



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
1st September 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the book of Deuteronomy Deut 4: 1-2.6-8
Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5
R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St James Jm 1:17-18.21-22.27
You must do what the word tells you.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23
You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Sam Ballentine and Eddie O'Reilly recently deceased, Paul King, Silvia Vieira de Souza, and Eli Vieira de Souza whose months mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Laura Heaney, Richard Dean, Peter King, Terry and Clare McGuinness, Peter McGloin, Paul McRandal, Fergus Gilligan, James Millar, Edward Devlin, Tess and John J Conlon

May they rest in peace

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 at 1.30pm
Please contact the Parish Office to book
(One month's notice required)

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

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

Weekly Collection 25th August: £4914.63



Thank you for your continued support



Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. *Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)*

Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

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

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday mass times will return to normal **from Monday 2nd September.**

Mass on **Monday and Friday** will return to the evening time of **7pm.**

Confessions and Adoration will return to normal times from 2nd Sept also.

Food Bank Collection

Nonperishable food items can be donated after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND (31st August/1st September 2024).** The food weighed in at 181.55 kgs for August collection.

Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis.

Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed:** *Tinned fish; Tinned vegetables; Tinned meat; Instant potato; Pasta sauce; Porridge oats; Pulses; Rice; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey; Biscuits; Detergent.*



St Brigid's One World Group

www.stbrigids3wg.com

The Parish One World Group Annual Collection will be held at Masses **next weekend, 7th and 8th September.**

Please help us to help those suffering from extreme poverty in developing countries.

If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid your donation so we can claim a further 25% of the amount from HMRC.

Gift Aid envelopes are being distributed this weekend and are available at the back of the Church.

Confirmation Classes 2025

Limited spaces still available for children, in the parish not attending St Bride's P.S, to make Confirmation in 2025. To register your child please contact the Ashleigh Group for a registration form at ashleighconfirmation2425@gmail.com



Ashleigh Confirmation Classes will commence on Tuesday 10th September 2024 from 5.45pm – 6.45pm in St Brides Parish Hall. Any questions or queries please email ashleighconfirmation2425@gmail.com

Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th September after morning Mass** in **St. Bride's Parish Centre.** *All are welcome to come along and join.*



St Brigid's – Season of Creation



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October). Join us ...

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration inviting us to respond together to the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' - as identified by Pope Francis in his encyclical letter Laudato Si' (2015) and more recently in Laudato Deum (2023). As we journey through the Season of Creation from 1 September through to the feast-day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, let us each take action to care for our planet, our common home. The theme for this season is 'to hope and act with creation' and the symbol is The first fruits of hope, inspired by Romans 8:19 - 25

Join with us in St Brigid's

- commit to implementing one of our 'Eco Tips' over the 4 weeks;
- attend our inaugural annual talk on the theme of faith and environment - exploring together how faith can impel us to act for the good of our planet and it's peoples. Hold the date - **Friday 4 October, St Brigid's Parish Hall at 7.30pm** (speaker Rev. Dr. Allen Sleith, Minister of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Stewardship of Creation Agent for the Presbyterian Church & Presbyterian Representative on Eco-Congregation Ireland). The Season of Creation invites us to reach out to other ecumenical leaders and in communities to discern how to listen and respond to the cry of Creation, together.
- join the discussion around 'Faiths Together for Climate, Justice and Peace' on **Saturday 21 September, Agápē centre, Lisburn Road at 10.00am** (speakers Martin Palmer, theologian, writer and broadcaster; Raja Harun, retired scientist; Louise Taylor, activist; and Xavier de Bénazé SJ who manages an eco-centre in Lyons, France). For more information visit : info@jointhedotstogether.org

Together – we can make change happen.

St Brigid's – Season of Creation

Eco – Tips

Each of us could reduce our carbon emissions.
Here are some ideas:

- 1 Cycle, walk, use public transport or car-share instead of driving
- 2 Turn off lights when leaving a room/install energy saving light
- 3 Wash laundry at 30 degrees celsius when possible/dry washing outside
- 4 Use reusable water bottles to reduce single use plastic



Gardening Club

“Green Fingers Wanted!

The Parish Community Association (PCA) is keen to start a gardening club. Do you have a passion for gardening? Are you interested in helping to establish this new club? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Paul at pgshevlin@gmail.com or Anne Marie at am.duffy@icloud.com.”



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2024
The first fruits of hope
New creation

FAITHS TOGETHER FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE & PEACE

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
Corrymeela Conference,
"Peace, Justice and Care for the Earth"

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
"Our Voices count", Youth and Politician Forum
"Land and Lough" Forum with the Ulster Farmers' Union

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
"Faiths Together for Climate Justice and Peace" Conference
Cultural evening, "A Celebration of Difference"

Contact: info@jointhetodtogether.org
www.jointhetodtogether.org

Safeguarding Training Dates (October & November)

The following training sessions taking place in the coming months. If you wish to book anyone onto these sessions, you can do so via the relevant links below;

Child Level 1 Sessions (For volunteers working with children in parish groups)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER – Child Level 1 Virtual Evening Session – 15th October 2024](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER – Child Level 1 Virtual Evening Session – 5th November 2024](#)

Child Level 2 Refresher Sessions (For those already completed Level 2 previously)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER- Child Level 2 Virtual Refresher Session – 16th October 2024](#)

Level 2 – Adult Safeguarding

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER – 23rd & 24th October 2024 \(Virtual 2 evenings\)](#)

*This training is for clergy and volunteers who have regular and or direct contact with adults - **coordinating/organising** adult activities (e.g. SPRED Leaders, Luncheon Club Leaders, visitation team Leader, Leaders of Eucharistic Ministers)*

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.