

# Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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**First Reading:** Reading from book of Job Job 7:1-4.6-7

*Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 146:1-6

*R/. Praise the Lord who breaks the broken-hearted.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians 1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23

*I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Paul Tanney, Brigid Kells and Joseph Murphy recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ray Coppard, John and Elizabeth McDermott, Brigid Dolan, William and Annie Dolan, Fiona O'Hare, William Creen, Sean Gribben, Frank Higgins, Peter Lyons, Bessie Keating, Paul McFadden, Teresa Shevlin, Gerry Davey, Liam Cleary, Fr William Skehan, Brian Shevlin, Dolores Boylan, Archie McFerran

*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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm

Please contact the Parish Office to book

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> January: £7640.75**



*Thank you for your continued support*

### Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

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



### 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](#)

## Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **3rd /4th February 2024**. The food weighed in at 326.5 kgs for December collection.

Thank you for supporting South Belfast foodbank throughout 2023. Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis. South Belfast foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

**List of items currently most needed:** *Tinned tomatoes; Instant potato; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Jam; Coffee; Tea; Rice; Long life fruit juice; UHT milk; Cooking Sauces; Biscuits; Household cleaning items.*

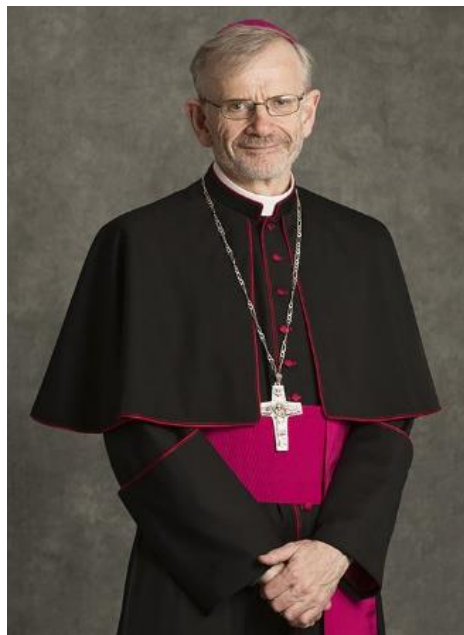
## Pope Francis appoints new Bishop of Down and Connor

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Bishop Alan McGuckian, Bishop of Raphoe, as Bishop of Down and Connor.

Bishop Alan is no stranger to Down and Connor, a native son of the Diocese, he was a member of the Belfast Jesuit community for many years and undertook a number of ministries, most significantly Director of Living Church. I am delighted, on behalf of the clergy, religious and people of the Diocese, to welcome him home.

Arrangements for Bishop Alan's taking up his appointment will be announced in due course. I ask God to bless him and the Diocese as he prepares to take up this ministry in the weeks ahead and ask you to keep him in your prayers.

***Bishop Donal McKeown***



## Safeguarding in St Brigid's Parish

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** has been designated as '**Safeguarding Sunday**'. This is an opportunity for all the parishes to come together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of parish volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, we will renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of sexual abuse as well as children, young people, and adults in our parishes.

Contact telephone numbers if you have a concern, suspicion, or allegation of abuse of Children or Adults at Risk of Abuse are:

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** 028 9050 7000 Out of Hours: 028 9504 999, **PSNI:** 101

**The Public Protection Team, Child Protection; and The Diocesan Safeguarding Office** 028 9049 2783 or 028 9049 2798 Out of Hours 07713 642 855

*The Parish Safeguarding Committee members are Fr O'Donnell (Parish Priest) Kevin Delaney (Chair), Pauline Forker (Secretary), Michael Gallagher, Áine McKeating, Angela McNickle, Mary Murphy, Geraldine O'Hare.* The PSC may be contacted through the Parish Office 02890 665409. Parish Safeguarding information is available on our website at [stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/parish-info/safeguarding](http://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/parish-info/safeguarding)

## Foster Care

The Bishop asks for your assistance in supporting HSC NI Foster Care and to encourage any of you who have some space and time in your life to come forward and consider fostering. **The Foster team will be available to speak to after mass in St Brigid's this weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February.**

Across Northern Ireland, there are children and young people who need a loving home and a stable environment in which they can develop and thrive. There are many struggles and challenges within families which lead to children and young people requiring foster care but you can help.

To find out how you could give a child a brighter future call HSC NI Foster Care on **0800 0720 137** or visit [adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

## Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** after morning Mass in **St. Bride's Parish Centre**. *All are welcome to come along and join.*



### St Brigid's One World Group

Thanks to all who attended the **QUIZ** last week and to those who donated some very generous raffle prizes. The event was a great success and raised an amazing **£3,688** for our projects in the developing world.

The **next meeting** of the Group will be on Monday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall (room beside the kitchen). All are welcome - just come along. For information phone Kevin on 07525634440.

The **next QUIZ** will be on Friday 18th October.



### **Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023**

St Brigids conference would like to sincerely thank all parishioners who so generously contributed to our annual appeal at Christmas.

The total amount donated was **£44,928**, of which £28,083 was eligible for gift aid. **£1700** was collected by way of **Christmas cards**.

Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help in excess of **192** families including **426** children. We provided heating oil, gas and electric top-ups to many homes as well as food and warm clothing.

We extend a special thank you to Ms Cathy Hunter (Principal of St Brides PS) and to all the teachers, pupils and parents for their wonderful generosity along with the children and volunteers of GIFT and the ladies of St Brigid's GAC, who supported us so kindly at Christmas time.

To all of you, on behalf of the entire conference and our clients THANK YOU. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for you and your families.

Anyone facing hardship or financial difficulty please call the SVP helpline on 02890351561. All referrals are dealt with in total confidence.

*Best wishes  
St Brigids SVP Conference*



### Lenten Day of Reflection

**Topic:** The Mystery of Faith

**Facilitator:** Rev Ruth Patterson

**Date:** Saturday 17th February 2024

**Time:** 2.00 – 4.30pm

**Venue:** St Bride's Parish Hall

All welcome.

### **Women of St Brigids Walking Together**

*Lenten Programme: The Way of Love*

During Lent our women's prayer group will meet EVERY Wednesday in no 40 at 7.30pm for one hour, **beginning on Wednesday 14th February and then on the 21st, 28th Feb and 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March.**

Last year we had a very fruitful journey taking a fresh look at the Beatitudes and applying them to our daily lives. This year we will be focusing on the first two Commandments ; Looking at how they guide us into " The Way of Love " so that we can really live out the Gospel in our daily lives.

Please do join us in this adventure in faith and trust. Come and see how these two commandments can give a rhythm and shape to our lives. Everyone is most welcome.

This group is for every woman in our Parish, young and old. Come and see and join are ever growing fellowship of wonderful and supportive women.

Further info from Mary Carson 07718263019

### **Accord (NI) - Let us help you support your Marriage & Relationship**

If you feel your marriage or relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you both could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships.

Call us on 02890 233002 for all Northern Ireland Centres.

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