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Cabinteely Church Renovation Notice

The long awaited Renovation of St Brigid's Church Cabinteely will begin on Monday 1st Nov. 2021 and is expected to take four months to complete. During that time the Church will be closed for all services. We are encouraging our parishioners to attend Masses both on the weekday and Sundays in the other two Churches in the Pastoral area, namely Johnstown and Foxrock. Masses can also be viewed online from these Churches.

<https://www.churchservices.tv/foxrock>
<https://www.churchservices.tv/johnstownourlady>

Funerals will be directed to those Churches during the period of renovation. Baptisms will however continue to be celebrated each Sunday in the Parish Pastoral Centre. We are currently also making arrangements with the other Churches in relation to Christmas. The renovation work is essential work to address very serious electrical and other issues which cannot be put off any longer.

We want to express our deepest thanks to all those who have contributed to and who continue to contribute towards the Church renovation fund. Without your help we would not be able to do these essential works. We continue to welcome donations in order to make up the remaining amount needed. A special word of thanks to our neighbouring parishes of Johnstown & Foxrock for accommodating us during this time. Updates and news will be posted on our Parish Website at www.cabinteelyparish.ie. The Parish Office & Parish Pastoral Centre will continue to be opened during the renovation period.

Fr Aquinas T Duffy

Anam Cara South
Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8th November at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

** subject to change in accordance with government guidelines**

LAUDATO SI - OPEN INVITATION TO ALL

You are invited to join us for a Zoom Mini Course on Laudato Si, Pope Francis Encyclical "**On Care For Our Common Home**". We will explore Pope Francis inspiring document which is addressed to each of us and offers a blueprint for responding to the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth.

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si officer with Trócaire will be our host. Our mini course is for six Wednesdays, **starting Oct. 27th to Dec. 1st from 7.30pm to 8.30pm**. To register please email: parishofloughlinstown@gmail.com

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

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

The Annual Mass for Deceased

We will hold our Annual Mass for Deceased in the Spring when the Church reopens after the Renovations. Altar List for the Dead can be dropped into the centre while the church is closed.

Website of the Week: Meditation on Grief

"In November, we remember..." November is traditionally the month of remembrance for the dead, in many countries & in many churches.

Our website of the week is a short, guided audio reflection on "Grief" presented by the superb Pray As You Go website, drawing on the lines of John O'Donohue's haunting poem, "For Grief". Access this, & other rich spiritual online resources at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

COVID-19 - Support Line for Older People - ALONE manage a national support line & supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries & give advice. The line is open 7 days, 8am- 8pm, by calling. **0818 222 024**.

Trocaire—Emergency Appeal weekend 6th—7th November

Across East Africa, families face a dire threat of famine. People and their livestock are dying of starvation, pushed back by cruel climate shocks and Covid. **If you can't help a hundred families today, please. Help just one. Give now:**

<https://www.trocaire.org/donations/east-africa/>

FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE **Table Talk** – Kitchen Table Resources for October including a lively podcast are now on the diocesan website – part of the Year of the Family celebration. see <https://dublindiocese.ie/> for more details

Supporting St. Brigid's Parish-

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The Easy Payments online donate button is below through which you can set up once off or monthly payments to all the collections. Also here are Print Version of Standing Order Forms

For First and Second Sunday Collections
[standing-order-collections](#)

For Parish Planned Giving to support the Parish

[Standing Order FAMILY OFFERING](#)

For Church Renovation Fund

[Standing Order FUNDRAISING](#)



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