



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 2

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**First Reading:** Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah Jer 17:5-8

*A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 1:1-4.6

*R/. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:12.16-20  
*If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:17.20-26

*How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Ciaran Bready and Mary McGreevy recently deceased; James Donnelly and Eileen Smyth whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frances Byrne, Brigid Heagney, Mary Heagney, Danny MacRandal, William McBurney, William Fitzsimmons, Naoise Moriarty, Aidan Gallagher, Dolores Boyla, Teresa Devlin, Michael Walls, John Farrell, Donal Crawley, Terry McIlhatton, James Murphy, Desmond and Margaret Mooney, Peter Carty, Kathleen Delaney, Betty McCourt, Fr Hugh Crossin, Canon Patrick McAlister, Thomas O'Rourke

*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  
Please contact the Parish Office

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> February:** £5597.99

**Monthly Collection 6<sup>th</sup> February:** £3925.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### Ordination to Diaconate

**Patrick Keown**, parishioner of St Brigid's, will be ordained to the Diaconate on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 12 Noon in St Peter's Cathedral**  
*Please keep Patrick in your prayers this week.*

The wider diocesan community are invited to watch the Ordination online at [churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

On **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**, Patrick will serve as Deacon at the 7.00pm Mass in St Brigid's, and afterwards there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. All Welcome!

## **Bulletin Notices and Anniversary's**

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

## **Safeguarding Training Dates (Level 2 Refresher)**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has released a new date for **Level 2 Refresher Training (Child Safeguarding)**. This will take place on Thursday 24th February 2022 online at 7.00 pm.

This course is suited for volunteers who have completed Level 1 and Level 2 previously in the parish to enable them to work with young people and children in our various parish groups (i.e. GIFT, Youth Faith, Children's Liturgy, Ashleigh Group, Altar Servers). There will be limited spaces for this course so please book early.

To **book your place** or for further information please contact the Parish Office on 02890 665409 or email [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022**

Full board in hotel: 5 nights from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July for £685. Application forms now available from the Parish Office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on 02890 770162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

## **Guidelines for attending Mass in St Brigid's**

- **Face Coverings** must be worn when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services.
- **Current seating occupancy of the church is 275**
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- Take a seat and remain there until the end of Mass; children must remain with their parents, and in the seat, at all times;
- Do not sit beside anyone who is not a member of your household;
- To receive Holy Communion, remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you; Holy Communion is to be received in the hand;
- When leaving the Church follow the instructions and leave according to the indicated "One-way" system;
- **Anyone with cold-like symptoms or coughs must not enter the Church;**
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;

## **An Invitation**

Pope Francis has invited us to come together to reflect on our experience of Church, and to share on matters of faith. This coming together is called "**synodality**". The idea of synodality comes from the word 'synod.' It's an old word from the Greek speaking world – **syn** means with, and **odos** means a path – and simply means "journeying together". Synodality is a path or a journey that the People of God take with each other. In this synodal pathway the Pope asks that we all take our part and make our own contribution. He says to us:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God,  
who sets us free from every form of self-absorption,  
revives what is moribund,  
loosens shackles and spreads joy.  
The Holy Spirit guides us to where God wants us to be,  
not to where our own ideas  
and personal tastes would lead us.*

**On this synodal pathway we are all invited to reflect on two key questions**

- How is this "journeying together" happening in our particular situation?
- What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to undertake in order to grow in our journey together?

**The purpose of journeying together is not about producing more documents rather:**

Planting dreams  
having a vision  
allowing hope to flourish  
inspiring trust binding wounds  
weaving together relationships  
awakening a new dawn  
learning from one another  
creating a bright resourcefulness  
that will



enlighten our minds, warm our hearts, and give strength to our hands

## **Beginning a Conversation**

St Brigid's Parish invites us all to share our experiences as part of our response to the Pope's invitation. We begin our journey together, by initiating a conversation, and by asking you to provide some basic information, and to reflect on some questions as you do so. **We will launch this initial process of the Synod on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> February**

## Parish Third World Group - Lenten Raffle

We are very grateful to those who donated prizes for our forthcoming raffle which will take place during Lent this year.

*Details of how to buy tickets will be available shortly.*

The Chaplaincy at QUB is supporting us in this fundraising effort - you will be interested to read Fr Dominic's letter which includes a message just received from Fr Fouad in Syria about how the money raised last year for the Jesuit Refugee Service has been used to help people whose lives have been devastated by war.

### **Fr Dominic's letter:**

*Dear Friend of Chaplaincy*

*You will recall that last year in Lent, we in the Chaplaincy in association with St Brigid's Third World Group ran a very successful raffle to raise funds for the work of Fr Fouad and the Jesuit Refuge Service in Syria. Our joint effort resulted in our being able to send £32000 to them.*

*Fr Fouad has just recently written to me in appreciation.*

*"We are doing well despite the circumstances. The Jesuit Refugee Service has established an education program, with a daily meal, for more than 800 children in the St Alberto Hurtado House. A special program for the street children is held as well every Friday to provide some activities and a light literacy program. And the parents also have a special program and we do many workshops of social peace and conflict resolution in the neighbourhood. Besides all this we have opened a library for the university students where they can come to study and offer many artistic workshops and other training.*

*The house offers electricity, heat, clean water and the internet (all this is missing in their homes). It is a safe space for everyone, the children the families and the students. A house full of life and hope in the middle of our dark reality.*

*When we offer the same quality of service to the children in the street as well as to the university student as well as to the artists, I think we offer a deep testimony and a possibility to build a better future.*

*A future where we can live together, accept each other, and help each other.*

*This not a dream or a fiction it is a reality in our house.*

*Your generous donation last year helped us to achieve all this. Thank you all."*

*As you may know, St Brigid's Third World Group is a registered charity in the Chaplaincy's neighbouring parish of St Brigid's. It was founded in 1989 for the purpose of relieving poverty in developing countries*

*The Group now raises over £100,000 each year which is distributed to 18 beneficiaries most of whom are nuns and priests working in Africa, South America and Asia. The money is used for **feeding programmes, education and training, health and hospice care, provision of clean water and sanitation and housing and shelter.***

*All the money raised by the Group goes directly to the beneficiaries; **none is used for administration.** As a registered charity, they can also claim gift aid on donations from taxpayers, increasing the value of the gift by 25%.*

*Fr Fouad had been working in St Brigid's Parish just before the pandemic began and touched the hearts of the people there as well as in the Chaplaincy. When the Chaplaincy announced the raffle last year, the Third World Group immediately got in touch and helped us with our fundraising for him by assisting those who wished participate in the raffle to purchase tickets and facilitating others who wanted to make donations and gift aid them.*

*The Third World Group has now added Fr Fouad to the list of beneficiaries to whom they send money each year and will shortly be sending him a further donation to help meet the on-going needs of the people whose lives continue to be devastated by war there.*

*Because of covid, many of the Group's fundraising activities have had to be suspended for 2 years already and to supplement their income and enable them to continue to help their 18 beneficiaries, they have decided to run a **raffle** during Lent this year and it would be great if we in the Chaplaincy family could support this.*

*Details of the raffle will be circulated in March, but in advance of that, if anyone has any queries please contact Kevin Flanagan on 07525634440*

Fr Dominic McGrattan, Chaplain QUB