



## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Mass Times

NO Vigil Mass 31st March  
**Sunday**  
9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

### Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am

**Easter Week: No Evening Mass**

Saturday: 12 noon

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 12.30 – 1.00 pm.  
Confession, 5.30pm – 6.00pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30pm – 8.00pm

### 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.*

### *Please welcome into the Church*

Joseph Paul Dolan, Flynn James Lenaghan, Harry Brendan Mackle, Niamh Mary Mallett,  
Shea Patrick O'Hare

*Who were baptised on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in St Brigid's Parish.*

**Offertory Collection: 18 March £4,209**

*Thank you for your support.*

### TIME FOR A NEW CHALLENGE

Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses?

Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together?

**ACCORD** is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships. Professional training is provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award) Accredited by: **Pontifical University, St Patrick's College Maynooth**

Please contact ACCORD Belfast Centre, 02890 339944. Email [belfast@accordni.com](mailto:belfast@accordni.com) for further information. CLOSING DATE – 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 More information is available on: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)



## Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

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### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. YEAR B**

25 March 2018 PSALTER Week II

### **First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

*Listening to God's Word can bring us into conflict with those who unjustly hold power. "I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed."*

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 21

**R/. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

### **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

We are reminded of a loving Father who sent his own beloved Son to live among us and die for us in order to bring home to us the greatness of divine love.

*"He humbled himself, but God raised him high."*

### **Passion:** Mark 14:1-15:47

We read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion and are encouraged not to miss the journey that it offers us this week.

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

*Dariusz Adler recently deceased*

*Joy Murphy whose month's mind occurs around this time*

Gerard Bailey, Sheila Murtagh, Jim McSparron, Maureen O'Hagan, Conor McGurk, Aoife & Vanessa Crummie, Patrick Hughes, Kieran McMullan, Charlie Lavery, Joseph & Patricia Henry, Bertie Henry, Patrick Smyth, Michael, Julia & Patrick Agnew, George Farrell, Hugh & Beatrice O'Hagan *whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**May they rest in peace.**

**\*Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March reopening Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**Parish Penitential Service and Confession, today –  
Palm Sunday at 4pm**

**Do not be afraid of confession!** When one is in line to go to confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but when one finishes confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of confession!

God is infinite love, boundless mercy, and that Love has conquered evil at its root through the death and resurrection of Christ. This is the Gospel, the Good News: God's love has won! Christ died on the cross for our sins and rose again. With him we can fight evil and conquer every day.

Do we believe this or not?... But that "yes" has to become part of life! If I believe that Jesus has conquered evil and saved me, I must follow along the path of Jesus for my whole life. *Pope Francis.*

**BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER - 6-8th April 2018**

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. **Families are welcome. Separate programmes for children.** For more information: email [nirfoc@focolare.ie](mailto:nirfoc@focolare.ie), tel. 0044 (0)28-90661028 or [www.focolare.org/ireland](http://www.focolare.org/ireland) Suggested donation to cover the cost of the day £10.

**Ecumenical Outreach – (Final Lenten Talk)**

This evening 25<sup>th</sup> March in St Nicholas Church 7pm

Preacher; Rev David Campten "Death Defeated"

**Distribution of Offertory Envelopes**

Boxes of envelopes are in the process of being delivered to homes. Any unable to be delivered will be left in the Church Porch week commencing 2 April.

***A very big thank you to all the volunteers who offered their time to walk around areas and deliver envelopes, it was a great help to the parish.***

**Food Bank Collection**

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The food weighed in at **331.2 kg for March collection.** Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed:** Sugar; Tinned spaghetti; Rice; Instant Potato; Custard.

**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.**

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.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES**

**HOLY THURSDAY:** (29 March)

**Chrism Mass: 11.00am** St Peter's Cathedral.

The Bishop invites parishioners who are free at this time to participate in this great Diocesan Celebration.

**Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm**

*Trocaire boxes will be collected at this Mass.*

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until  
10.00pm**

Jesus said to Peter "Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray". (Mt. 26:10-41).

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**GOOD FRIDAY:** (30 March)

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm**

*Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence*

**There will be a Church Door Collection for the relief of  
Christians in the Holy Land.**

**Keeping Station at the Cross: 7.00pm**

*Led by the young people of the Parish.*

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**HOLY SATURDAY:** (31 March)

**Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection: 9.00pm**

***Please note: there will be no 6pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday***

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**Easter Sunday – Masses: 9.00am; 10.30am; 12 noon**

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**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:

*Saturday at 6.00 pm (Vigil); Sunday: 9.00am, 10.30am and 12 noon.*