



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 14th of Sept 2025

Today's feast of the exaltation or triumph of the Holy Cross is not like Good Friday. Our focus is not so much on the sufferings of Jesus. Rather, we celebrate what the gospel reading refers to as the lifting up of the **Son of Man**. The term 'lifting up' suggests not just his being lifted up physically on the cross but also his being lifted up in glory. There are some depictions of the cross which highlight this double sense of Jesus being lifted up, where the body of Jesus on the cross is almost glorified. You may be familiar with the cross of San Damiano in Assisi. When Saint Francis was praying before it, he heard the Lord call on him to rebuild the church. The image of Jesus that is painted on that cross has a glorious, luminous, quality. It is this kind of depiction of the cross that reflects the meaning of today's feast, which is the feast of the triumph or exaltation of the cross.

In what sense was the crucifixion of Jesus a triumph?

It was firstly the triumph of love over hatred, the triumph of **God's** love over human sin. All authentic love is life-giving and God's love is supremely life-giving. That is why the crucifixion of Jesus was a triumph in another sense, the triumph of life over death, of God's life over human death, a triumph in which we can all share. That verse in today's gospel reading which has spoken to believers down the centuries really sums up the meaning of today's feast,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him'.

Today we are invited to look upon the cross as the *'explosion of God's life-giving love for us all'* and then to allow ourselves to be drawn into that love so that we can reflect it to others through our lives.

Fr Martin Hogan

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekdays

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

Including Bank Holidays

No mass on Wednesday.

Weekends

Vigil Mass (Saturday) **5.30 PM**

Sunday: 10.00am & 12.30pm

All masses available online

Confessions available after the 5.30pm vigil mass in the side chapel & weekday mornings after mass - on request

www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

Saturday Vigil Sept 13th — 5.30pm

Antoinette Scully—Recently Deceased

Sunday Sept 14th — 10am

Una Mahon—Anniversary
Derry Power—Recently Deceased

Sunday Sept 14th — 12.30pm

Barbera Cameron—RIP
Terry Kernan—Recently Deceased

Recently Deceased

Mary O'Boyle

Monday - 10am

Adam Porter—Recently Deceased

Tues—10am

Special Intention

Thursday—10am

Conor & Jerry O'Connor—1st Anniversary

Friday—10am

Special Intention

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

"Our local conference of **St. Vincent de Paul** will hold their usual monthly Collection at all masses **THIS** weekend (the 13th and 14th Sept). The team would like to sincerely thank all those who support us regularly.

If you are struggling and need our help, you can contact us at www.svp.ie or by phoning 01-8550022

Our Gospel Contemplation Group

has now resumed on Fridays 11am – 12noon.
For further information contact Aine on 087 2644141.

All Welcome

The local prayer meeting for the St. Columcille Partnership of Parishes - **The Faith on Fire Fellowship** recommences on Friday 12th Sept. at 7.30 pm in Johnstown Pastoral Centre and every 2nd and 4th Friday after that. All are welcome and, if you can, bring a friend!

Our **Wednesday Afternoon Senior Club** resumes on **Sept 17th**. All are welcome.
Please contact the parish office on 01- 2858835 if you require transport to the parish centre

Centering Prayer

In Centering Prayer we enter, what Jesus refers to in Matt.6:6, as the inner room. The room of the heart. Come and join us for this gentle form of Silent Prayer.
Restarting Wed 17th Sept 7.00pm. Newcomers welcome. For more information contact Siobhan 086 3778085 .

Recent Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian community, Arthur, Eva, Saorla, Layla, Cian, Lucy, Caelan, Ellie, Oisín, D'Arcy, Lyra, Vincent, Sophia, Jordi, Levi, Isabelle & Charles who were all baptised here over the summer

Thank You For your Generosity

Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously and regularly to our parish collections. The two collections during Mass go to the central administration of the diocese. The First Collection [plus dues] is used to pay the priest's salaries, both working & retired. The second collection (**Share**) pays for the services provided by the diocese and is used to support parishes that are struggling financially. If you want to support the parish at local level, you can use the weekly envelopes or pay by standing order (details in parish office). If you would like to make a donation by credit/ debit card, simply scan the QR code using the camera on your phone and it will take you to our secure online donations page, where you can enter your card details.

First Collection



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CROSSCARE COLLECTION—SEPT. 21ST 2025

This year's annual collection for Crosscare will take place on **Sunday, September 21st** in parishes across the Archdiocese. Your generosity directly supports vital **Crosscare** services that help those most in need at this challenging time for so many in our communities

Bereavement Support

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

AWARE offer a free weekly group for people in the community who may be struggling with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder & mood related conditions in Cabinteely. Details are on **Aware.ie website**. This group takes place in the **Ash Room, St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Johnstown Road, Cabinteely, D18YP96. Time: Every Wednesday at 7pm**

St Colmcille's Parish Partnership now offers **Catechism classes** for children who are preparing for sacraments but who do not attend a Catholic school. For more information contact the Director of Religious Education Rosemary Swords Phone: 089 433 5973
Email: drestcolmcille@gmail.com

SENIORLINE

Would you like someone to talk to? **SeniorLine** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer callers to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. **Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm**

Abide in His Love Women's Conference **November 21-23 2025**

The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check out Eventbrite for tickets & more information. Not to be missed!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

takes place October 1st-31st. For further info. please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com."

The next **Johnstown Parish Mens Breakfast** is on Sat **27th Sept** and our guest speaker is Bishop Donal Roche. Please put in the diary and consider bringing a friend with you