



## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 9 pm.

### Sunday

9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

### Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am

Saturday: 12 noon

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 12.30 – 1.0 pm.  
Confession, 5.30pm – 6pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Resumes: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm – 8.00pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
10.00am – 12.00 Noon

### Marriages

6 months notice required.  
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### Parish Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2pm

*One month's notice required.* Please contact the Parish Office.

### Growing In Faith Together

GIFT 2017/2018 finished this weekend with our Gift 2 group taking part in the Stations of the Cross. A big thank you to all our young people who had the courage to take part and faithfully turn up each week. Thanks also to our amazing adult volunteers without whom we could not run the programme. GIFT will be a 5-year programme from September 2018 with the Pilgrimage taking place now in GIFT5. GIFT 4 will run as a 6-week block Sept/Oct 2018. Watch the bulletin for information. We wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to welcoming our 1<sup>st</sup> years in GIFT1 January 2019. Mary Carson / Breige Kinney

**Offertory Collection: 25 March £5,346    Collection for Needy Parishes £2,217**

*Thank you for your support.*

**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:**

**Monica Devlin** *who died recently.*

**Detta Marrinan** *whose month's mind occurs at this time*

Charlie & Kaye Farrell, Sean Dynan, Giuseppe Ingenito, Antoinetta Bello, Michele Iannone, Carolina Iannotta, Luigi Maiorino, Theresa Mageean, Henry McKiernan, Kathleen Delaney, Philomena McMullan, Alexander Murphy, Mary Helen Fox, Teddy Rice, Elizabeth Rice, Sarah McPhillips & Charles Lavery *whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**May they rest in peace.**



## Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

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**EASTER SUNDAY : THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
**1 APRIL 2018 PSALTER 1**

**Alleluia!** Is the cheer of Easter people,  
For the Easter tomb is empty of death.

**First Reading:** *Acts 10:34. 37-43*

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit and a renewed sense of confidence, retells the story of Jesus' public life and death and what it means to all mankind.

*"We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection"*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117**

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

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-4*

Paul is speaking about our baptism being a form of spiritual death and resurrection where we die to all forms of sin and rise with Christ to a new life – the Christian life."

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20 1-9*

Christ's resurrection was the basis of the new Christian Faith.

*"He must rise from the dead."*

\* *Please note:* Easter break: The parish office will be closed Easter week.



## Year of World Meeting of Families

### First Holy Communion:

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The boys and girls of the parish will receive Holy Communion for the first time.

### Baptism Sunday:

20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm in the Church. Parents and families of the children who were baptised in recent years are invited. Grandparents and Godparents are especially welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.

### First Holy Communion (Harberton School)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The children will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

### Blessing of Marriages:

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June; Invitation for young married couples and families for blessing and short reception in parish centre – at 3pm.

### Parish Coffee Mornings

There will be a number of coffee mornings hosted by parish groups – these will be published in the parish bulletin a week before the event.

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### COFFEE AND POEMS

Wednesday, 11th April 2018

After 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

## *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!*

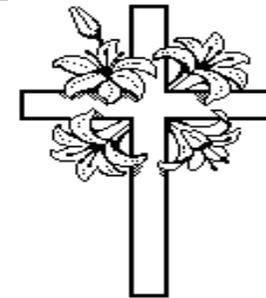
*Pope Francis*

### EASTER WEEK MASS TIMES:

Monday to Friday 9.30am. Saturday 12 noon.

N.B. There will be no evening Masses during Easter Week

Masses weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April as usual.



## *Happy Easter!*

*Fr. Eddie O'Donnell, Canon Brian McCluskey and Fr Niccolo Steiner S.J. wish all parishioners, their families and friends a very Happy Easter.*

Fr Niccolo returns to Dublin for a short while and then back to Frankfurt, Germany. It has been great having him with us and we thank him for the wonderful and cheerful contribution he has made to the Parish over the last ten weeks. He has been a real blessing for the parish.