

Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the prophet Amos Amos 7:12-15 Go, prophesy to my people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

R/. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 1:3-14

Before the world was made, God chose us.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 6:7-13

He began to send them out.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Dubisi Ozo recently deceased; Silvia Vieira de Souza whose months mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agatha Waters, Margaret Brannigan, Catherine Devlin, Mairead and Samuel Chambers, Vieira de Souza, Trevor Fleming

May they rest in peace

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am

12.00 noon

Weekday Mass (Summer)

Monday: 9.30 am Tuesday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 9.30 am Thursday: 9.30 am

Saturday:

Friday: 9.30 am 12 noon



Confession

12.30 pm - 1.00 pm & Saturday:

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)

Eucharistic Adoration

(suspended during July and August)

Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to

date of Marriage.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Weekly Collection 23rd June: £8884.19 Monthly Collection 30th June: £4532.60



Thank you for your continued support

Summer Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 11th July until Monday 22nd July.

There will be no Bulletin on Sunday 21st July.

Parish Count Team

We urgently require volunteers to join the Parish Counting team. The Counting Team assist with the practical aspects of counting the weekly and monthly collections and preparing the lodgements in accordance with the Diocesan Regulations for Parishes in regard to Financial Controls and Related Processes.

The team meets generally weekly, one weekday morning, and the process lasts between 1 hour and 1 ½ hours. Anyone interested please contact Fr O'Donnell or leave your details with the parish office.

New Youth Group Volunteers

Working with young people is a rewarding experience and our youth groups can't run without our wonderful volunteers. If you are interested into volunteering in one of our Parish Youth Group from September 2024 (Children's Liturgy, G.I.F.T Programme or Youth Faith), please collect an Application Form from the Parish Office or contact the office on 02890 665409 or stbrigids@downandconnor.org to have one emailed or posted to you. All volunteers need to be vetted and complete training before engaging with group activities and our safeguarding team will assist you through this process.

If you would like any further information on any of our parish groups please visit our website www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org or contact the parish office.

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living

(hosted by Drumalis via Zoom, commencing Mon, 16 September 2024)

Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course may be for you. This 20 session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality.

Places are also available on the Zoom course, "Rooted in Love", delivered over ten Thursday evening sessions from Sept 2024 to May 2025 – this course is ideal for anyone who has already completed Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living.

For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) – 028 28276455/028 28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

That is why Sunday as so Important to us

Dear friends, we don't ever thank the Lord enough for the gift he has given us in the Eucharist! It is very great gift, and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass not just to pray, but it receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us.

Pope Francis

Reflection: What does the Eucharist mean to you? How have you experienced God's mercy through this sacrament? Take some time to express your gratitude to God for this great gift.



Bishops' statement on end of life care: Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes

The following pastoral letter *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* has been published by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference to inform people of faith and goodwill who wish to protect and support human life with dignity and compassion, especially in the last weeks of terminal illness:

"Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter." [1] With that in mind, the Bishops of Ireland wish to invite people to consider once again some of the essential elements of the Church's teaching on care at the end of life.

Read the **Full Statement** on <u>www.catholicbishops.ie/</u> or visit the News Section on the Parish Website: **NEWS**