



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10th March 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 4

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First Reading: Reading from the second book of Chronicles 2 Ch 36:14-16.19-23
The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136:1-6

R/. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading: Reading from first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 2:4-10
You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Christina Grist recently deceased, Joseph Greyston whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Pat Magee, Sheila Waters, Sr Frances McGauran, Mary Flanagan, Philomena McCullough, John Walsh, Francis McMullan, Patrick and Anna Breslin, Frederick C McBride, Anna McMurray, Alice Kinder, May Caher, Breige Wilson, John Mageean, Felix O'Kane, Noreen and Brian Graham, Janette Lagan, Elizabeth Jamison, Michael and Patsy Ranaghan

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

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

Weekly Collection 3rd March: £7185.86

Monthly Collection 3rd March: £3879.10



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](#)

[Lay Dominican Meeting](#)

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 11th March at 7.35pm in Parish Centre**. All newcomers welcome without any commitment!

FIRST PENANCE

Congratulations to our P3 children in St Brides PS who made their First Confession this week. Children in our Ashleigh Group Sacramental Programme will make their First Penance later this month.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

An information evening will be held in **St Brides Parish Hall (38 Derryvolgie Ave) on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm** for those wishing to explore the Permanent Diaconate or to hear more about the work of permanent deacons.



Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website: <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>

It is hoped a propaedeutic year of discernment will commence in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

Prayer on Mother's Day

Sunday 10th March

Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.

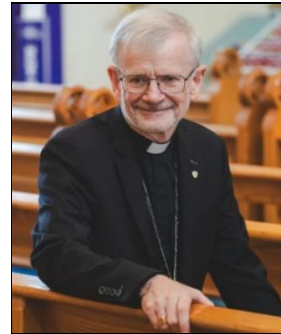
We thank you for the qualities of our mums –their patience, their kindness, concern, unconditional love and understanding.

We thank you for the part they play(ed) in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you' this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you this day our grateful praise.

Mary our Mother of Perpetual Help

Pray for all our Mothers & Grandmothers.



Bishop Alan will take up his ministry and mission as Bishop of Down and Connor on Tuesday 19th March.

*O God, Bless your servant Alan whom you have chosen as shepherd of the Church of Down and Connor.
St Malachy pray for him, St MacNissi pray for him*

ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME



Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church.

Women walking together through Lent: Each Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Dates: 13th March in the Parish Hall. 20th & 27th March in 40 Derryvolgie Ave

Divine Mercy: Join us in St Brigid's Church **each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm** as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Parish Penitential Service: Palm Sunday, 24th March, from 4 – 5pm

Chrism Mass: Bishop McGuckian will celebrate the Chrism mass on **Wednesday 27th March at 12 noon in St Peter's Cathedral**. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Inter Church Lenten Series: 'Caring for our Common Home'

The final two meetings are on 12th March and 19th March at 7.30pm in The Conference Centre, 18b Newforge Lane.

The Presentation slides from the first 2 evenings are available on the parish website under [NEWS](#)

Caring for Our Common Home – An Inter-Church Initiative



Join us through Lent to explore what is happening in our world, to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, and to explore our local response.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024-2025

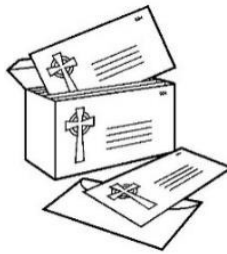
The **Parish Offertory Envelopes** for 2024/25 will be distributed in the coming weeks for the new year.

If you would like to avail of our **Standing Order option**, our standing order form can be download from our parish website under Parish Finance or email the parish office.

For new residents in St Brigid's, or those who have not been receiving a box and wish to, please email the Parish Office as soon as possible: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Please note: if you have moved address within the last year please make sure you have advised the office to update your details even if you are not receiving offertory envelopes. Thank you.

We have been in touch with our volunteers who assisted last year with distribution of envelopes but if any new helpers are able to assist in their areas please get in touch with Lisa in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.



Women of St Brigid's Walking Together

A walk through lent with Jesus and the women of the Gospel.

During Lent our women's prayer group have been meeting **EVERY Wednesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. We continue this Wednesday in the Parish Hall (13th March)**, in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue for our final 2 meetings on 20th and 27th March.

Please don't worry if you can't make all of the weeks as each session will be stand alone. It is a gentle hour of prayer and discussion in preparation for Easter; a quiet space away from the noise of daily life to really connect with God.

This group is open to women of all ages in the Parish and if you haven't been before why not come and see what we are about; why not join our community of affirming and supportive women.



Divine Mercy

You are warmly invited to join us in St. Brigid's every Friday at 3.00pm as we pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

"YOU WILL PREPARE THE WORLD FOR MY FINAL COMING"

Saint Faustina records in her Diary the words **Jesus** spoke to her...

This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into my mortal sorrow. In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.

At three o'clock, implore My Mercy, especially for sinners, and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony.

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the Chaplet.

When this Chaplet is said in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a judge but as a Merciful Saviour.