



# Celebrating the Liturgy

## Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm

### **Sunday**

9 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

### **Weekday Masses**

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am; Sat: 12 noon

### **Evening Masses**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7 pm

## **Saturday Confessions**

12.30 pm – 1 pm

5.30 pm – 5.55 pm

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday 7.30 pm until 8 pm

Friday 10 am until 12 noon

## **Marriages**

6 months' notice required.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

**Parish Baptisms held 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Notices can be emailed [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org) or by phone 02890 5665409

## ACCORD

**ACCORD provides a counselling service for any couples who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges in their relationship.**

The Belfast Centre is situated in Twin Spires Centre, Northumberland Street, Belfast. Tel No-02890339944. [Email-belfast@accordni.com](mailto:Email-belfast@accordni.com)

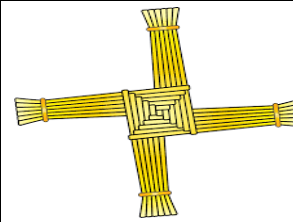


## LIVING YOUTH Summer Pilgrimage 2020 – Youth Festival at Medjugorje

The LIVING YOUTH Summer Pilgrimage 2020 will be to Medjugorje. We will join more than 50,000 other young people from around the world to celebrate our Catholic Faith.

**Pilgrimage Dates: 29<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020, for those aged 17 – 25 Cost £799 (plenty of opportunities for fundraising).**

For an Application Form and more information go to [www.livingyouthni.org](http://www.livingyouthni.org) or contact us on 02890 232 432 or [info@livingyouthni.org](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org).



# *Saint Brigid's Parish*

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

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**Parish Website:** [www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org](http://www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org)

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9th February 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 1

**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 58:7-10  
*Then will your light shine like the dawn.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 111:4-9

*R/. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.*

**Second Reading:** Letter from St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 2:1-5  
*During my Stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 5:13-16  
*You are the light of the world.*

**Please pray for** Margaret Brennan and Eamon Cleary recently deceased, Marie Nicholas whose month mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Brian Mullaly, Bridget Heagney, Mary Heagney, Fr Hugh Crossin, Canon Patrick McAlister, Kathleen Delaney, Fred Delaney, Betty McCourt, Denisa Lieghio, Barry Copeland, Alex McGregor, William Ramsey, Michael Black, William McBurney, Dolores Boylan, Fiona O'Hare, Kevin Ballentine, Gerard Kiely, Kathleen Boyle, Frances Byrnes

**May they rest in peace**

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 2nd February 2020: **£4961.50**

Monthly Collection 2nd February 2020: **£3401.90**

*Thank you for your continued support*

## ST BRIGID'S PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### *Special Conversation Corner*

In 2019 four of our parishioners travelled to Cambodia with the Khmer Sight Foundation to perform cataract surgery. Two of whom Olivia Earley and Delia Skan are also members of our parish Third World Group. They will be giving a presentation to us of the work that they carried out there on **Wednesday 12th February in the Parish Centre after 9.30 Mass.**

Please join us and show your support.

### SHORT BOOK CLUB

The Club will meet as usual on the third Wednesday of the month after morning Mass - on **19 February** - and we shall be reading - **The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter** by **Carson McCullers**.

Please come along and contribute to the discussions. Having read the book is optional.

Next month's book will be **Cry, the Beloved Country** by **Alan Paton**.

### RESTORATION MINISTRIES' LENTEN REFLECTION DAY

**Date:** Saturday 29 February 2020

**Time:** 2 – 5 pm

**Venue:** St Brigid's Parish Hall, Derryvolgie Ave.

**Theme:** 'A Dangerous Memory'

*All are welcome!*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy classes taking place on **Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd February**, due to the school mid-term break.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Brigid's Conference extends sincere thanks to all in the Parish who contributed so generously to this year's Christmas Collection and Toy Appeal. **The total amount collected in the 3 weeks from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 was £42,184.45, of this £1,500 came from Christmas Cards and £30,225 is eligible for Gift Aid.**

Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help 63 families, including 180 children. We also provided 35 food hampers, warm clothing, help with buying extra food and fuel. All of this was greatly received.

We also extend our thanks to the **Parish GIFT Group** who provided warm items of clothing and **St Brigid's GAA** who through their "spinathon" raised £1000, along with shoe boxes filled with essential items for the homeless.

The people **YOU** help are in genuine need and many of them have asked us to convey our thanks to you. All of them greatly appreciate the help given to them by our volunteers who visit them.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, please contact George McGrath on 02890 668884.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all.

## EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (11 February 2020)

Jesus' words, "*Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest*" (Mt 11:28)

Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realize that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person.

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labour and are burdened", and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me". In him, you will find strength to face all the worries and questions that assail you during this "dark night" of body and soul. Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through his passion, death and resurrection he frees us from the grip of evil.

### DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

**7 nights (7th to 14th July): £725**

**5 Nights (8th to 13th July): £650**

**5 nights (8th to 13th July) for pilgrims needing care: £550 – staying in the Accueil Notre-Dame.** Application forms available from the Parish Office or contact Lourdes

Pilgrimage Office: 028 90770162 or e-mail [lourdes@downanconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downanconnor.org)

### **YOUTH TEAM 5th to 14th July £590**

Closing date for Youth Applications is Friday 13th March

This year Youth Team application forms will **only** be available to download from the Diocesan Website – [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes)

*All fares are priced per person sharing, inclusive of return flights from Belfast, transfers, full-board accommodation, insurance and courier services.*

### Third World Group Quiz - Thank you!!

Many thanks to all who attended the quiz for their generous donations, and to all who provided ballot and auction prizes, made sandwiches and helped on the night. The Quiz was very enjoyable and successful, raising £4,600 for our projects in the developing world.