



St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Sept 20th 2026

The recent history of humanity has moved through many turbulent periods. The most challenging occurred in times of scientific and technological progress – times when the self-image of the species had to be revised in light of new and often disturbing discoveries. The Industrial Revolution changed the very nature of community existence, shattering our deep-rooted sense of identity and belonging. However, not even that so-called 'revolution' altered the dominant definition of a human being as that which is created 'in the image and likeness of God'. With the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI), all that has changed fundamentally. The very nature of what it means to be a human being, and even the future of humanity itself, is now threatened by a new and much more frightening 'revolution'. Of course, as with all human upheavals, there will be good and bad effects, but even the original pioneers of AI are, in recent days, warning that we face a major existential threat from the technology that they themselves designed. Some are even demanding that the quest for 'super-intelligent' AI be immediately abandoned. One voice has towered above the rest in calling for ethical restraints on what is fast becoming the greatest threat to our human future. From the first moments of his papacy, Pope Leo XVI has signalled his deep concern for a future in which super-intelligent AI is a permanent feature of life on earth. Those are precisely the concerns he so thoughtfully articulated in his first encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* – a work whose publication was attended by leading actors and innovators in the field of AI, all of whom have expressed their admiration for the Pope's sentiments. *Magnifica Humanitas* is a deeply philosophical work that probes the spiritual, moral and social consequences of a world tentatively entering the AI age. As a work that helps us understand what is at risk and how we might respond, it has no rival. That is why it is imperative that all Christians read this vital document, and why we have made it available at the back of the church. We invite you to take a copy for an offering of your choice which can be left in any of the shrines. At this perilous moment in human history, we all need as much help as we can to navigate the complex issues that are at stake and which affect us all. Our hope is that you will find in Pope Leo a reliable spiritual guide to this 'brave new world' which was, until relatively recently, the stuff of fantasy. As he writes: 'Even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilisation of love to fulfilment in our lives.' Discovering just how this might happen is what *Magnifica Humanitas* teaches us, and, in a time such as ours, it is a lesson that might well prove the key to our long-term survival. **Dr. Mark Dooley**

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 Saturday 5.30pm vigil Mass and the Friday 10am Mass in the side chapel

www.churchservices.tv/cabinteely

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FEAST DAYS

Mon 21st — **St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

Wed 23rd — **St Eunan [Adomnán]**

Fri 25th — **St Finbarr, Bishop**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sept 19th — 5.30pm

Andrew & Bridget Lynch—Anniversaries

Malachy & Cecilia McKinley—
Anniversaries

Sunday Sept 20th — 10am

Special Intention

Sunday Sept 20th — 12.30pm

Monday - 10am

Fr. Francis Meehan—Rec. Deceased

Tues—10am

Kieran Cornwall—Recently Deceased

Thurs—10am

Madge Deegan—Recently Deceased

Friday –10am

Iverna Ryder—Recently Deceased

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Annual Collection for Crosscare
takes place this weekend Sept 19th & 20th
in place of the usual Share collection.

Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, provides practical support to people at some of the most difficult moments in their lives. Every day Crosscare works alongside families worried about losing their home, young people in need of guidance and support, people experiencing homelessness, and migrants and refugees seeking safety and a fresh start. The theme of this year's appeal is **Hope & Resilience**. It reflects the remarkable courage shown by the people Crosscare serves every day and the hope made possible through the generosity of parish communities. Parishioners who may not be able to contribute on these dates can support the appeal online at www.crosscare.ie

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 10.45 to 12noon. ALL WELCOME

Centering Prayer

"Be still and know that I am God" psalm 46:1. If you would like to know more about/experience this ancient form of silent Christian prayer join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the parish centre. Restarting on Wed. 16th Sept. Enquiries to Siobhan Semple 086 3778085

Our **First Men's Breakfast in Johnstown Parish** after the Summer break will be on **Sat. 26th Sep** and we are delighted to have **Erich Fischer** as our guest Speaker.

Erich is the **Chaplain of Tiglin** Rehabilitation and homelessness ministry. Erich is married to Iris and lives in Greystones. As usual it will be from 8am to 9.30am. Please put the date in diary

POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL— Magnifica Humanitas

On safeguarding the Human Person in the time of Artificial Intelligence. A limited number now available to buy in the parish office. **Cost €7.50**

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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Second Collection



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

Abide in his Love—Women's Conference. Nov 20-22nd. Great Northern Hotel Bundoran. See poster at back of church for details

St Anne's Shankill are having a **Healing Mass** on the last Wednesday (evening) of every month up to and including the end of December. 7pm Prayer & Praise. 7.30pm Holy Mass. 8pm Healing Service. Confessions will be available before and after mass

The **Lumen Dominican Centre**, Sion Hill Campus, 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, guided by the ethos of the Dominican sisters. It is committed to the dialogue between faith and culture. Classes resume next week and run during the day (Tuesday to Friday) and, from October, two evenings a week. Subjects range from ballet, sacred dance, languages, and art history to philosophy and the Bible. 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 us lumenop.ie or call 01-2882075. All are welcome.

The **Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux** and S.S. Louis and Zélie Martin will be welcomed to Legion of Mary, Dublin on Fri 2nd Oct at 1pm by Archbishop of Dublin, Most Reverend Dermot Farrell. They will be available for public veneration until Saturday 3rd Oct at 5pm when a closing mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey. See poster at back of church for more detail.

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. **Ph. 1800 80 45 91, open every day 10am-10pm**



St Colmcille Partnership of Parishes
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Ballybrack-Killiney, Loughlinstown, Shankill.

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