



## St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



### March 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

Parish of St Brigid's Cabinteely

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### WEEKLY

### NEWSLETTER

March 20th 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

St. Brigid's is open daily for  
Public Mass

#### Weekdays

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. at 10am  
No mass on Wednesday  
Bank Holidays at 11am

#### Weekends

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5.30 PM  
Sunday: 10.00am & 12.30am  
All masses available online

[www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely](http://www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely)

#### Sat March 19th—5.30pm Vigil

Fionnuala Doyle - 22nd Anniversary

#### Sunday March 20th

George Boyle — 1st Anniversary

Asta Kelly — Recently Deceased

Patrick Guinan — 14th Anniversary

Nellie Lynch — 11th Anniversary

Freda O'Halloran — Anniversary

**Mon 21st** - Ned Connors, Brigid  
Moorehouse & Mary Moorehouse —  
Recently Deceased

**Tues 22nd** — Assumpta & Frank  
Lynch — 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Thurs 24th—**

**Fri 25th** - Desmond Healy — 30th

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

St Brigid's conference of **St Vincent de Paul** are extremely grateful for your generous response to our Annual Appeal at Christmas. Due to the recent necessary closure of our Parish Church, we have been unable to hold our monthly church gate collections for the past four months but we will resume collecting on **Sunday, the 20th March 2022**

We would be so grateful for any help that you can afford to give, to help those who are in serious need of food and fuel assistance at this time. St Vincent de Paul envelopes are available at the back of the church and donations can either be given to collectors on the day or envelopes can be handed into the Parish Centre during the week. Sincere thanks for your continued support

#### **New Pilgrim Path— Not too late to begin again**

As we near the midpoint of Lent, many of us began with the best of intentions but fell by the wayside. Can my Lent be 'rescued'? "The first step to beginning again has already begun, if I have the desire for something real during Lent". These words, along with sound practical advice from the Ignatian 'Praying Lent' website, encourage us to start again. Visit it at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

#### **OFFICE FOR MISSION & MINISTRY LENTEN INITIATIVE**

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Lenten Journey. With parishes holding their Synod gatherings during Lent, we will be focusing on themes around journeying, walking with, listening to each other and the Spirit. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page of the office for Mission and Ministry. [www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry](https://www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry)

#### **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>

**"ALONE** supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are **seeking volunteers** to make Support & Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or call our National Support and Referral line on [0818 222 024](tel:0818222024) to find out more about volunteering

#### **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](#)



Volunteers needed to operate **the coffee dock** on Sundays after the 10am Mass. Please give your name into the parish office, call 012858835 or email [info@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:info@cabinteelyparish.ie) if you can help.

#### **LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH - DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD**

Young People of Dublin - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod! Join us online **Thurs 31st March 6:30pm - 8pm.**

You can register online using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/jVYZSdxbF1>

#### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them  
and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to  
guide their choices.  
We pray for the world that  
in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in  
solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world. **Amen**

#### **COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP CAN YOU DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED? SATURDAY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> 1pm- 3pm Sandyford: St. Mary's Church Car Park**

Can you help us to gather much-needed essential items for vulnerable mothers and babies? Please pick up a few extra items from our list in your weekly shop, and drop them off at the above location on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Every item donated will go directly to a family in need, including refugees and those in homelessness. Thank you for your support  
For more information

see: [www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/](http://www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/)

#### **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*