



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Easter Sunday

17th April 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 3

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Easter Sunday of the resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34.37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

R/. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Colin Meir and Noel Conlon recently deceased and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Cahill, Harry Reid, Sarah Mulholland, Josie Cassidy, Teresa Nwankwo, Colin Morgan, Bernadine McAnallen, Nora Nugent, Margaret Mooney, Mary Lucinda Brennan, Lena Campbell, Mary Agnes and John McNally, Brian Gorman, Bill Lowry, John and May McKay, Sheila Wright

May they rest in peace

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 10th April: £3867.63

Thank you for your continued support

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Baptisms

1st & 3rd 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

Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

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

Contactless Donations by DONA

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Payments can also be made through our website also. If you are an envelope holder, you can enter your envelope number in the comment/note section.

To donate go to: stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/parish-info/donate-online

Or visit: donate.mydona.com/st-brigids-parish-derryvolgie





Parish Office Closure Times Over Easter

The Parish Office will be **closed** from 1.00 pm on Holy Thursday (14th April) and **reopen** on Thursday 21st April at 9.00 am. *Wishing everyone a Happy Easter!*

Short Book Club

The next of our face-to-face meeting will be after morning Mass (about 10:10 am) on **Wednesday 20 April** in **St Bride's Hall - lower-level room**. We will be discussing the book - **When All Is Said** by **Anne Griffin**. Please come along for the chat - you don't have to have read the book first. All are welcome. Coffee/tea will be served.

Attending Sunday/Holyday Mass

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, **the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will from Easter Sunday (17th April 2022) once again be deemed an essential expression of faith.** As always, those whose health is vulnerable, or who are unwell, or are anxious about entering crowds are not under any obligation to attend Mass.

PARISH NOTICE

Mass: Sunday 24th April – Saturday 30th April

Fr O'Donnell and Fr McGrattan will be away from Sunday 24th April and returning on Saturday 30th April. They are joining students from Queens University on a Pilgrimage to Rome. Please keep them all in your prayers as they embark on this journey.

Fr Fleming and Fr Magee will say mass this Sunday and the vigil next Saturday. Fr Paul Armstrong will be saying Weekday Mass at 9.30 am each morning from Monday 25th April to Friday 29th April and 12 Noon on Saturday. The church will be closed at the earlier time of 1.00pm during this week.

Mass, Confessions and Adoration will return to normal from Monday 2nd May.

Easter Mass Services

Holy Thursday (14th April)

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

(Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm)

Good Friday (15th April):

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: **3.00 pm**

Keeping Station at the Cross: **7.30 pm**

Holy Saturday (16th April):

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

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

Easter Sunday (17th April): 9.30 am and 12 noon



Easter Week & Following Week Mass Times: (18th April – 1st May)

(Please see Parish Notice opposite)

Monday to Friday: 9.30 am

(NB: There will be NO evening Masses on Monday and Friday)

Saturday: 12 noon and 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9.30 am and 12 Noon



Fr Eddie O'Donnell, Fr Dominic McGrattan, Fr Jeevan and Deacon Brett Lockhart wish all our parishioners a Happy Easter!

Stay Safe and God Bless



**An Easter Message
Bishop Noel Treanor
13 April 2022**

The Message of Easter is the celebration of life over death, of hope over despair, of offers of assurance in situations of vulnerability. The scriptures attest to how the resurrected Christ awakened faith. They tell of how He awakened new hope and new understanding in the disciples and then entrusted them to be courageous messengers of this Easter hope. His risen presence gave them new purpose and a new identity.

From the moment of that first Easter morning, across the centuries, Christians have celebrated the Risen Christ and joyfully proclaimed a message of hope and new life.

This is our history, our mission and our legacy. The Risen Christ also calls us to be messengers of an Easter vision in our personal circumstances, in our time and in our world.

In the Jewish religious tradition, during the meal of Passover, the youngest child asks a series of questions as they try to make sense of this ritual meal. Remembering and recalling the events of the past and responding to these inquiries, the Jewish parent helps the child to understand the significance of this traditional celebration. This dialogue between generations therefore becomes an opportunity to share and to pass on faith and meaning. Within our Christian homes this Easter, conversation between children and parents also presents opportunities to share and to pass on faith and hope.

We all need to hear the Easter message again. With each gift of newborn life, God imparts an opportunity to hear the message of Easter anew. Generations of young people are entrusted with taking up the mission and there are seedlings of growth sprouting anew in our parishes and Pastoral Communities. The synodal pathway started by Pope Francis presents such an opportunity for us all. It is an opportunity to give new vitality to our own involvement in our faith communities and so grow our understanding that we all shape the life and experience of the Church.

As in the past, there are indeed many challenges to face. The years of the pandemic have had an impact on our pastoral communities and faith practice and it is as if we are all emerging from the tomb into the light of a new dawn.

In our world, hatred and violence continues to live in the hearts of many. Death and Resurrection is a tangible reality in countries of crisis and conflict. The joyful message of Easter this year is obscured by scenes of death and destruction and the forced displacement

of families from their homes in Ukraine and other war-stricken regions across the world. Yet many others are peacemakers who have arisen to offer support as these families arrive to our shores seeking safety.

May this Easter time be an opportunity for us all, with renewed vision and hope, to take up again Christ's Mission to be messengers of life over death, of hope over despair, of offers of assurance in situations of vulnerability and as Easter people to act as peacemakers.