



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Feast of St Patrick
17th March 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer 31:31-34
I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4.12-15
R/. A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading: Reading from letter to the Hebrews Heb 5:7-9
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 12:20-30
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Gloria O'Kane whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Jordan, Brian Gregory, Noreen McDonagh, Sadie McGauran, Pat Smyth, Frances Connor, Mary McKavanagh, John O'Sullivan, Maureen O'Hagan, Martin McLoughlin, Anne O'Connell, Marie McMullan, Sr Una Cullen, Patrick O'Neill, Brendan McBrian, Patricia McBrian, Muredach Dynan, Michael, Julia and Patrick Agnew, Thomas Marshall, Des Keating, Harry Coll, Dorothy Dolan, James and Kathleen Tohill, James and Nan McAleenan, Charlie McGettigan, Sr Nora Smyth

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

1st & 3rd 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 10th March: £4754.00



Thank you for your continued support



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](#)

Chrism Mass

Wednesday 27th March

Bishop McGuckian will celebrate the Chrism mass on **Wednesday 27th March at 12 noon in St Peter's Cathedral**. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

An information evening will be held in **St Brides Parish Hall (38 Derryvolgie Ave) on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm** for those wishing to explore the Permanent Diaconate or to hear more about the work of permanent deacons.



Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website: <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>

It is hoped a propaedeutic year of discernment will commence in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

Inter Church Lenten Series: 'Caring for our Common Home'

The final meeting will be on **19th March** at 7.30pm in The Conference Centre, 18b Newforge Lane. The Presentation slides from the first 2 evenings are available on the parish website under [NEWS](#)

Caring for Our Common Home – An Inter-Church Initiative

Join us through Lent to explore what is happening in our world, to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, and to explore our local response.



'Preparing Our Hearts for the Passion'

All are warmly invited to a Lenten Liturgy at **St Colmcille's Church** 191 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3JB on this **Friday 22nd March from 7.00pm - 8.30pm** in the Church. Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.



Divine Mercy

You are warmly invited to join us in **St Brigid's Church** each Friday during Lent at **3.00pm** as we pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**.

"You will prepare the world for my final coming"

Holy Week Ceremonies

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week

Saturday 23rd March: 6 pm (Vigil)
Palm Sunday 24th March: 9.30 am and 12 noon
Parish Penitential Service: 4 pm



Monday 25th March: 7.00 pm
Tuesday 26th March: 9.30 am
Wednesday 27th March: 9.30 am

There will be an opportunity for confessions after all masses

Holy Thursday (28th March)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: **7.00 pm**

PLEASE NOTE: *There will be no 9.30am mass on Holy Thursday*

Good Friday (29th March):

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: **3.00 pm**
Keeping Station at the Cross: **7.30 pm**

Holy Saturday (30th March):

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection: **9.00 pm**

PLEASE NOTE: *There will be no 12noon or 6 pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday*

Easter Sunday (31st March): 9.30 am and 12 noon

Parish Penitential Service

Palm Sunday, 24th March, at 4.00pm
Seven Confessors available

"Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace".

Pope Francis