



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

First Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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First Reading: Reading from book of Genesis Gen 9:8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

R/. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: Reading from first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:18-22

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Joe Greyston recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charles Edward Waters, Sarah Keane, Hugh Niblock, Jim and Anne Aiken, Joan Smyth, Veronica Tohill, Raymond Eastwood, William and Teresa Glover, Theresa McGonigal, Mattie, Carrie and Noel Byrne

May they rest in peace

Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 19th February at 7.35pm in Parish Centre.** All newcomers welcome without any commitment!

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 11th February: £5134.00



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](#)

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February. Please have any Bulletin Notices and names for the Anniversary List with the parish office by Wednesday 12 noon to be included in the next Bulletin.

ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME



Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church. *Our focus is on the Morning Office and reflecting on the gospel for the Sunday following and also the gospel of the day.*

Women walking together through Lent: Each Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, beginning Wednesday 14th February. *It is a gentle hour of prayer and discussion in preparation for Easter; a quiet space away from the noise of daily life to really connect with God. Open to women of all ages. Please come along.*

Divine Mercy: Join us in St Brigid's Church each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Inter Church Lenten Series: 4 Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30pm in The Conference Centre – See Bulletin Notice: [Caring for our Common Home](#)

Lenten Day of Reflection: **CANCELLED** Saturday 17th February at 2pm in St Brides Hall.

One World Group Lenten Lunch: from 10am to 1pm on Sunday 18th February
(see separate notice for more info)

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes: available in the Church porch

Parish Penitential Service: Palm Sunday, 24th March, at 4pm

St Brigid's One World Group - Fundraising Bread and Soup lunch



Sunday 18th February

10am to 1pm

St Bride's Parish Hall



An opportunity on the first Sunday of Lent to help people living in poverty by making a donation in lieu of your usual Sunday lunch and having a simple soup and bread lunch provided by our volunteers.

Tea/coffee and scones are also available.

Caring for Our Common Home – An Inter-Church Initiative

Trócaire
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD



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.

**Venue: The Conference Centre,
18b Newforge Lane, Belfast**

When: Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm

20th Feb: "What is happening to Our common Home?"

27th Feb: Eco-Spirituality

12th March: An Integral Ecology

**19th March: Action and commitment: Where to, now,
for our communities in Belfast?**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Deacon responds to the call of Jesus and his Church in three specific ways: through the ministry of Charity, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Altar with a particular focus on the ministry of charity. The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate.

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

Additionally, it is proposed to hold three information evenings in St Patrick's Downpatrick, All Saints Ballymena, and St Brigid's Belfast on 7th, 12th and 20th March. This will provide an opportunity to meet Permanent Deacons and their wives and discover more about this vocation.

It is hoped to commence a propaedeutic year of discernment 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.



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"

Women of St Brigid's Walking Together

A walk through lent with Jesus and the women of the Gospel.

During Lent our women's prayer group will meet **EVERY Wednesday downstairs in the Parish Hall from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. We will begin on Ash Wednesday, 14th February**, and continue on the 21st, 28th February and 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March.

Please don't worry if you can't make all of the weeks as each session will be stand alone. It is a gentle hour of prayer and discussion in preparation for Easter; a quiet space away from the noise of daily life to really connect with God.



This group is open to women of all ages in the Parish and if you haven't been before why not come and see what we are about; why not join our community of affirming and supportive women.

More info from Mary Carson on 07718263019

The Impact of Climate Change in Malawi

Salome Mumba, Irrigation and Natural Resource Management Officer for Trócaire, based in Malawi, will make a presentation on the **impact of climate change in Malawi**, including the challenges presented by too much and too little water. There will be an opportunity for discussion following her presentation.

Anyone interested in attending the event on **Wednesday 28th February at 7:30pm** in South Belfast Quaker Meeting House 22 Marlborough Park North should **RSVP to nicholas.hanrahan@trocaire.org**.

GIFT 4 – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 4 programme (Year 11's) will start back on **Sunday 25th February** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 weeks finishing on Sunday 24th March 2024 (There will be no meeting on St Patrick's Day 17th March).

Parents who have registered their child been contacted with further details by email.



The theme for GIFT 4 is:

How can I look after "me" and make good choices?

The four-week programme will explore the theme above by inspiring and engaging the young people through a series of workshops and reflection.

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 meeting our new GIFT members and parents in the new year!

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

10 – 15th/17th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org

Doctors & Nurses – Will you lend us a hand?

The Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer doctors & registered nurses for our pilgrimage from 10 -15 July 2024.

Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith filled community.

For more information, please email your contact details to lourdes@downandconnor.org

Down and Connor Lourdes Youth Team

10th – 17th July 2024

£750pp including Flights, transports, full-board accommodation, & insurance.

Applications now open – to all aged 17-24yrs old.

Contact lourdes@downandconnor.org by 15th March to book your place.