



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.

No Evening Masses

From 2nd July to 24th August

Reconciliation

Saturday Confessions

12.30pm – 1.00 pm.

5.30pm – 5.55pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Will cease from

2nd July to 31st August

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.

Short Book Club

The next meeting of the Club will be after 9:30am Mass on **Wednesday 12 September 2018**. Please note that this is **one week earlier** than usual.

The book we will be discussing is: **A Farewell to Arms** by **Ernest Hemingway**. It should be easy to get a copy from libraries etc.

Youth Ministry Social Media

Follow the below accounts to be kept up to date with some exciting programmes that will be coming up in the four parishes who share in our Youth Ministry Project.



@SEBelfastCYM

Parish Offertory Collection: 12th August £3,924

Thank you for your continued support.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

19th August 2018 Psalter Week IV.

Introduction

Let this Eucharist expand our hearts and horizons to welcome the stranger and be concerned to give shelter to the vulnerable.

First Reading: 1Kings 19:4-8

The miraculous feeding of the prophet Elijah on his journey through the desert is recalled to mind today, because the Gospel story concerns Our Lord's promise of the miraculous bread which he will give to sustain his followers on their journey through life. *"Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33

R/. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

In today's text, St Paul urges his converts to live in peace, harmony and love with one another. They are children of God and therefore love should dominate their lives. *"Follow Christ by loving as he loved you."*

Gospel: John 6:41-51

The sixth chapter of John's gospel makes clear the link between the Eucharist and the life of grace. The sacrament is the Bread of Life. That means that it is to nourish within us the life of grace and of fidelity to God. Just as we need food to nourish our physical lives, so we need this Bread of Life to nourish our moral and spiritual lives.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Patricia Bowers *who died recently*

Geraldine Mohan *whose month's mind occurs around this time.*

John Egan(Jnr), Meta Forsythe, Mairead Walsh,
St Kathleen McCullough, Eddie & Masie Laverty, Paddy McAnallen,
Ellie Mooney, Mary Skehan, Nellie O'Neill, Mary Murphy,
Brendan O'Neill, Dan O'Neill, Brian Clayton, Francis O'Connell &
Maureen Slevin *whose anniversary's are at this time.*

May they rest in peace.

SHALOM WORLD TV and the WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES in AUGUST 2018

In The Final Report of the Extraordinary Synod, Vatican II, we can see an echo of Pope Francis' invitation in the Joy of the Gospel. "The Church is first of all to be understood as a 'we', not as an institution or a structure. It is communion of those who have heard, and seek to accept and to live by, the Word of God revealed in Christ. In the community of faith, we hear and respond to God's invitation into 'the intimate communion of all'."

Jainy Joemon from SHALOMWORLDTV.org is inviting you into the lives of all the people who make up parish and family life throughout the dioceses in Ireland, showing you the many prayerful and colourful activities that parishes and pastoral communities have been involved in during the lead up to the WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES in AUGUST 2018

Below is the link to the recording in the Diocese of Down and Connor re the WMOF <http://www.shalomworldtv.org/videos/index/2482>

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock will hold an Information Evening at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th September 2018 for the parents of P7 pupils who are seeking entry to Year 8 in September 2019.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUS JOURNEY TO FINAL MASS
World Meeting of Families**

Everyone travelling to Phoenix Park by bus has now paid for their bus tickets. Anyone who has not paid needs to contact the parish office urgently.

We are still awaiting final details of the timings for the pick-up for your bus journey, we will write to you with that information as soon as we have it.

Tickets for the mass will be available on the bus including walking directions to Phoenix Park and the area in which you are registered.

Special Mass in the Good Shepherd Church on 21st August at 7.30pm. Each Pastoral Area or parish has been asked to mark the World Meeting of Families by having a special religious event to pray for the success of the event and to celebrate the coming of Pope Francis to Ireland. With that in view, the parishioners of this pastoral area are invited to come to a special Mass in the Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday 21st August at 7.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity to highlight the importance of family in our parish community and to see ourselves as a parish family.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, mary and Joseph,
Graciously hear our prayer.
Amen

Pope Francis