



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th July 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 4

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gen 18:1-10
Lord, do not pass your servant by.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter to St Paul to the Colossians Col 1:24-28
A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 10:38-42
Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.

Anniversary List

Please pray for James McBurney recently deceased, Patrick Kelly whose month's mind it is and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian Smyth, Margaret O'Hare, Eugene Smyth, Ryan Musy, John and Bridget Graham, Charles Graham, Katherine Carty, Mairead and Samuel Chambers, Neasa Scanlon

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: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30 am
Wednesday: 9.30 am
Thursday: 9.30 am
Friday: 9.30 am
Saturday: 12 noon



Confession

Saturday: 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &
5.30 pm – 6:00 pm

**No Confessions on Monday and Friday
during July and August**

Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration during July and August

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

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 3rd July: £5589.26

Monthly Collection 3rd July: £3835.37

Weekly Collection 10th July: £3232.74



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Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

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

To Carry Jesus

The Church is not a shop, she is not a humanitarian agency; the Church is not an NGO. The Church is sent to bring Christ and his Gospel to all. She does not bring herself – whether small or great, strong or weak, the Church carries Jesus and should be like Mary when she went to visit Elizabeth. What did Mary take to her? Jesus.

The Church brings Jesus: this is the center of the Church, to carry Jesus! If as a hypothesis, the Church were not to bring Jesus, she would be dead Church. The Church must bring Jesus, the love of Jesus, the Charity of Jesus.

- **Pope Francis**

Reflection: Sometimes we can be so caught in our actions, helping the poor, teaching the faith, or caring for the sick, that we forget to bring Jesus. What can you do to bring Jesus with you in all you do, taking Mary as your model?

Annual Novena Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th August 2022

£599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Northern Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Avail of Novena Ceremonies. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

New to the Parish? Welcome!

Please register online at parish website; stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/parish-info

If you have changed your address within the current year please contact the Parish office or send an email via the parish website to update your details.

Thank -you.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday 24th July

Message from Pope Francis

Dear Friends,

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full. [1] This makes it hard to look to the future and discern what direction to take. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit".

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