

Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Second Sunday of Lent 13th March 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 2

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Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gen 15:5-12.17-18 God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

> **Responsorial Psalm**: Ps 26:1.7-9.13-14 *R/. The Lord is my light and my help.*

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Philippians Ph 3:17-4:1 *Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.*

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Veronica Philomena Doherty recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Muredach Dynan, John O'Sullivan, Sarah Wildy, Patrick and Anna Breslin, Frank Jordan, Noreen McDonagh Brian Gregory, John Walsh, Desmond Keating, Philomena McCullough, Elizabeth Jamison, Anne O'Connell, Frederick McBride, John Mageean, Susanne Copeland, Charlie McGettigan

May they rest in peace

Bulletin Notices and Anniversary's

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

Sunday Mass Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 9.30 am 12.00 noon	Weekday MassMonday:7:00 pmTuesday:9.30 amWednesday:9.30 amThursday:9.30 amFriday:7:00 pmSaturday: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 Eucharistic Adoration Monday 7.30 pm - 8.00 pm	Baptisms 1 st & 3 rd 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

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 6 th March:	£5377.99
Monthly Collection 6 th March:	£3560.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Synodal Pathway and St Brides Primary School

Pupils in our parish school are taking part in 'Join the Conversation' at a level suitable to their age. Years 1-3 will take part through a classroom discussion, and years 4-7 by engaging with an online questionnaire. Responses will be collated by the teachers and forwarded to the parish.



Join the Conversation

To Join the Conversation please visit: <u>stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/synod</u> to complete our questionnaire or pick up a printed questionnaire from the Parish office.







Thursday 17th March

Mass Times in St Brigid's: 9.30am and 12 Noon (Please note: There will be <u>no mass</u> in the Chaplaincy on St Patricks Day)

Preparing for Easter - Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance

During Lent we prepare for the celebration of Easter. One important way of doing so is availing of the joyous opportunity for Confession.

During Lent, Confessions are at the usual times:

Monday:	7.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday:	6.30pm – 7.00pm
Saturday:	12.30pm – 1.00pm & 5.30pm -6.00pm.

The following times are also offered:

Saturday, 26th March: 12.30pm – 4.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week: 10.00am – 10.30am.

Housebound and Sick Parishioners

Now that many of the restrictions regarding Covid-19 have been relaxed, we are anxious to begin our monthly visits to the housebound and sick in the parish.

Those who would like a visit, please contact the office, or ask a relative to do so on your behalf. Thank you.

Trócaire Boxes

Trócaire boxes are available in the church entrance. Please take a box if you can. Thank you.

Double your impact with UK Aid Match

Your love can make all the difference this Lent. Donations from Northern Ireland or the UK made before 1st June 2022 will be doubled by the UK government up to $\pm 2m$.

Donations can also be made online at trocaire.org/donations/now/

Humanitarian relief for the people of Ukraine

There will be a **National Church Collection**, throughout Ireland, at all Masses on the weekend of **26th/27th March**. Further information later. Meanwhile, we keep those affected by the war in Ukraine in our daily prayers.

G.I.F.T. – Growing in Faith Together

<u>GIFT 4</u> is starting next Sunday, 20th March, and will run from 6.30pm – 8.00pm each Sunday for the 4 weeks.

The theme of the GIFT 1 Programme is:

"Looking after me!"

If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch through the Parish Office or our GIFT Coordinators. Consent forms are available from the Parish Office or can be download from the Parish website and must be signed by parent/guardian. <u>stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/GIFT</u>

EVERYONE is welcome as we try to walk in faith with our young people, building connection, community and a sense of belonging to our Parish. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch to find out more through the Parish Office.

We would also encourage the children to do a lateral flow test before attending and to also bring a mask.

GIFT Leaders

CONFIRMATION and FIRST PENANCE

Pupils in our Ashleigh Group will be making their **First Penance** on **Tuesday 15**th **March at 7pm** in the St Brigid's Church.

Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday 22nd March** and **Thursday 24th March** for P7 pupils of St Brides PS and **Tuesday 29th March** for our Ashleigh Group pupils.

Please pray for all our Parish Children making their Confirmation and First Penance this month

St Brigid's Third World Group Lenten Raffle is now LIVE!!

We have 18 amazing prizes including vouchers for a hotel, restaurants, Currys and Space NK, a Toshiba Tablet, cases of wine, Fortnum and Mason hampers and an Apple watch!







Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased by going to the following link:

Enter Raffle to Win St Brigid's Belfast Hosted By Paddy Turnbull (raffall.com)

You can either

- click ENTER on the right-hand side of the page and use Facebook
- if you don't use Facebook, don't worry just click **Sign Up** at the top righthand corner of the page and follow the steps to register
- if you prefer not to do either of these, Kevin Flanagan from St Brigid's Third World Group is very happy to help you by buying tickets on your behalf - just give him a ring on **07525634440** anytime.

If you do not wish to buy raffle tickets but would like to make a donation to the work of St Brigid's Third World Group, you can:

- make an electronic transfer to our bank account ST BRIGIDS THIRD WORLD GROUP Sort Code 90-22-07 and Account Number 68825172. (If you are a taxpayer and wish to gift aid your donation, please insert your name, house number and post code in the Reference Box when making the payment.);
- or if you prefer to pay by cheque, cash or if you wish to set up a Standing Order please phone or text Kevin on 07525634440 and we will arrange this with you.

Short Book Club

The Parish Community Association's **Short Book Club** will resume its face-toface meetings in St Bride's Hall **this Wednesday** (16th) after morning Mass. **All are welcome**. For details of the book we shall be discussing, please email <u>mmmikemoran@aol.com</u>. Existing members have already been contacted directly.

"A Time of Reflection"

Theme: 'Remember Who You Are' Date : Saturday 2nd April 2022 Time: 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm Venue : St Brigid's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast Facilitator: Rev Ruth Patterson, Restoration Ministries

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022-2023

The **Parish Offertory Envelopes** are ready and will be distributed in the coming weeks for the new year.

If you would like to avail of our **Standing Order option** please contact the parish office. The standing order form can be download from our website at this link: <u>stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/Standing-Order</u> or picked up from the office.

For new residents in St Brigid's, or those who have not been receiving a box and wish to, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible: 02890 665409

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 contact with Runners who assisted last year but we do need some new volunteers also, if would like to help with the distribution of boxes in your area please get in touch with Lisa in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

