



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

First Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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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 5th March.**

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

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gen 9:8-15
God's covenant with Noah he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

R/. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: Reading from the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:18-22
The water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:12-15
Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Anniversary List

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Smyth, Charles Edward Waters, Edward Yoong, Margaret McDonnell, John Cassidy, Theresa McGonigal

May they rest in peace

Praying During Lent

We have uploaded to our Parish Website "**Reflections and Prayers for Lent**" which consists of reflections on scripture, selected passages from Pope Francis and praying the Our Father for each day of the week during Lent.

Go to our Parish Website and click on **The Liturgy** then [Lent and Easter 2021](#)

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

Mass will continue to be Live streamed from St Brigid's Church on our YouTube Channel **Link:** 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)*

GIFT Keeping us Connected

A HUGE thanks to all our wonderful young people who braved the weather at the weekend to make over 120 visits between them. The photographs posted on the various WhatsApp groups were a joy to behold.

The young people took bulbs, gifts and handwritten notes to keep connected to those in our Parish family isolated during this time.

We are so proud of each and every one of you. You are an inspiration. Very well done to you all 🙌 .

Thank you also to the adults who facilitated this initiative, particularly the five people who organised their GIFT group.

Let us continue to pray for one another until we can be together again. Below is our GIFT prayer 🙏 if you wish to use it.

GIFT 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*

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 and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. **Online at** 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.

FROM COVID TO LIGHT

2021 Lenten Talks

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.

We begin our Lenten reflections on Tuesday 23rd February at 8pm.

To take part please email: lentenatalks@downandconnor.org

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

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.

