



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48
The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4
R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: Reading from first letter of St John 1 Jn 4:7-10
God is love.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 15:9-17
A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Jim Rice and Danny Rice recently deceased, Anne Hanratty whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: May Creen, Mary Heaney, Tommy Heaney, Michael and Elizabeth McGuigan, Anne McShane, Joe and Sally McGrath, Madeleine Lombard, Maureen McKiernan, Sylvan Devlin, Mary Cox, Brigid John and Joseph Cherian

May they rest in peace

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 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

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm

Please contact the Parish Office to book

Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

Weekly Collection 28th April: £5041.90



Thank you for your continued support



Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. *Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)*

Bank Holiday

The Parish office will be closed on Monday 7th May.

Belfast City Marathon

On **Sunday 5th May** the Belfast Marathon will take place. Some road closures will be in place along the Lisburn Road and Upper Lisburn Road from 8.30am until 1.30pm.

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND 4th/5th May 2024**. The food weighed in at 202.45 kgs for April collection.

Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis. Thank you for your support.

List of items currently most needed: *Tinned fish; Tinned vegetables; Tinned meat; Instant potato; Pasta sauce; Coffee; Tea; Pulses; Rice; Cooking Sauces; Biscuits; Shampoo; Shower gel; Detergent.*



Eye Surgery in Rwanda

Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre

Three of our parishioners Doctors Olivia Earley, Noemi Lois and Augusto Blanco recently spent time in the Eye Unit in Kabgayi Hospital in Rwanda teaching doctors to perform cataract and other eye surgery techniques.

They were there at the invitation of Dr Michael Mikail, an ophthalmic consultant who trained in Belfast, and is now working in the Kabgayi Hospital. He is the only retinal consultant for a population of 11 million people.

Everyone is warmly invited to a presentation on 13 May about the trip and future plans to help in training doctors.

Tea and coffee from 7.30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Every Monday morning in the Side Chapel at 7.30 am

MEN'S PRAYER

Each Friday morning in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue at 7.30 am

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Next Meetings are 15th May and 19th June at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Ave



Divine Mercy

You are warmly invited to join us in St Brigid's Church each Friday at 3.00pm as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Concert for Fouad

THANK YOU!

On Friday evening last we had our Concert for Fouad in the parish centre. It was a wonderful evening of song and poetry provided by the talented Niall Leonard, Lynda Barrett, Jenny Bourke, Gareth Lewis and Michael Longley.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the concert and to every person who contributed to the retiring collection. Special thanks to St Brigid's One World Group for organising the collection. The total received to date is **£13,212 including Gift Aid.**

All money raised is going directly to the Jesuit Mission in Aleppo.

We have linked a YouTube video on our Parish Website that shows the activities in the Jaramana Centre, provided by the Jesuits based in Aleppo.

It gives us an insight as to how Fr Fouad and his colleagues are enabling young people to piece together their lives having come through vicious war and a devastating earthquake. It is a privilege for us, in St Brigid's, to support such their great work. **Click here to view:** stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/news/fr-fouad

Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024

Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore 20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights £799 per person sharing direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon afternoon flights. 20KG bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 Nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner. For further information please contact: Joe Catney 07776425631 / 02890714001