



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



**November 7th 2021 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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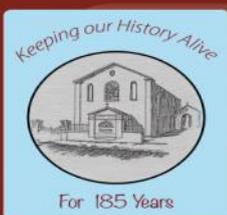
***St Brigid's Church closed on  
Nov 1st for essential  
maintenance work which is  
expected to take approximately  
4 months.***

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**

**PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

## Cabinteely Church Renovation Notice

The long awaited Renovation of St Brigid's Church Cabinteely began on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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/johnstownourlday>

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](http://www.cabinteelyparish.ie). The Parish Office & Parish Pastoral Centre will continue to be opened during the renovation period.

**Fr Aquinas T Duffy**



### 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: [parishofloughinstown@gmail.com](mailto:parishofloughinstown@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.

### November Series Information

All welcome to join us at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday lunchtimes in November for:

#### REMEMBERING

The choirs associated with the Pro-Cathedral present a series of four Sunday lunchtime performances singing a varied and wide-range of choral music. At each performance, we will remember those lost during the covid period in a special way. Nov. 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th all at 1.15pm. **Admission is free.**

### 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.** The **November** resources are now available at: [Families Walking Together in Hope | The Office for Mission and Ministry \(missionministry.ie\)](http://Families Walking Together in Hope | The Office for Mission and Ministry (missionministry.ie))

### 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**