



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Third Sunday of Easter
1st May 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 5:27-32.40-41
We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2.4-6.11-13
R/. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 5:11-14
The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 21:1-19
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, he did the same with the fish.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Moya Limoni recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Shaughnessy, Tom Crossin, May Creen, Maureen McKiernan, Madeleine Lombard, Alex Mitchell, Lena Jackson, Stephen O'Neill, Elizabeth Fullalove, Minnie and Tom Ivory

May they rest in peace

Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

Weekday Mass

Monday: 7:00 pm
Tuesday: 9.30 am
Wednesday: 9.30 am
Thursday: 9.30 am
Friday: 7:00 pm
Saturday: 12 noon



Confession

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Friday: 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Saturday: 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &
5.30 pm – 6:00 pm

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month
Please contact the Parish Office

Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 24th April: £4251.87

Thank you for your continued support

Episcopal Conference: Ukraine Appeal

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th May** after morning Mass in **St. Bride's Parish Centre**.

All are welcome to come along and join.

Short Book Club

Our next face to face meeting will take place after morning Mass (approx. 10:10 am) on **Wednesday 18 May** in **St Bride's Hall** - lower level meeting room. Coffee/Tea will be served.

We will be discussing **The Last Resort** by local author **Jan Carson**. All are welcome - especially new members. To be added to the circulation for future meetings - just email mmmikemoran@aol.com.

MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD

A pastoral reflection by the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland on the forthcoming NI Assembly Election.

Politics, lived with integrity, and in a true spirit of service to the common good, is a noble vocation. The freedom to vote is a hard won and precious freedom. For Christians it is also part of our call to shape society in accordance with God's plan for human dignity, freedom and happiness.

Make your voices heard.

In this short statement, we offer some reflections on the importance of voting in the forthcoming Assembly election in Northern Ireland. We encourage all citizens to make their voices heard. We do so, not as politicians or political commentators, but as pastors, inspired and motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and guided by the principles of Catholic Social teaching, which have the well-being and dignity of every person at their core.

The responsibility of politics is to develop laws and policies that serve, protect and promote human dignity and the common good, in the particular circumstances of the society in which we live. We do not seek to endorse any political party or candidate. The hard work of weighing up who to vote for lies with each individual before God and in the privacy and primacy of their own conscience. We urge people to come out and vote, even though some are expressing a lack of confidence in the ability of politics to deliver meaningful change. [Read the full Statement HERE on our parish Website.](#)

G.I.F.T. – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 3 is starting on Sunday 8th May and will run from 6.30pm – 8.00pm each Sunday for the 4 weeks.

The theme of the GIFT 3 Programme is:

“Being a good friend!”

If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch through the Parish Office or our GIFT Coordinators. Consent forms are available from the Parish Office or can be download from the Parish website and must be signed by parent/guardian. stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/GIFT

EVERYONE is welcome as we try to walk in faith with our young people, building connection, community and a sense of belonging to our Parish. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch to find out more through the Parish Office.



GIFT Leaders

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group has **started back and will take place each Thursday from 10.00am until 11.30am in St Brides Parish Hall**. *We look forward to welcoming you all back and also welcoming new faces to the group.*

Cemetery Sunday 2022

After two years of the blessing of the graves by Bishop Treanor alone, we are delighted to welcome families back to pray for their loved ones who lie at rest in the Belfast cemeteries.

Milltown Cemetery - Sunday 8th May at 3.00pm

City Cemetery - Sunday 15th May at 3.00pm

Hannahstown Cemetery - Sunday 29th May at 3.00pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022

Full board in hotel: 5 nights (13-18 July) from £685. For further information contact the Pilgrimage Office:

Phone: (028) 9077 0162 **Email:** lourdes@downandconnor.org

or **Visit:** downandconnor.org/Lourdes

