



Celebrating the Liturgy

Mass Times during Lent

Saturday: 6 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am and 7:00 pm
Sat: 12 noon

Morning Prayers (Divine Office)

Mon to Fri: 7.30 am

Saturday Confessions

12.30 pm – 1.00 pm
5.30 pm – 5.55 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm until 8.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am until 12 noon

Marriages

6 months' notice required.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

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

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

BULLETIN NOTICES

Notices for the bulletin must be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Wednesday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – ETHIOPIA

Anne and Mike Moran returned safely last week from their building project in Ethiopia. We would like to thank all those parishioners who were so generous in their financial and prayer support for the work that we were able to do. Our various donors helped us raise more than £10,000. While we were there, we built two houses; painted 7 more and put in the floor for a communal kitchen. So, 9 families will now be better housed thanks to this.

LAY DOMINICAN MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm in Parish Centre.
New members very welcome.

IRELAND DIVIDED: A CENTURY OF PARTITION

Rev Dr Johnston McMaster will give the final talk in his series of talks, entitled **"Partition as the Elephant in the Room: But have we a future?"** in the Agape Centre, Lisburn Road on Monday 8th March at 7.30 pm.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Second Sunday of Lent

8th March 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gn 12:1-4
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5.18-20.22

R/. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Letter from St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 1:8-10
God calls and enlightens us.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 17:1-9
His face shone like the sun.

Please pray for Marguerite Egan recently deceased, Tony Flynn whose Month Mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sheila Waters, Mary Ellen and Frank Houston, Patrick and Anna Rose Breslin, Harry Walsh, Dermot McPhillips, Felix O'Kane, Patricia Webster, Fred McBride, Kathleen O'Kane, Mary T Conlon, Moira Ramsey, Maura Lavery, Francis McMullan, Mary Caher, Sarah Wildy, Richard Sadlier

May they rest in peace

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection 1st March 2020: **£4533.75**
Monthly Collection 1st March 2020: **£3385.40**

Thank you for your continued support



THE SEASON OF LENT

Divine Office (Morning Prayers)

7.30 am in the Church led by Deacon Brett Lockhart

Mass Times (Monday to Friday)

9.30 am (in the Parish Hall) and 7.00 pm (in the Church)

Please Note: There will be no evening mass on Thursday 12th March as the children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this day

INTER-CHURCH OUTREACH, LENT 2020

7.00pm each Sunday of Lent

Theme: "Climate change and the purposes of God"

- Sunday 8th March:** Windsor Presbyterian: Preacher Rev Emily Hyland (Methodist)
Sunday 15th March: St Brigid's: Preacher Rev David Gray (Presbyterian Chaplain, QUB)
Sunday 22nd March: St John's Col Malone: Preacher Rev Eddie O'Donnell (Catholic)
Sunday 29th March: Derryvolgie Hall: Preacher Rev Ivan Steen (Presbyterian)
Sunday 5th April: McCracken Presbyterian: Preacher Rev Fouad Nakhla SJ (Catholic)

A Parish Programme: "No Greater Love"

This Parish Programme explores the Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus in **No40 Derryvolgie Ave on Tuesday's of Lent at 7.30pm** (Except Tuesday 17th March)



GIFT – Growing In Faith Together

We had a wonderfully successful GIFT 5 residential to Greenhill YMCA in Newcastle last weekend. 30 of us went and despite the storm managed to take part in most of the activities on offer. Our young people made us very proud and those working at the YMCA commented on what an impressive group they were. Thank you to ALL who took part and especially to the adult volunteers who gave up their weekend. The residential was part of our preparation for the Rome Pilgrimage in June. Please pray that this goes ahead

GIFT 4 begins tonight 6.45pm to 8.45pm in the Parish hall.

ADULT volunteers please come for 5.30pm.

If you have not been involved in GIFT up to now it is never too late to join in the fun. We offer an interesting and varied programme of activities. For more information please do get in touch on Mary Carson 07718263019.

Thank you once again for your support and for your generous donations to our collection and bun sale!

CONFIRMATION and FIRST PENANCE

CONFIRMATION will take place on **Thursday 12th March at 4 pm** in the St Brigid's Church
(Please Note: there will be no evening mass this day)

FIRST PENANCE will take place on **Sunday 22nd March at 4 pm** in the St Brigid's Church

Please pray for all our Parish Children making their Confirmation and First Penance this month

THE PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SHORT BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Short Book Club will be discussing **Cry, The Beloved Country** by **Alan Paton**. The meeting will be after morning Mass as usual in **St Bride's Hall** on **Wednesday 18 March**. So - blow off your St Patrick's Day cobwebs and join us for the craic. All welcome - you don't have to have read the book. We will be seeking suggestions shortly for the next 3 months' reading.

Our Parish Community Association has a range of activities to offer. Please see our Spring Program of Events at the back of the Church or on our Parish Website

www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org – Parish Groups

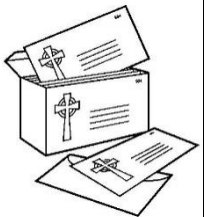
ST BRIGID'S DAY CROSSES

A total of **£1140.00** has been raised from the St Brigid's Day Crosses for the **Third World Group**. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2020-2021

The offertory envelopes are now prepared for distribution. If you are a new resident in St Brigid's, or have not been receiving a box and wish to, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Please note: if you have moved address within the last year please make sure you have advised the office to update your details even if you are not receiving offertory envelopes. Thank you.



Thank you to our volunteers who have prepared the boxes of Offertory Envelopes and to those who have agreed to assist in delivering the boxes to parishioners. Those delivering boxes may collect these from the Parish Office **from Monday, 9th March, between 9 am and 1 pm.**