



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th February 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 2

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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: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1Cor 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.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Stephen Wilson and Elizabeth McFadden whose months mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fiona O'Hare, Ray Coppard, William Creen, Sean Gribben, Paula Haughey, Teresa Devlin, Cornelius Kennedy, Elizabeth McGuigan, Paul McFadden, Elizabeth Keating, Teresa Shevlin, Barry Copeland, Thomas O'Rourke, Brian Shevlin, Kris Toner

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

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 29th January: £3332.64



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](#)*



Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2022

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 **£43,220**, of which £24,960 was eligible for gift aid. **£1440** was collected by way of **Christmas cards**.

Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help in excess of **160** families including **350** 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, who support 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 will be offered for you and your families.

Anyone facing hardship or financial difficulty please call the SVP helpline on 02890 351561.

All referrals are dealt with in total confidence.

*Best wishes
St Brigids SVP Conference*



Parking

School “Drop off” and “Pick up”

Please show consideration for our neighbours by not parking across the entrance or in private driveways. Yellow cones indicate “No Parking”, in a particular area – it is not smart to park between the cones!!

Courtesy and thoughtfulness are practical ways of living out our Christian Faith – *love others as you love yourself*.

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on **4th/5th February 2023**.

Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Pulses; Long life juice; Instant potato; Jam; Coffee; Long life milk; Toiletries.

Short Book Club

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 15 February** at **10:10 am** in **St Bride's Hall**. We will be discussing **The Story of Lucy Gault** by **William Trevor** this time. Do come along and join the conversation and meet old friends and new - not compulsory to have read the book. New members always welcome. Tea and coffee served. To join our circulation email - mmmikemoran@aol.com

Restoration Ministries Lenten Reflection Day

Title: Embracing Mystery (Ephesians 3:14-20)

More than any other season of the year Lent challenges us, invites us to dare to pause and to reflect on that Infinite Love which can never be fully understood with our minds.

To explore this further, we invite you to join with us on our Lenten Reflection Day on **Saturday February 18th 2023 from 2.00pm-4.30pm** in **St Bride's Hall**.

Slow Down for Lent

Saturday 25 February from 11am – 3pm in Holy Rosary Parish Hall (Ormeau Road). Light-hearted. Plain English. No discussions - just God & you. Tea/coffee provided but please bring your own lunch. Donation £5. To book in or for more info contact Breige O'Hare: breigeohare@firststepwell.com or ring 07565502662.

Embrace: Report Launch 2023

At this event, we will be launching our new Report '*Embracing the Stranger' Challenges and Opportunities for NI Churches*' researched by Emma Soye on **Thursday 23rd February, 12pm – 1.30pm** in **St Brides Parish Hall**. Light lunch included.