



Celebrating the Liturgy

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm.

Sunday

9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am Sat: 12 noon.

Evening Masses

Mon, Wed & Fri: 7pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12.30 – 1.0 pm.
Confession, 5.30pm – 5.55pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday 10.00am – 12.00 Noon

Marriages

6 months notice required.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Parish Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 2pm

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

Please welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Chloe Mary Rose McCrossan & Daire Rory Patrick McEnhill
Who were baptised on Easter Sunday, 1 April in St Brigid's.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Charlotte Miskelly, Donal Mullally, Kevin O'Hare *who died recently.*
Eugene Scott, Jude Offodum, Peter Fitzpatrick, Felix O'Kane
whose month's mind occurs at this time.

Tom Walls, Patricia Hickland, Mary Clayton, Margaret, Robert Napier,
Sean Patrick Graham, Mary Agnes & John McNally
whose anniversary's occur around this time.

May they rest in peace.

Bulletin Notices

Anniversary notices may be emailed to the Parish Office one month in advance of the require bulletin notice date.

Notices for the bulletin must be with the Parish Office by 12.00 noon Wednesday to be included in the weekend bulletin. *Thank you.*



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Second Sunday of Easter YEAR B

Devine Mercy Sunday

8 April 2018 PSALTER Week II

Introduction

As we gather around the Table of the Lord today, we come together like the first group of believers. We pray that we become ever more united in heart and soul and live up to the ideals of the first Christian communities.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Three distinct elements of the church are discernible in the early Christian community: sisterhood/brotherhood; witness; practical charity. We pray that these ecclesial elements may always be fostered within our own contemporary faith communities.

"United; heart and soul."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117

**R/. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Through Christ, we are God's beloved sons and daughters. Living by God's commandments of love, we embody this life-affirming/life-changing truth.

"Anyone who has begotten by God has already overcome the world."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sometimes we stand with doubting Thomas, doubting God's love and forgiveness. Through prayer and Christian living, may we also come to Thomas' acclamation of faith, *My Lord and my God.*

Coffee and Poems – Wednesday 13th April

After morning Mass in the Parish Centre
All are welcome.

Christian's in the Holy Land Collection: £2,257

Parish Offertory Collection: 1 April £6,181

Easter Sunday Collection: £3,738

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

**JEFF CAVINS – Saturday 21st April.
The Gospel of the Family – Joy for the World.**

The Living Church office is delighted to welcome Jeff Cavins, international author, guest speaker and the Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families, Jeff will be leading a day where we can reflect on the Gospel of the family and consider how we share our faith within our families.

On the day internationally renowned artists *The Priests* will be leading us in prayer and music and we will have a selection of workshops.

To register you can book online www.livingchurchevents.com

The event takes place in Our Lady and Saint Patrick's College Knock. Tickets for the day are £15 including lunch and refreshments.

St Louise's Post – 16 Open Night

Tuesday 17th April 2018 – 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Ashleigh Group Confirmation

Classes for children in P6 hoping to be Confirmed in 2019 will start on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 7.15pm in Parish Hall. Please call Fionnuala on 07740682282 to enrol.

Trocaire – would like to thank parishioners for their support of the Lenten Campaign 2018 and their unfailing generosity. Trocaire boxes may still be returned to the parish in the coming days.

Children's Liturgy

Please note: There will be NO classes this weekend.

Classes resume SUNDAY 15th April for all P3 to P7 children.

Planning Meeting for all Children's Liturgy Volunteers takes place on

Thursday 12th April at 8.30pm in no. 40 Derryvolgie Avenue.

New volunteers always welcome. Thank you.



World Meeting of Families

First Holy Communion:

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

Baptism Sunday:

20th 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 2nd June. The children will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

Blessing of Marriages:

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

St Annes's Church of Ireland Cathedral.

Sunday 17th June: Fr E. O'Donnell preaching.

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.

Beautiful Moments

The life of a family is filled with beautiful moments: rest, meals together, walks in the park or the countryside, visits to grandparents or a sick person... But if love is missing, joy is missing, nothing is fun. Jesus always gives us that love: he is it's endless source. In the sacrament he gives us his word and he gives us the bread of life, so that our joy may be complete.

Pope Francis.