



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Easter Sunday

4th April 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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Easter Sunday

First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34.37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

R/. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter to St Paul to the Colossians Col 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Robert Mullaly and Cecelia Major recently deceased, John Kevin Wilson whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Smyth, Grainne Walls, Kevin O'Hare, Charles Lavery, Tom Connolly, Charles and Elizabeth Farrell, Patricia Hickland, Margaret and Bernard Brannigan

May they rest in peace

Bulletin Notices

Bulletin Notices must be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on**

Thursday to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

Sign up to our
Electronic
Mailing List
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The Parish Office will be closed from 1.00 pm on Holy Thursday and will reopen on Monday 12th April 2021 at 9.00 am

Easter Sunday Ceremonies

*Please adhere to Restrictions and Guidelines for mass (see notice on next page)
All Masses will be Live Streamed except for Good Friday as these will be in the Car Park.*

Holy Saturday (3rd April): 9.00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

(NB: There will be no 12noon or 6 pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday)



Easter Sunday (4th April): 9.30 am and 12 noon

Easter Week Mass Times: (5th April – 11th April)

Monday to Friday: 9.30 am

Saturday: 12 noon and 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9.30 am and 12 Noon

(Please note: There will be no evening Masses during Easter Week)

Mass will return to our normal scheduled times from Monday 12th April – details will be included in next Sunday's Bulletin



Fr Eddie O'Donnell, Fr Dominic McGrattan and Deacon Brett Lockhart would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Easter!

Stay Safe and God Bless

Restrictions and Guidelines for attending Mass in St Brigid's

- **Face Coverings** are mandatory when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services.
- **The seating capacity of the Church is 120;**
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- The Church doors are closed at one minute before Mass – the Church cannot be entered once Mass begins;
- Take a seat and remain there until the end of Mass; children must remain with their parents, and in the seat, at all times;
- Do not sit beside anyone who is not a member of your household;
- For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you; Holy Communion is to be received in the hand;
- When leaving the Church follow the instructions and leave according to the indicated "One-way" system;
- Anyone with cold-like symptoms must not enter the Church;
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;
- Holidaymakers returning from other countries should not attend mass for two weeks.
- **Funeral Services** and **Wedding Ceremonies** continue to be restricted to 25 persons
- **Baptisms** are restricted to 10 persons (including baby)
- **Good Friday** services will be held in the Car Park – no cars will be permitted. Please come expecting to stand. Stewards will guide parishioners to a safe place.

Mass will continue to be Live streamed from St Brigid's Church to our YouTube Channel Link: stbrigidparishbelfast.org/links  YouTube

Easter Homilies

Fr O'Donnell has prepared a Homily for Good Friday and Easter Sunday



To read and listen to please click the link to go to our Website:
<https://www.stbrigidparishbelfast.org/the-liturgy/sunday-homilies>

(Easter Homily will be available on Saturday evening)

GIFT....Caring and Connecting this Easter.

Another **BIG** thank you to all our wonderful young people who are once again making visits to over a 120 in our Parish this weekend.

We cannot tell you too often how inspiring you are to us all ; how much you lift all of our hearts. Especially those you are taking the time to visit. You are living like Jesus did, caring for those around you. You are making a difference. If you had not agreed to take part, it would simply not be happening.

You are AWESOME.

Thanks too, to the 5 GIFT leaders who coordinated the GIFT groups and to all the parents who helped to facilitate all the visits . It really was a team effort.

Well done to everyone who entered the Easter card competition. We really appreciate the effort you made. In particular congratulations to the winner Conor McLoughlin.

Pictures of all the cards are on Facebook and in the Parish bulletin.

We have missed seeing you all this year and hope we will get together again before too long.

We wish you all a very happy Easter.

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G.I.F.T. Prayer

God, our Father in Heaven,
help us to see that we can make a difference in this world,
In spite of the fact that we may feel small and unimportant.
Fill our hearts full love and joy for others,
To do what we do,
to do all that we do....In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Welcome to St Brigid's Children's Liturgy Corner!



Sunday 4 April 2021
John 20:1-9
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



My name is _____

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Join the dots to see what Mary found at Jesus' tomb early that Sunday morning.



When Mary Magdalene arrives at Jesus' tomb, she finds the stone has been rolled away. Mary runs and tells Simon Peter and another disciple, who discover that Jesus' body is gone. They do not understand yet that Jesus has risen from the dead.

When someone is sad...

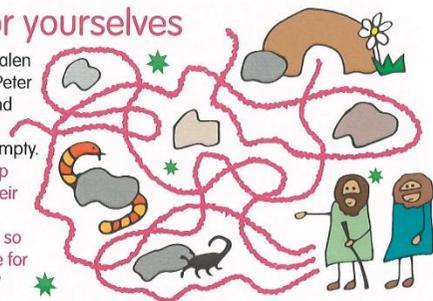
Mary was upset that Jesus was gone. Talking to Simon Peter helped her feel better.



Match the shadows to see how you can help people who are feeling sad.

See for yourselves

Mary Magdalene told Simon Peter and his friend that Jesus' tomb was empty. Can you help them find their way to the empty tomb so they can see for themselves?



God's plan

Jesus' friends were upset the tomb was empty. They thought someone had stolen Jesus' body. But God had a bigger, better plan.



Decode the letters to find out what the plan is.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, when Mary saw your tomb was empty, she was very sad. She didn't understand the good news that you had risen from the dead. Sometimes we don't always understand what is happening. When we are sad, help us to trust that you always have a bigger and better plan. Amen.

Answers: Jesus is risen from the dead.

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Wellspring of Our Hope

If we think that things are not going to change, we need to recall that Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death, and is not almighty. Jesus Christ truly lives...

The Gospel tells us that when the first disciples went forth to preach, "the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message" (Mk 16:20). The same thing happens today. We are invited to discover this, to experience it. Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope, and he will not deprive us of the help we need to carry out the mission which he has entrusted to us.

Pope Francis

The Dawn of Easter Breaks Forth

Every time we ask forgiveness of one another for our sins against other Christians, and every time we find the courage to grant and receive such forgiveness, we experience the Resurrection!

Every time we put behind us our long-standing prejudices and find the courage to build new fraternal relationships, we confess that Christ is truly risen!

Every time we reflect on the future of the Church in the light of her vocation to unity, the dawn of Easter breaks forth!

Pope Francis

You can also find the A4 Printable Worksheets on our Parish Website (select Parish Groups & click [Children's Liturgy](#)) and our [Facebook Page](#). Please enjoy and have lots of fun completing these with your children each week!