



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely

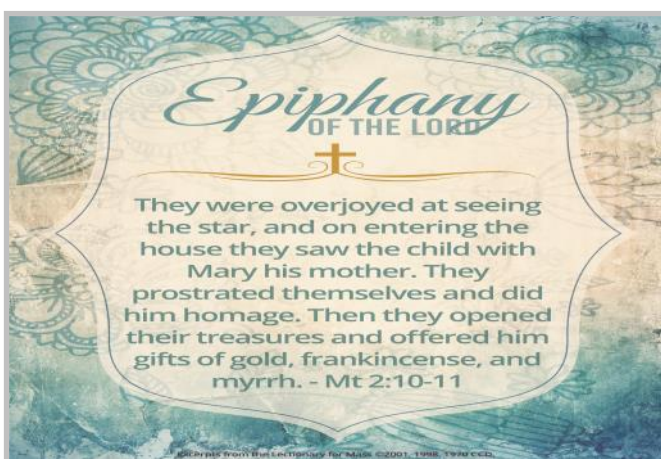


January 8th 2023 - The Epiphany of the Lord

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He catalogued the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.



Parish of St Brigid's Cabinteely

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Sat Jan 7th—5.30pm

Paddy O'Donnell—Anniversary

John Carroll—16th Anniversary

Albert Fox—6th Anniversary

Sun Jan 8th 10am

Bridget McGovern—RIP

Mary Murphy—RIP

Sun Jan 8th —12.30am

Eileen Corrigan—Anniversary

Ronan Murphy—Recently Deceased

Mon 10am

Special Intention

Tues 10am

Niamh Harling—Recently Deceased

Thurs - 10am

Mary Cassidy—Recently Deceased

Fri Jan—10am

Special intention

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER



"Who am I?"

"Who am I?" This question has haunted countless generations. The late Henri Nouwen, theologian, and best-selling spiritual writer, believed that, for most of us, our response will be linked to what we have, or what we do, or what others say about us. By allowing our self-worth to be determined by external factors over which we often have no control, we are often led to a sense of worthlessness and despair. Nouwen reminds us that we are "human *beings*", not "human *doings*". The true response to the question is "I am a beloved daughter of God. I am a beloved son of God". "God's words 'You are my Beloved'", writes Nouwen, "reveal the most intimate truth about all human beings, whether they belong to any particular religious tradition or not. The ultimate spiritual temptation is to doubt this fundamental truth about ourselves and trust in alternative identities... I hope that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being, 'You are the Beloved!'. In a powerful recorded talk, he urges that the key task of our spiritual journey is to claim that truth and live a life based upon it. Listen to the talk at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is **holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Mon, 9th Jan. at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, 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.

Volunteers needed for the following Ministry teams

Ministers of the Eucharistic & Word,
Sacristan Support, Cleaners for the church
Hospitality -Teas/Coffee after Sunday's 10am mass.
Full training on all roles will be provided. Please contact the parish office or leave your name in the Sacristy after mass.

CE Employment Scheme.

Are you eligible for Community Employment ? We have vacancies for the following positions in St. Brigid's Parish, Cabinteely.

Office Admin/Reception & Caretaker.

Step 1. Please contact the Dept. Of Social protection to establish your eligibility.

Step 2. Once the dept. confirms eligibility contact Melissa Tobin on 01-2822704 for more info on how to apply

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



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!

"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 or call our National Support and Referral line on **0818 222 024** to find out more about volunteering with **ALONE.**"

World Youth Day

World Youth Day 2023 is taking place in Lisbon. Details of the package are available, along with the payment schedule, and dates for programme of preparation. Payment of deposits and completion of registration forms are done online and will be available from 1st Dec. If you have any queries, please contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

Why not volunteer with a difference?

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the largest home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. Join our amazing team of volunteers to make moments matter for the people in our care. Due to the nature of our work you must have received a COVID vaccine and you will be required to wear a surgical mask while volunteering. To find out more contact Nicola: 2823000/087 1637363 nicola.yau@sjog.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>

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