



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## November 21st 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behaviour, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favour of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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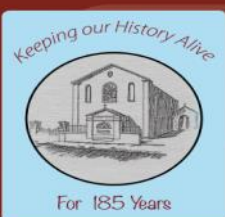
*St Brigid's Church closed on  
Nov 1st for essential  
maintenance work which is  
expected to take approximately  
4 months.*

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/johnstownourlady>

<https://cabinteelyparish.ie/mass-times-in-neighbouring-parishes/>

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and CHY 7424



## Our Church is Closed for Essential Works until early 2022

### Thank you for your continued support

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

**Parish Office & Centre  
will remain open**

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**Being Catholic in Contemporary Ireland—Association of Catholics in Ireland**  
Tom Inglis to Zoom for ACI. Nov 25th, 2021, at 8.00 p.m.

*"The majority of Irish people see and understand themselves as Catholics. Being Catholic is embedded in school, community and family life. And yet there seems to be little interest in salvation in and through the Church. Moreover, being Catholic seems no longer relevant to fulfilling social, political, economic and, more significantly, environmental interests."* Tom Inglis - Irish Sociologist and Commentator

This observation - by the renowned writer on the Catholic Church's 'Moral Monopoly' in 20th century Ireland - will be expanded by Tom on 25th Nov. for discussion by all who are interested.

**If, like ACI, you are convinced that 'being Catholic' is far from irrelevant in an ongoing world secular crisis - climatic and otherwise - be sure to join us to tell us why. To join us click the link below.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832005890?pwd=Y111UEp4OXVxbWsxOFlyWUpCTmF0Zz09>  
Meeting ID: [858 3200 5890](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832005890?pwd=Y111UEp4OXVxbWsxOFlyWUpCTmF0Zz09) Passcode: 021468.

### **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: Christ the King**

The Gospel reading for this great feast is a passage from John: Ch. 18. This wonderful passage goes to the heart of John's Christology. Distinguished Bible scholar & Augustinian friar, Kieran O'Mahony, locates Sunday's reading in the overall context of how salvation is presented in the Gospel of John. Watch this insightful 20-minute video at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

### **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.

### **SDVP Virtual Christmas Food & Toy Appeal**

This year, more than ever, we still need your help to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season. We are asking you to give the gift of choice this Christmas, it's the most magical gift you could give a child in need this Christmas.

#### **Virtual Gift Appeal**

To take part in our Virtual Gift Appeal, you can go to the **SVP website** and buy a voucher for someone that can be used in your local community. Just select who you would like to buy the voucher for and the area you'd like it to be used in. We are partnering with the Irish company Me2You Gift Cards, who will be providing the vouchers that can be used across a wide range of retail outlets.

#### **Virtual Food Appeal**

If you would like to take part in our Virtual Food Appeal you can buy a hamper on the **SVP website** so some essential food items and Christmas treats can be given to people in your community. See <https://www.svp.ie/appeal-2021/virtual-gifts.aspx> for more information

### **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/>

### **Congratulations to all involved in our local Tidy Towns.**

Cabinteely are the proud winner of a **County Award** and a **Silver Medal Award**. What a wonderful achievement and all thanks to the great work of all our dedicated volunteers.

<https://www.tidytowns.ie/SV-TidyTowns-Results-Booklet-2021.pdf>



### **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**.

As part of our bereavement support function at **Irish Hospice Foundation** we are arranging our annual event for the public entitled 'Living with Loss'. This event is free to attend, but registration is required using the following link: [Living with Loss Tickets, Wed 8 Dec 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-with-loss-tickets-2021-12-08) This public event aims to provide information about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people

### **Supporting St. Brigid's Parish-**

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20016166 and CHY 7424

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*