



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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**Currently No Public Mass – see times opposite for Live Streaming.**

### Mass Times

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am & 12 noon

#### Weekday Mass

Monday: 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 12 noon

#### Confession

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

**Friday:** 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm

**Saturday:** 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &  
5.30 pm – 6:00 pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

#### Baptisms

1 months' notice required

Please contact the Parish Office

#### Marriages

6 months' notice required.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### 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  
[Click HERE](#)

The Parish Office will be **closed to the public** during the Lockdown period from **Thursday 7th January until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

If you need to get in touch, please contact the parish office by phone or email during this time.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Leviticus Lev 13:1-2.44-46  
*The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 31:1-2.5.11

*R/. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation*

**Second Reading:** Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
*Take me for your model, as I take Christ.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:40-45  
*The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Canon Brendan McGee, Sean Gribben, Brendan Trainor, John McCrystal, Aidan Gallagher, Eamonn and Patricia Dolan, Kris Toner recently deceased and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Daniel MacRandal, Terry McIlhatton, William and Teresa Glover, James Murphy, Brigid Heagney, Mary Heagney, Peter Carty, May Greene, Maureen McGauran, John Farrell

*May they rest in peace*

### With the current lockdown, suspension of Public Mass is set to continue until at least Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

Mass will continue to be Live streamed from St Brigid's Church on our YouTube Channel **Link:** [stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/links](http://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/links)

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday:** 9.30 am

**Saturday:** 12 noon

**Sunday:** 12 noon

*Mass will also be Live Streamed on **Tuesday and Thursday at 5pm** and on **Sunday at 8pm** in the **Catholic Chaplaincy at Queens** (Live Streaming on Facebook, YouTube and Church Services)*

When the lockdown restrictions are lifted, mass will return to normal times.

**Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms can continue under the current restrictions.**

**No provisions for Private Prayer at this time.**

## THE SEASON OF LENT

The **Season of Lent** begins with **Ash Wednesday on 17th February**. Day of fast and abstinence. Mass will be streamed at 9.30am and in place of distribution of Ashes people will be able to make a Lenten pledge during the mass. For health and safety reasons it is not possible to distribute ashes this year.



## **FROM COVID TO LIGHT**

### **2021 Lenten Talks**

***Beginning Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February on Zoom***

This year we invite you to **TAKE ON** a Lenten discipline and join us each Tuesday evening during lent as we gather as a Christian community in prayer and reflection based on different themes each week. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen our faith as a faith filled community and to develop a closer relationship with God.

There will also be an opportunity for some prayer and questions during the evening. During this question time we, as a Christian community, can reflect on either the Talk or the Scripture of the previous week.

**We begin our Lenten reflections on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm.**

**To take part please email: [lententalks@downandconnor.org](mailto:lententalks@downandconnor.org)**

The Zoom link and password will be emailed to you to access the talks.

## **Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse**

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse will take place on **Friday 19 February 2021**. The Diocese will mark this day with a Mass in **St Peter's Cathedral** at **10 am** on Friday 19 February. (Link below)

<https://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>

## **Lenten Challenges for Young People**

**Living Youth** are hosting weekly Lenten Challenges for young people aged 11-18 and their families. We will be exploring different themes throughout Lent and will have a host of engaging activities to get involved with. [www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021](http://www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021) for more information and to register.

**Living Youth are on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) – give them a follow!**

## **TRÓCAIRE CAMPAIGN**

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. **Online at [www.trocaire.org/donations/now/](http://www.trocaire.org/donations/now/)**
2. **By phone: 0800 912 1200 (Northern Ireland)**

The contents of each and every Trócaire donation, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.



## **LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE**

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short- term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer.

**PRAYER:"** I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."**"**

## St Brigid's Third World Group

Normally at this time of year we would be inviting parishioners to our Lenten Bread and Soup Lunch in the Parish Hall but sadly this year it is not possible.



However, thanks to all your generous donations this year we have been able to continue helping many poor people in developing countries including support for **Doctors Stephen and Melita Gordon in Malawi.**

They have used money from the Parish Third World Group to provide

- essential food for street children
- fertiliser and other assistance for smallholders and small business start-ups
- solar lights for volunteer teachers in remote areas
- help with secondary education fees for 7 young people and
- vocational education for 3 others.

This is making such a difference to people's lives in the middle of the pandemic.

**If you would like to help, please make a donation or set up a Standing Order.**

**You can make an electronic transfer to our bank account**

**Sort Code: 90-22-07 and Account Number: 68825172.**

**(If you are a taxpayer and wish to gift aid your donation, please insert your name, house number and post code in the Reference Box when making the payment.)**

**If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash or if you wish to set up a Standing Order, please phone or text Kevin on 07525634440 or Rosalie on 07887708788 and we will arrange this with you.**



## **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE XXIX WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2021**

**“You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8).  
A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick**

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern.

1. The theme of this Day is drawn from the Gospel passage in which Jesus criticizes the hypocrisy of those who fail to practise what they preach (cf. *Mt 23:1-12*). When our faith is reduced to empty words, unconcerned with the lives and needs of others, the creed we profess proves inconsistent with the life we lead. The danger is real. That is why Jesus uses strong language about the peril of falling into self-idolatry. He tells us: “*You have but one teacher and you are all brothers*” (v. 8).

Jesus' criticism of those who “preach but do not practise” (v. 3) is helpful always and everywhere, since none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy, which prevents us from flourishing as children of the one Father, called to live universal fraternity.

Before the needs of our brothers and sisters, Jesus asks us to respond in a way completely contrary to such hypocrisy. He asks us to stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them (cf. *Lk 10:30-35*).

**To read Pope Francis' full message please click [HERE](#)**