



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 4

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**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Sir 27:30-28:27

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 102:1-4.9-12

*R/. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 14:7-9

*Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18:21-35

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** John Doherty recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Murtagh, Richard and Joan Sherry, Charles Mooney, Malachy Owens, Eileen Slattery, Eva Kennedy, Harry and Liz Shevlin, Patricia Gilligan, May Kennedy, Kathleen and John Devine

**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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> September: £5965.07**



*Thank you for your continued support*

### Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

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



### Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read this Sunday morning on our Parish Website. Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)

### Children's Liturgy Meeting



A Children's Liturgy meeting for Volunteers will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, at 8pm**, in No.40 Derryvolgie Avenue. The agenda will include operational, safeguarding and planning matters.

We welcome all our volunteers who are currently registered with us and reach out to anyone interested in becoming a new volunteer - you would be most welcome to come along on the evening also.

**Registration for Children** wishing to attend Children Liturgy will be held at all masses on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October** with the classes beginning on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the 9.30am Mass.

### GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

**GIFT 5** programme (Year 12) will start back this Sunday, **1<sup>st</sup> October**, from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The first week will be an opportunity for our wonderful young people to reconnect after the summer. We have a fun-filled evening planned, playing games and enjoying delicious pizza.



If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch with the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members.

### Alpha



The Alpha Course will run for 9 weeks beginning **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. The Course will be delivered in Partnership between St. Bartholomew's Church of Ireland, St Brigid's Parish and Fisherwick Presbyterian Church. To Register go to: [bit.ly/belfastalpha](https://bit.ly/belfastalpha)

For more information contact [belfastalpha@gmail.com](mailto:belfastalpha@gmail.com) or 02890 666683

### TOGETHER: Gathering of the People of God

As the Synod in Rome begins in October, we encourage people to pray for the Synod and in particular for the delegates from the Irish Church, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Bishop Brendan Leahy.



**St Patrick's** Donegall St, Belfast will host a prayer service to pray for the Synod on Saturday **30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**. This ecumenical service will include Taizé music, and everyone is welcome. It is our Diocesan response to Pope Francis' invitation to prayer: *"The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this "Gathering of the People of God" as we will entrust the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.*

### St Brigid's One World Group

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the Annual Collection which currently stands at **£22,300 including gift aid**.

And to those who have set up new Standing Orders.

Envelopes can be returned in the collection baskets at weekend Masses or contact 07525634440 for other information.

### Catholic Chaplaincy QUB reopening at temporary premises

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast reopens for the new academic year on **Monday 18 September at No. 42 University Road**. There you will find a Chapel, social space and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30am to 8.30pm weekdays during term. Sunday Masses take place at 8pm in the Canada Room of the University's Lanyon Building (from Sunday 24 September) and weekday Masses in the Chaplaincy at No.42 (from Monday 25 September). We look forward to welcoming new and returning students!

### St Colmcille's Parish

A Vacancy has arisen for a **Pastoral/Administration Assistant** in St Colmcille's Parish. (Part time – 20 hours) For more information about the role and to apply please visit: [downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/](https://downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/)

**Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 25th September 2023**