



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## September 4th 2022—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Sept 4th 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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)

**Saturday Sept 3rd - Vigil 5.30**

**Sunday Sept 4th —10am**

Lynn Mason – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday Sept 4th —12.30**

Marianne Clarke – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

#### Recently Deceased

Paddy Galvin

Anne Harnett

#### Birthday Remembrance

Frank Murray

**Monday 10am**

**Tues 10am.**  
Holy Souls

**Thurs. 10am**

**Fri 10am.**

Sean Coughlan—11th Anniversary &  
Birthday Remembrance

Parish of St Brigid's Cabinteely

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### Centering Prayer.

Are you interested in deepening your relationship with the God within? We are restarting our Centering Prayer meetings on Wed September 14th at 7pm in the Parish centre. Come and join us in this beautiful form of silent Contemplative prayer. No experience necessary.

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st Sept. as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 Sept to 4 Oct and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.



### Training of Funeral Leaders:

In response to requests from parishes about the training of people to lead prayer specifically at the cemetery and the crematorium, the Office of Mission and Ministry has prepared the outline of such a course. There will be 4 monthly sessions to the training with practical 'homework' in between. These will take place on Wednesday evenings: 14 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov and 7 Dec 2022 from 7.30-9.30 p.m. The first session will take place in the Donnybrook Parish Centre. The remaining three will be in the new Mission and Ministry Centre – St Paul's Church, Arran Quay. If you are interested please email Maura in the Cabinteely Parish office, [info@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:info@cabinteelyparish.ie) with your full contact details

### Volunteers needed for the following Ministry teams

Ministers of the Eucharistic  
Ministers of the Word  
Sacristan Support  
Cleaners for the church  
Full training on all roles will be provided.  
Please contact the parish office or leave your name in the Sacristy after mass.

**Free 7-week Zoom course on growing in Christian Prayer**  
Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on growing in Christian prayer, starting on Wed. 21st of Sept. at 7.30pm.

The course consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for sharing for anyone who wishes to, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home. The following themes are covered in the course: The purpose of prayer, How to pray with confidence, The pattern for prayer: The Our Father, Praying for a breakthrough, How to pray in a crisis, Why doesn't God always answer the first time I pray? If you'd like to take part in the course please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

**Play, Learn and Grow... Together!**

## Cabinteely Church Hall Toddler Group

Tuesdays 10.00 - 11.30 (during termtime)

Toys, games, books, singing and lots of new friends  
healthy snacks for little ones and tea/coffee for grownups

**First session FREE** welcome all age babies and toddlers pay as you go only € 4

All parents and carers welcome!

### Online Courses and Retreats for Autumn

As we enter Autumn, hopefully with batteries recharged, New Pilgrim Path offers a host of online retreats and courses. Some are time sensitive; others can be accessed at any time. Drawing from Catholic and Anglican traditions, themes include 'Reflecting on our Christian Journey', 'God and Suffering', 'Exploring Christian Contemplative Spirituality', 'The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola' and many more. Access this valuable resource at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

**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 & information & most importantly help people who are in distress to know they are not alone in their experience For more info. <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups>

### 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 Maintenance 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*