



Celebrating the Liturgy

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Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm.

Sunday

9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am & 7.00pm
During Lent

Saturday: 12 noon

Reconciliation

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

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.

Offertory Collection: 11 March £5,345

Thank you for your support.

Shamrock Donations (last weekend) Thank You.

£840.00 was raised last weekend.

"On behalf of the Neo Catechumenate movement thank you for your support and generous contribution" Bernie Norney

Coffee Morning – Habitat for Humanity in Malawi

£2540.75 was raised at the coffee morning on Sunday 4th March.

We are so grateful for your generosity. All monies will go directly to the project.
Many thanks. Luke McCann and Matthew Kelly.

Note: Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 20th March at 4pm

Please pray for the children making their confirmation.

Distribution of Offertory Envelopes

Thank you to the volunteers who have collected boxes of envelopes and are in the process of distributing them. There are still a number of boxes to be collected, it would be helpful if these were collected before Thursday 22nd March.

Thank you to all involved.

Offertory Envelopes: 2017-2018

Please Note: From Sunday 8 April please use envelopes **only** from new offertory envelope boxes as the numbers on the envelopes are changing. If you have any old envelopes after this date, please destroy them to avoid any confusion. Thank you.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Fifth Sunday of Lent. YEAR B

18 March 2018 PSALTER Week I

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15

R/. A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

In this reading there are subtle references to the Garden of Gethsemane:
'...prayer, and entreaty,...to the resurrection'.

"He learnt to obey and become for all the source of eternal salvation."

Gospel: John 12:20-30

We are reminded of the process of death that comes before birth.

"If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest."

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Phil McCullough *who died recently*

Patrick Smyth, Jim Carberry, Hugh Thompson, Frank Jordan, Noreen McDonagh, Brian Gregory, Anna McMurray, Brendan & Patricia McBrien, Sheila Murtagh, John Mageean, Frances Simons, John Thompson Snr, Harry Coll, Anne Clarke, Kathleen Wynne *whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

May they rest in peace.

***Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 19th March

**World Meeting of Families
Let's Talk Family; Let's Be family**

As part of the Parish preparation for the World Meeting of Families, come and join us for **three discussion sessions** based on the WMOF resources – videos and discussion points. They will be held at **7.45pm** in **St Bride's Hall**.

- Thu 22 March – *God's Dream of Love*;
- Wed 28 March – *God's Mercy: No One Excluded*.

Everyone has their own experiences of family life; everyone belongs to a family. So – please come along and add your voice to our understanding of Families.

"...to lend your neighbour a helping hand is to keep the commandments." Ecclesiasticus / Sirach 29:1. This St. Patrick's weekend we celebrate the huge change brought about in the developing world which is made possible by the generosity of people in Ireland. Trócaire reached 2.6 million people last year with support – parents trying to feed their children, communities struck by disaster, refugees fleeing conflict, men and women whose rights were being trampled. This support can only be provided by the ongoing solidarity shown by people here at home. www.trocaire.org

Ecumenical Outreach – Lenten Talk

18th March Agape Centre

Preacher; Rev Michael Anderson **"Actions Speak"**

25th March St Nicholas Church

Preacher; Rev David Campten **"Death Defeated"**

All services will be held on **Sunday** evenings, beginning at **7.00pm**,
Tea/Coffee & Biscuits afterwards.

A date for the diary!

If you are volunteering with CHILDREN'S LITURGY, GIFT or any other group working with our young people, please come along to a retreat on **Saturday 24th March** in the **St Bride's Hall 11am to 3pm**. Breige O'Hare will be facilitating; providing us with an opportunity to take time out together and reflect on what we are doing. Lunch will be provided so please **register your interest ASAP**. Many thanks. Mary Carson **07718263019**.

Parish Penitential Service

Palm Sunday, 25th March, at 4.00pm

To help prepare for the Penitential Service a leaflet is available in the Church Porch.

Please take a copy home.

Eucharistic Adoration

There are two periods of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish each week:

- Monday after 7.00pm Mass until 8.00pm.
- Friday after 9.30am Mass until 12 noon.

Given the particular situation in Ireland, during these two periods of Adoration our special intention is that our society will respect, protect, love and save life for the moment of conception until its natural end. Please join us.

BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER - 6-8th April 201

Stranmillis University College, Belfast BT9 5DY **Open Day 7th April**

A Weekend Gathering organised by the Focolare Movement. Focolare's aim is to seek to build a united world, drawing inspiration from Jesus' prayer "May they all be one" and involving people of all creeds and none.

Keynote talk from Brian Rowan - journalist, broadcaster and author of several books including *Unfinished Peace*. Input and personal stories on how we can all be dreamers and doers for our communities today. **Families are welcome. Separate programmes for children.**

For more information: email nirfoc@focolare.ie, tel. 0044 (0)28-90661028 (Focolare Belfast) or see www.focolare.org/ireland Suggested donation to cover the cost of the day £10