



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of the Sick**  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Reading from book of Leviticus Lev 12:1-2.44-46  
*The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 31:1-2.5-11

*R/. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
*Take me for your model, as I take Christ.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:40-45  
*The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.*

### Anniversary List

Please pray for Anne Howie and Willy Bready recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William McBurney, Daniel MacRandal, Maureen McGauran, Brigid Heagney, Mary Heagney, Barry Copeland, Kieran Rafferty, Donal Crawley, Brian Mullally, Jimmy Logan, Kevin Ballentine, Gerard Keily, William Ramsey, Stephen Muldoon, Aidan Gallagher, James Murphy, Peter Carty, Kris Toner, Teresa Devlin, Fr Hugh Crossin, Canon Patrick McAlister, Irene Armstrong, Frances Shearer, Michael Walls, Naoise Moriarty

*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 4th February:** £6900.99

**Monthly Collection 4<sup>th</sup> February:** £3871.10



*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](#)

## 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 will meet **EVERY Wednesday downstairs in the Parish Hall** from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. We will begin on Ash Wednesday, 14th February, and continue on the 21st, 28th February and 6th, 13th, 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.

*More info from Mary Carson on 07718263019*

### Lenten Day of Reflection

**Topic:** The Mystery of Faith

**Facilitator:** Rev Ruth Patterson

**Date:** Saturday 17th February 2024

**Time:** 2.00pm – 4.30pm

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

All welcome.

### St Brigid's One World Group - Fundraising Bread and Soup lunch



**Sunday 18th February**

**10am to 1pm**

**St Bride's Parish Hall**



An opportunity on the first Sunday of Lent to help people living in poverty by making a donation in lieu of your usual Sunday lunch and having a simple soup and bread lunch provided by our volunteers.

Tea/coffee and scones are also available.

## ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

**Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, Mass Times:** 9.30am and 7.00pm

Ashes will be distributed at both masses

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church *(see notice below)*

**Women walking together through Lent:** Each Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, beginning Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. *(See notice opposite)*

**Divine Mercy:** Each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm in the Church  
*(see separate notice for more details)*

**Inter Church Lenten Series:** 4 Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30pm in the Conference Centre – See Bulletin Notice: ***Caring for our Common Home***

**Lenten Day of Reflection:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm *(See notice opposite)*

**One World Group Lenten Lunch:** from 10am to 1pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
*(see separate notice for more info)*

**Trócaire Family Fast Boxes:** available in the Church porch

**Parish Penitential Service:** Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 4pm

### MORNING PRAYER

We will be meeting throughout Lent **each weekday morning Monday to Friday at 7.30am**. Our focus is on the Morning Office and reflecting on the gospel for the Sunday following and also the gospel of the day. This has been for many an excellent opportunity to begin the day in prayer, journey through Lent together and prepare for Easter. Everyone is most welcome to come along even if you can only be there occasionally.

### Lenten Pledge

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during the season of Lent. You can do likewise. Please consider taking the short-term Pioneer Lenten pledge and say the prayer daily.

***"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."***

*Inter Church Lenten Series*

**CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

This Lent many of us will be giving something up, but it would be meaningful if we could relate this to reducing our carbon emissions which are generated by fossil fuels.

I probably do not need to tell you that we are in a dire environmental crisis. We now know that last year was the warmest year in over 100,000 years. This affects us all and it is humbling to learn that faith groups are already coming together in Northern Ireland to explore a joint approach for addressing environmental challenges, in order to enhance mutual support and develop a collaborative approach for the future.

Faith communities have an important part to play so together with the leadership of all the churches in South Belfast we are going to hold a series of 4 learning and discussion sessions over **4 Tuesday's in Lent – 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**. In order to make these as accessible as possible we have arranged to hold the meetings **in The Conference Centre, Newforge Sports Complex, 18b Newforge Lane, Belfast BT9 5NW**.

We will publish the underlying themes for the four sessions in advance during next week and although the primary foundation is based on the 2015 encyclical letter by Pope Francis it must be stressed that this was written for everyone as caring for our common home is something we can all do together.

Further details will be published next Sunday, and I would urge people to attend to learn how to connect our respective faiths with actions on the climate crisis.

**Thank you from the Columban's!**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Fr Pat Colgan made a mission appeal on behalf of the Columban's. The Columban's have wrote to us to thank our parishioners for their kindness and warm welcome Fr Colgan received. **The Total raised was £2080.50 and €5 and a total of £385 and €60 form the Far East Magazine subscriptions**. Thank you for your generosity!



## **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.*

## Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

10 – 15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit [downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

### Doctors & Nurses – Will you lend us a hand?

The Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer doctors & registered nurses for our pilgrimage from 10 -15 July 2024.

Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith filled community. For more information, please email your contact details to [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

# A Big THANK YOU



## St Brigid's Parish Church

for supporting South Belfast foodbank with your food collections throughout 2023.

Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.  
You collected 2431.35kg This will provide 5789 meals.



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## LOURDES YOUTH TEAM 2024



10-17 July 2024

### Cost Includes:

Fares per person sharing.  
Inclusive of return flights, transports,  
full-board accommodation, insurance.

### Applications open now!

To all aged 17 - 24 yrs old from July 2024 to join the Down & Connor Youth Team.



Scan me for the application form

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For more information please email:  
[Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)

Closing for applications Friday 15th March 2024 @5pm