



# Celebrating the Liturgy

## Mass Times (For August)

**Saturday:** 6 pm (Vigil Mass)  
**Sunday:** 9.30am

### Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.30 am  
Tuesday: 9.30 am  
Wednesday: 9.30 am  
Thursday: 9.30 am  
Friday: 9.30 am

## **Baptisms**

Please contact the Parish Office

## **Marriages**

6 months' notice required.  
Please contact Fr O'Donnell or the  
Parish Office

## **Saturday Confessions**

*Not yet resumed*

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Not yet resumed*

## Contact St Brigid's Parish

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**Address:** 40 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP  
**St Brides Parish Hall still remains closed.**



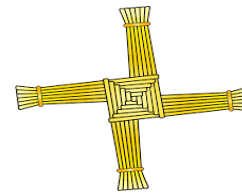
## Parish Mailing List

Would you like to sign up to our Parish Mailing List to receive the Parish Bulletin and be kept up to date on news and events in St Brigid's? Contact the Parish Office to sign up by giving us a call, drop us an email or register on our Parish Website (Contact us page).



## Bulletin Notices

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



# *Saint Brigid's Parish*

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

16<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 4

**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 56:1.6-7  
*I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 66:2-3.5.6-8  
*R/. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

**Second Reading:** First letter from St Paul to the Romans Rm 11:13-15.29-32  
*With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 15:21-28  
*Woman, you have great faith.*

## **Anniversary List**

**Please pray for** Teresa Quinn and John (Kevin) Leonard recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edgar Lawson, Brian Trainor, Fergus Gilligan

*May they rest in peace*

## PARISH OFFERINGS

*Includes all offerings received through envelopes, standing orders & myPayEasy*

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Weekly Offerings: **£2990.99**

This figure does not include envelopes left into the church on Sunday – these are still to be counted and will be noted in next week's Bulletin.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

## Mass in St. Brigid's Parish

Over the last number of weeks, we have gradually and safely re-introduced public Mass to the Parish.

**We now have one Mass each day in St. Brigid's:**

- **Sunday – Friday at 9.30am, and Saturday at 6.00pm.**

This arrangement will continue for the month of August and this gives parishioners the opportunity of attending Mass once in the week – *the Sunday obligation still remains suspended.*

Some things to keep in mind:

- The seating capacity of the Church is 120;
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- **We strongly encourage you to wear a face covering as an additional measure**
- The Church doors are closed at one minute before Mass – the Church cannot be entered once Mass begins;
- 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;
- For those who wish 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 must not enter the Church;
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;

*Thank you to all our parishioners for their help and co-operation in the church at this very strange and difficult time for all of us.*

### **HOLIDAYMAKERS**

Holiday makers, regardless of the country they return from, should not attend mass for two weeks

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us, especially those who are afflicted by doubt and sadness, and live with their gaze turned down, unable to raise their glance. Let us look up. Heaven is open. It does not inculcate fear. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is awaiting us. She loves us, she smiles at us and she thoughtfully assists us. Like every mother she wants the best for her children and she says to us: "You are precious in God's eyes; you were not made for the small satisfactions of the world, but rather for the great joy of heaven". Yes because God is joy, not boredom. God is joy. Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time that we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life.

- Pope Francis Homily, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## **The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

### **Prayer for the Assumption of Mary**

Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

(Catholic.org/prayers)