



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



August 20th 2023—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolises uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfils her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— 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

Sat Vigil Aug 19th —5.30pm

Nell Noonan—15th Anniversary
Sr Elizabeth Corrig—10th Anniversary
Helen O'Leary—3rd Anniversary

Sunday Aug 20th — 10am

Michael & Lena Doyle— Anniversaries

Sun Aug 20th —12.30am

John Felix Byrne - 5th Anniversary
Peter Lynch—Months Mind
Michael Johnstone—11th Anniversary
Tom Conlon—4th Anniversary

Monday - 10am

Special Intention
Eamon Lowry—Recently Deceased

Tues —10am

Special Intention

Thurs 10am

Special Intention

Fri 10am

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CANCER SUPPORT
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In-house and remote phone volunteers needed

Volunteers are the backbone of ARC Cancer Support Centres. As an ARC volunteer, you will make an important difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

We are looking for individuals who are empathic with excellent communication skills to be an invaluable source of comfort, care and kindness.

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Know your Faith – Come to Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus Upr. Drumcondra Road, D9, on Thursday, Sept 28th (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised. *Pathways* is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited. For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, *Pathways* Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

Website of the Week: Ephphatha! – 'Be Opened'!

The liturgy at this time of year includes the incident where Jesus heals the deaf and dumb man, using the Aramaic word, ephphatha – 'be opened!' When Jesus' original Aramaic words are used in the Gospels, the Evangelists wanted to emphasise the original power of Christ's original utterance. They are used deliberately to underscore the intimacy of the moment and the personal relationship of Jesus with the one with whom He is communicating. When we are spiritually and emotionally paralysed, unable to receive God's love and cut off from the spiritual energies within our souls, we need to allow Christ to whisper into our depths – ephphatha! For a moving and encouraging reflection on this theme visit:
www.newpilgrimage.ie.

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



Summer Dues

Envelopes available at the back of the Church & can also be given online through our website

www.cabinteelyparish.ie

The Summer Dues goes to the common fund from which all priests are paid an allowance

Marino Institute of Education

Are you looking for food for the mind and oxygen for the soul in the company of fellow travellers? Join the Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality & Human Development Programme. It is open for applications now. For more info. please see the following website: www.mie.ie/spirituality. If you are interested, please contact Mary at mary.gao@mie.ie or 087 450 8549

Sunday 20th August - St Michael's Church Dún Laoghaire - 8:00pm - Carole O'Connor and Patrice Keegan

This Sunday at 8:00pm in St Michael's Church Dún Laoghaire a concert of exciting organ duets will be presented by Carole O'Connor and Patrice Keegan featuring works by A. Hesse, J. Labor and Rachel Laurin. Tickets are €15.00 Standard and €10.00 Concession and this includes a free programme.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH

There will be a special Taizé service on Fri Aug 25th at 6pm at Newman University Church). All are welcome to this prayer service of beautiful music, silence, and prayer. Tea and biscuits will follow. Our regular Taizé services each Tuesday will resume on 12th Sept. at 6pm and run through Advent. All are invited to a special Mass at Dublin Castle on Saturday, August 26th at 11am. Our choir, the Newman Vocare Ensemble, will be singing, Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be celebrating and Fr John Jenkins CSC, president of the University of Notre Dame, will be preaching. There are no tickets necessary.

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.

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 Donal