

# Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 3

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**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Wisdom Ws 9:13-18

*Who can divine the will of the Lord?*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 89: 3-6.12-14.17

*R/. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon Phm 9:10.12-17

*Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Luke Lk 14:25-33

*None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.*

## Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Laura Nicholas and Anne Stewart recently deceased, Claire Kelly and Eric Hopkirk whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Siobhan McLoughlin, John Cushinan, Richard Dean, Michael Connolly, Malachy Owens, Patrick Curran, Mary Elinore Waters, Patrick McAnulty, James Millar, Nicholas Skehan, Maurice Brown, Mollie Lavery, Teresa Conlon, Ted Hickey

*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

**Weekly Collection 28<sup>th</sup> August: £3317.67**



*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 to the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)*

## ST BRIGID'S THIRD WORLD GROUP

### ANNUAL COLLECTION

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Website: [www.stbrigids3wg.com](http://www.stbrigids3wg.com) Email: [stbrigids3wg@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigids3wg@gmail.com)

The Parish Third World Group will take up its Annual Collection at Masses on 10 / 11 September.

Gift Aid envelopes will be distributed at Masses **this weekend (3 and 4 September)**.

If you prefer, you can make a donation by electronic transfer to our Bank of Ireland account Number 68825172, Sort Code 90-22-07. (If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your donation, please insert your name, house number and post code in the Reference Box when making the payment.)

If you will not be at the Church but wish to donate by cheque or cash, please phone/text Kevin on 07525634440 to arrange.

If you would like to set up a new Standing Order or amend the amount of an existing one, you can do it directly online with your bank using our account details above or phone or text Kevin on 07525634440 to arrange this.

**All of the money we receive goes directly to the beneficiaries we support.  
None of it is used for administrative expenses.**

Last year, through the generosity of our donors, we distributed £145,394



- to provide **food**
- to help young people access **education and training** opportunities
- to provide **healthcare, clean water and other assistance**
- to counter and help the victims of **human trafficking**



to people in Ethiopia, Myanmar, Kenya, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Nigeria, Cambodia, Malawi, Swaziland, Zambia, Ghana, Brazil and Syria.

We also facilitated the collection of **£33,605** for the Irish Bishops **Ukraine** appeal.

**THE FUTURE WILL BE EXTREMELY DIRE  
FOR THE POOR IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

**PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM  
THROUGH A DONATION TO THE ANNUAL COLLECTION  
OR A STANDING ORDER**

## A Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

The European Conference of Catholic Bishops propose that, **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, be a day of prayer throughout Europe for peace in Ukraine.

The prayer will take the form of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. **In St Brigid's Adoration will begin after the 9.30 am Mass, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, and continue until 4.00pm.**

### Pre-application Community Consultation



#### Modernising St Brides Primary School

The proposals would see the existing school on Derryvolgie Avenue being partly demolished. Two classrooms would be refurbished and the school building would be extended. In addition, a new, single-story building would be constructed on Windsor Avenue, to provide a modern eight classroom block with ancillary support accommodation. The proposed new buildings have been designed to respect the architectural style of the existing school and the wider character within Malone Conservation Area.

We are currently undertaking pre-application community consultation to hear your views on the proposals, prior to submitting a planning application to Belfast City Council. During this period, we will be running a range of in-person, digital and remote consultation mechanisms, to ensure we accurately capture the views of those with an interest in the proposed development.

#### Join our public information event

We will be hosting a public information event at St Brigid's Primary School (Derryvolgie Assembly Hall) from **3-7pm on Wednesday 7 September 2022**. Representatives from the school, Department of Education and Design Team will be on hand to listen to your comments and answer your questions.

**Or Visit our Website for more information:** [www.stbridesconsultation.co.uk](http://www.stbridesconsultation.co.uk)  
Leaflets will be available in the porch of the St Brigid's Church also.

**JOB VACANCY: SACRISTAN**  
**ST BRIGID'S PARISH**

**Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 8th September 2022**

A vacancy has arisen for a Sacristan within St Brigid's Parish, where the responsibilities in the role will include:

✠ The maintenance of the sacristy where the church's liturgical items are kept including vestments, sacred vessels, and books etc.

✠ Ensuring that the sanctuary is set up for mass, other services, baptisms, and funerals, ensuring all the requisite books and sacramental vessels etc. are in place, and that afterwards the sanctuary is cleared, and the church is left secure and tidy.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 16 hours attendance each week, work pattern to be agreed. Ability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time.

Rate of Pay - £9.50 gross per hour.

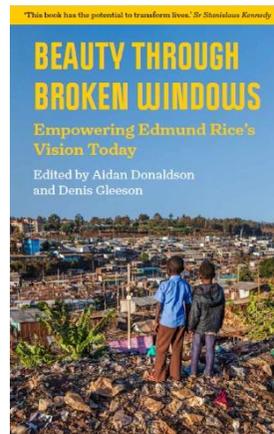
Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **JOB VACANCIES**. Application packs can also be obtained from the Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

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***BEAUTY THROUGH BROKEN WINDOWS:  
EMPOWERING EDMUND RICE VISION***

Veritas Publications invites you to the launch of "*Beauty through broken windows: Empowering Edmund Rice Vision*" on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in Holy Family Parish, Belfast**. The book which was edited by Aidan Donaldson and Denis Gleeson and explores how the charisma of Edmund Rice could be lived in the world today. The book will be by Dr Eamon Phoenix, head of Lifelong Learning at Stranmillis University College.



**Safeguarding Training Sept to Dec 2022**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has released new training dates for safeguarding training on their website for:

- Child Safeguarding Level 1
- Child Safeguarding Level 2
- Refresher Safeguarding Training

These courses are suited for any volunteers working in our groups involving children and young people in our parish. (i.e. GIFT, Youth Faith, Ashleigh Group etc)

[downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training](http://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training)

Booking forms for each of the courses can be downloaded at

[downandconnorsafeguarding.com/booking-forms/](http://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/booking-forms/)

If booking onto a course, please download, and complete the relevant booking form and return it to Diocesan Safeguarding Office [office@soddc.org](mailto:office@soddc.org)

**Beginning Experience**

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in **St Bride's Hall**, on three Saturdays (**September 24, October 29 and November 26.**)

Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**The Good Shepherd Prayer Group**

The Good Shepherd Prayer Group welcomes new members to join our prayer which meets every Monday between 7.15 - 8.45pm. We meet at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 503 Ormeau Road, and extend a warm welcome to all those who would like to join us. Our prayer group will be meeting on Monday 5th September and every Monday following.

**Concert of Hope**

***In Aid of Suicide Awareness and Support***

**St John's Church, Falls Road, will host a 'Concert of Hope' on Friday 9th September at 7pm**, the eve of World Suicide Prevention Day. Music will be provided by Celtic Psalms. Kiran Young Wimberly is a Presbyterian minister and spiritual director based in N. Ireland. The McGraths - Declan, Kelly, Ellen and Chloe - are a talented musical family from Co. Tyrone.

*All proceeds in aid of Suicide Awareness and Support Group.  
Tickets at the door on the night. Suggested ticket donation £10.*