



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



Jan 18th 2026— Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the shores of the Jordan, John the Baptist was preaching a baptism of penance to people from every background, to prepare for the Messiah's coming. The Gospel according to Saint John relates that when the Baptist finally saw Jesus come before him to be baptised, he announced it in a loud voice, applying to him a mysterious and solemn title that the Roman Liturgy continues pronouncing at Mass before Communion: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

The image of the lamb, with its characteristic meekness and coat of white wool, would be very familiar for any Jewish contemporary of Jesus. Many of them would have been raised in country areas where sheep and cattle were a common site. They would also recall the passage from the prophet Isaiah, who presented the Suffering Servant of the Lord as a lamb that lets itself be sacrificed without complaint in order to free us from evil (*Is 53:7*).

In announcing the Messiah as the Lamb of God, the Baptist revealed essential aspects of his redemptive mission. Benedict XVI said that the expression "lamb of God" points to the theology of the cross present in Jesus' baptism, to his descent into the depths of death. The paschal lamb that commemorated the Jewish people's liberation from Egypt begins to be revealed at the Jordan as the foreshadowing of the true Lamb, innocent and meek, who will be immolated at midday on the Cross for all men, to free them from sin with his blood poured out for them. Referring to the Baptist's words "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," Pope Francis remarked: "the verb that is translated as 'take away' literally means 'to lift up,' 'to take upon oneself.' Jesus came into the world with a precise mission: to liberate it from the slavery of sin by taking on himself the sins of mankind. How? By loving. There is no other way to conquer evil and sin than by the love that leads to giving up one's life for other. "What does it mean for the Church, for us today, to be disciples of Jesus, the Lamb of God? It means replacing malice with innocence, power with love, pride with humility, status with service.

Mass times - 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

Parish of St Brigid's Cabinteely

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You can contact St Vincent de Paul at www.svp.ie or by phoning 01-8550022.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FEAST DAYS

Tues Jan 20th - St Fabian, Pope & Martyr
Wed 21st Jan—St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Thurs 22nd —St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Sat 24th Jan – St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil Jan 17th — 5.30pm
Bridget Greaves — Months Mind
Brendan Henderson —1st Anniversary
Jean Brennan – 5th Anniversary
The deceased members of the Murry & Kavanagh families

Sunday Jan 18th — 10am

Brian Brennan— 8th Anniversary
John Costigan - 3rd Anniversary
Anne Gowen—Months Mind
Bridget Perry—Anniversary

Sunday Jan 18th — 12.30pm

Mary Keogh—1st Anniversary
Jack Gardiner—Months Mind
George McConville & Olive McConville—Anniversaries
Mary McNally — Months Mind
Danny Deegan — 5th Anniversary

Recently Deceased

John (Johnny) Connaughton

Mon - 10am

Pauline McCarthy—Recently Deceased

Tues—10am

Brian Daveran & Family

Thurs —10am

Holy Souls

Fri—10am

Kitty Colbert—Recently Deceased

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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 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm**

There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this Thursday [and every Thursday unless notified] from 10.45 to 12noon. **ALL WELCOME**

CARING AND SHARING ASSOCIATION (CASA) CHARITY COLLECTION

CASA will hold a charity collection at St. Brigid's Church, Cabinteely, on the weekend of the 24th Jan 2026. Collection bags will be distributed on the 17th/18th Jan and collected, before Masses, on the 24th /25th .

What can be donated:

Accessories (bags, belts, hats, scarves, jewellery etc) Bed linen, Bric-a-Brac, Clothing, Homewares ornaments, china, kitchenware, pictures) Perfume Books (recently published and in good condition) Unwanted gifts

CASA cannot accept duvets, pillows, children's toys or electrical items. **CASA** is a volunteer led, registered charity, established in 1981, whose goal is to develop friendships and social outlets for adults and children with disabilities through a variety of social events/activities.

CASA has 19 local groups nationwide with each group holding regular social events with one volunteer to support each **CASA** member during all of our activities. Our charity shops provide us with the ability to continue to work with people with disabilities and their families and each donation we receive truly makes a difference.

Please give as generously as you can. www.casa.ie

The first **Men's Breakfast** of 2026 will be on Sat 24th January at 8am in Johnstown Parish Centre.

More details to follow

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



Second Collection



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**

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

Loyola Institute

Questions about God and Jesus ? About the synodal reform of the Church? Why not consider studying some theology? Join us online at 6pm on Tuesday 10th February for an information session, and to hear from some of our students. See our website to register <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/> or email loyola@tcd.ie

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20-22 March 2026. A weekend like no other. Venue: St Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. Visit www.marriageencounter.ie. Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

Poor Clares Galway. Half-Day Retreat for women 18-35 with Beth Davis of Blessed is She Ministries An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer and communion with God. The event will take place from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday the 1st of February. For more information and to register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>

The Lumen Dominican Centre, nestled on the Sion Hill Campus in the heart of Blackrock, Co. Dublin, is a hive of educational activity for adults of all ages. Lumen advocates for lifelong learning and human flourishing in a spirit of community through the ethos of the Dominican sisters. It is committed to the dialogue between faith and culture. Classes resume in a few weeks and run during the day (Tuesday to Friday) and once a week in the evening. Subjects range from ballet, sacred dance, languages, and art history to philosophy and the Bible. In the coming Spring, Lumen will also continue its choir 'Cantus Lumen' (Song of Light). No auditions or experience are required, and it will be an opportunity for new and returning students to enjoy the benefits and enjoyment of choral singing. To book any of our courses or for further details, visit our website at lumenop.ie or call the centre at 01-2882075. **All are welcome**