



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



April 9th 2023 - Easter Sunday

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons."

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavoury detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavoury and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did. — **Father John Muir**



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekdays

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. at **10am**

No mass on Wednesday.

Monday Bank Holidays at **11am**

Weekends

Vigil Mass (Saturday) **5.30 PM**

Sunday: 10.00am & 12.30am

All masses available online

Confessions available after the 5.30pm vigil mass in the side Chapel

www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

Easter Sat Vigil April 8th —8pm

Sylvia Ford—Anniversary

Easter Sunday April 9th — 10am

Celine O'Brien—Anniversary

Easter Sun April 9th —12.30am

Maura Byrne—Anniversary

Frank Murray—5th Anniversary

Joan Kavanagh—18th Anniversary

Recently Deceased

Marie Gray

Thomas Corcoran

Bank Holiday Monday - 11am

Get Well Mass

Tues - 10am

Get Well Mass

Thurs 10am

Maura Reade—Anniversary

Friday 10am

Annette Graepel—Recently Deceased

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PRIESTHOOD IN A SYNODAL CHURCH

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, on April 25 to attend a **special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland** today.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly at www.vocations.ie, or contact the National Vocations director Fr Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie or Rev Eric Cooney, National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie. There is no charge for attending but places are limited.

The Letter – A Message for our Earth

Where - Johnstown Parish Pastoral Centre

When - Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 @ 7pm

A letter from Pope Francis brings together 5 people from around the world. The film demonstrates the effects of climate change on their lives and how they are working to make a difference. It is a call to BE ACTIVE in caring for our Common Home. After the film, introduced by Jane Mellett of Trocaire, there will be a short Q&A

The Old Dublin Society

Dr. Niamh Howlin will present 'Crime, Coroners, and Criminal Procedures' at 6 p.m. on Wed April 12th in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library/Archive, 144 Pearse Street, D2, Admission is free and all are welcome.

Imaginative Contemplation Exercise for Easter

The mental quality of thought that drove St Ignatius' vibrant spiritual life was his remarkable imagination. It played a central role in his conversion. Through his many years of directing others, he discovered how useful the imagination could be in fostering a deeper relationship with God. For Easter Week, New Pilgrim Path features a wonderful imaginative contemplation exercise inspired by Eugène Burnand's vivid painting, "The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection." It is a marvellous way to celebrate this immense feast. Access it at www.newpilgrimpath.ie

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 Contact the Dept. Of Social protection to establish your eligibility. **Step 2.** Once the dept. confirms eligibility contact

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



A good time to study theology? On **Mon 17th Apr (6.30-8pm)** there will be an Open Evening at the **Loyola Institute**, Trinity College Dublin, for those who wish to explore the possibility of studying theology. There will be a sample lecture, and an opportunity to meet with current students and staff. We will be happy to address any queries or questions you may have. The Loyola Institute is located at the old Physiology Building approaching from the Dawson St entrance it is just beyond the rugby pitch; close to the Pearse Street entrance if coming via Dart. Contact loyola@tcd.ie or 8964791 with any queries

'Are you a good listener?

SeniorLine, Ireland's national telephone service for older people is inviting women and men aged 55+ to train as volunteers for our service. If interested, please contact 087-7450721.

"St Brigid's conference of **St Vincent de Paul** will be holding their monthly Church Gate Collection after all masses next weekend **April 15/16th**. The local volunteers are very grateful for your continued generous support that enables us to help those in need. If you, or anyone you know, are experiencing serious financial concerns please know that SVP can listen and help. If you need help, you can phone head office on 01-8550022 and always be assured of our complete confidentiality"

Monastic Vocations Weekend for women discerning religious life **6th-7th May**, St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co Cork.. Contact Mother Prioress: 021 4811354 cob-hyburnconvent@gmail.com.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Mon to Fri, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 17th April at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, 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.

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