



# St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



## September 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognisable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualise those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets. — **Father John Muir**



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.

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

**Sat Vigil Sept 16th —5.30pm**

**Sunday Sept 17th — 10am**

**Sun Sept 17th —12.30am**

Larry Ryder—3rd Anniversary

**Monday - 10am**

Get Well Mass

**Tues —10am**

Special Intention

**Thurs 10am**

Special Intention

**Fri 10am**

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

**Attention: Parents of children making Sacraments in the parish in 2024.**

Fr Donal will be holding an information evening in the church on

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.30 - Confirmation

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.30 – First Holy Communion.

At least one parent should attend [ideally both]

**JOHNSTOWN/KILLINEY MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Johnstown/Killiney Parish invite you to the next Men's Breakfast. *How wonderful & delightful it is for brothers to live together in unity (Ps 133.1).* The first Men's Breakfast of the autumn will be on **Sat, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8- 9.30am** in Johnstown Centre, A96 AY24. This is a great opportunity for men to have a relaxing chat, a good breakfast and hear a passionate speaker share their faith journey. Small donation (€3-€4) welcome. Dougie McCormack is our guest speaker. His passion is making the Bible relevant for society today. Please confirm attendance by texting your name to 087 2382941 or email [johnstownmensbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:johnstownmensbreakfast@gmail.com).

**Website of the Week: Laudato Si'**

We continue to celebrate the global and ecumenical 'Season of Creation' which runs until 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, the feast of St Francis of Assisi – whose passionate reverence for all created things has never been surpassed. It is eight years since Pope Francis wrote his groundbreaking episcopal letter, *Laudato Si'*, on the urgent need to care for our common home. A short and marvelous video from the Vatican Archive highlights key points from the encyclical, accompanied by powerful images. View it at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.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

[Standing Order FAMILY OFFERING](#)



**BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (Psalm 46)**

Our Centering Prayer group is restarting on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. @7pm** in the Parish Centre. If you feel drawn to deepening your relationship with the Divine within, please join us for this beautiful form of silent prayer. No experience necessary.

The *Pathways* programme, run by the Archdiocese of Dublin, begins this year in DCU on Thurs. Sept 28th (7pm – 9.30pm).

**There are just a few places left and applications are closing shortly.**

**More Information is available in the flyer at the back of the church A parishioner who has previously taken this course has written about his experience and this may be helpful to those considering taking the course**

The Partnership of Parishes in our area is launching a **Youth Faith Group**, meeting on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm in Johnstown Parish Centre. The group kicks off next Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept with a Youth Alpha, a series of evenings of faith, food and fun. Young people aged **12-18** are welcome.

Parents can sign up their children at <https://confirmationreunion.weebly.com/> or use the QR code



**REDISCOVERING A CONTEMPLATIVE CHURCH**

Fr Donagh O'Shea will speak at a contemplative event in Balally Parish Church (D16 E032) on **Sat, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** on the theme Rediscovering a Contemplative Church. The event, which is organised by Christian Meditation Ireland and Balally Parish, will run from **10am to 1.30pm**. Booking through Eventbrite – no fee, but donations very welcome.

**Bayside Alpha** are running a new free 7-week Zoom course on **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit**. The course starts on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm and features Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. It 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 on the course: The Spirit of Adoption, The Spirit and the Sacraments, The Fruits of the Holy Spirit, The Spirit Convicts, The Spirit's Freedom, The Spirit Gives Witness, The Spirit Remembers. If you would like to take part please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

This weekend **Sept 16/17<sup>th</sup> CROSSCARE** will hold its **Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services**. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Please support the Crosscare collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.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 Donal*