

Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th September 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 35:4-7

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

R/. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St James Jm 2:1-5

God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Sheila Kenny and Bernard Downey recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Connolly, John Cushinan, Christopher Cushinan, Charles and Elizabeth Sheil, Eva Kennedy, Sally Giles, Siobhan McLoughlin, Mary Eleanor Waters, Mollie Lavery, Malachy Owens, Geraldine Donnelly, Patrick McAnulty, Patrick Curran, Eileen Slattery, Charlie Farrell, Molly O'Hare, Maurice Brown, Ted Hickey, Michael McKeever

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 1st September: £3936.91

Monthly Priests Welfare Collection: £4366.10



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.



St Brigid's One World Group

www.stbrigids3wg.com

The Parish One World Group Annual Collection will be held at Masses **this weekend**. 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 available at the back of the Church.

If you are unable to contribute today you can bring an envelope home and place it in the Church collection basket at any Mass over the next few weeks.

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

First Penance and First Holy Communion Classes 2025

Ashleigh Group sacramental preparation classes for Primary 4 children will commence in October. These classes are for children who live in the parish, but do not attend St Bride's PS. *Please contact kathrynmorrissey1@gmail.com by September 20th to register your interest.*



Classes will take place on a Tuesday evening.

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group will start back on **Thursday 26th September from 10.00am until 11.45am in St Brides Parish Hall.**

We look forward to welcoming you all back and also welcoming new faces to the group.



GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

A BIG thank you to everyone who took part in the GIFT programmes in 2023/24. It could not have happened without the goodwill of all the volunteers or indeed the young people who took part so enthusiastically.

The Dates for GIFT 2024/2025 are:

GIFT 5 (Year 12): 29 September, 6, 13 and 20 October

GIFT 2 (Year 9): 17 and 24 November, 1 and 8 December

GIFT 4 (Year 11): 12, 19, 26 January, and 2 February

GIFT 3 (Year 10): 23 and 30 March, 6 and 13 April

GIFT 1 (Year 8): 4 May, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May

The programme runs on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.



If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch through the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members soon.

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer will resume each Monday morning from **Monday 16th September in the Side Chapel at 7.30am.** We say the Morning Office and reflect on the gospel for the Sunday following. This has been for many an excellent opportunity to begin the day in prayer. You would be most welcome to come along even if you can only be there occasionally.

MEN'S PRAYER

Men's Morning prayer will resume on **Friday 20th September in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue at 7.30am.** We reflect together on the Gospel and recite the Psalms and this has proved to be a great way to develop our faith and get to know other men in the Parish. Why not come along and give it a try?

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 (Groups working in direct contact with adults ie SPRED)

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

ADULT IRISH DANCE CLASS (CEILI & SOLO) FOR FUN, FITNESS AND FRIENDSHIP,
IN ST. BRIDES SPORTS HALL DERRYVOLGIE AVE, 8.00-9.15pm EVERY TUESDAY
FROM 3rd SEPTEMBER. Contact: Anne Reid ADCRG.BG. 07714233298

St Brigid's – Season of Creation



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@jointthedotstogether.org

Together – we can make change happen.

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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."

Join Us for Set Dancing at St Brigid's! Get Fit, Have Fun, and Enjoy Great Craic!

The Parish Community Association, in collaboration with Naomh Bríd CLG, is pleased to bring you **Set Dancing classes!**

 **Starting Date:** Wednesday, 18th September

 **Time:** 11:15 AM

 **Venue:** St Brigid's Parish Centre

 **Open to All Ages** – No partner needed!

Why You'll Love It:

- **Expert Instruction:** Learn all the steps and moves with ease.
- **Affordable Fun:** Just £5 per person for a 90-minute session.
- **Perfect for Beginners:** No experience required!
- **Bring Flat-Soled Shoes:** Comfortable dancing guaranteed.

Warning: Once you start, you won't want to stop!

Come alone or bring friends, and get ready to enjoy the best exercise, the best company, and the best craic in town!