



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th February 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 4

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Leviticus Lv 19:1-2.17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102: 1-4.8.10.12-13

R/. The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1Cor 3:16-23

All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Anniversary List

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charles Edward Waters, Sarah Keane, Hugh Niblock, Paddy Campbell, Jim Kearns, Jack Hopkins, Theresa McGonigal, Patrick and Ellen Cunnane, Joan 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

Weekly Collection 12th February: £4544.37



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 and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. *Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)*

Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 20th February at 7.45pm in Parish Centre.** (Reflection: Indulgences.) *Please Feel free to come along without any commitment!*

ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

Ash Wednesday Mass: 9.30am and 7.00pm

(ashes will be distributed at both masses)

QUB Chaplaincy Mass times for Ash Wednesday: 8.05am, 1.05pm and 6.05pm

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church

Women walking together through Lent: Each Wednesday at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue (beginning Wednesday 22nd February)

Inter Church Lenten Services: each Sunday at 7pm
(see separate notice for Venues)

Lenten Soup Lunch: One World Group after masses on Sunday 26th February
(see separate notice for more info)

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes (available in the Church porch)

Parish Penitential Service: Palm Sunday, 2nd April, at 4pm

We reintroduce our Inter Church Lenten Services

Theme: Setting our hearts on fire

Sunday 26th February 7pm

St John's Malone Preaching Ivan Steen or Andy Galbraith

Sunday 5th March at 7pm

Agape Methodist Centre Preaching Stephen Fielding or Kevin Graham

Sunday 12th March at 7pm

McCracken Memorial Church Preaching Emily Hyland

Sunday 19th March at 7pm

Windsor Presbyterian Church Preaching Very Rev Edward O'Donnell

Sunday 26th March at 7pm

St Brigid's Church Preaching Barry McCroskery

ST BRIGID'S ONE WORLD GROUP



COLLECTION FOR SYRIA

As mentioned by Fr O'Donnell, St Brigid's One World Group will distribute *gift aid* envelopes at Masses this weekend and collect them on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February.

Donations may also be made by electronic transfer to Account Number 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07. If you wish to *gift aid* your electronic donation, please either include your phone number in the "Reference" box and we will contact you to obtain your name and address or phone Kevin on 07525634440 to arrange.

LENT BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH

The Lent Bread and Soup Lunch will be held in the Parish Hall after both Masses on Sunday 26th February.

Tea, coffee and scones will be available after the 9.30am Mass.

All proceeds will go to the Syria Earthquake Appeal.

'No Greater Love'

The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. Beginning: **Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm**. To book your place for our online program please email livingchurch@downandconnor.org



LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

PRAYER: *"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."*

Short Book Club

Our next discussion session will take place at **10:10am** after Mass in **St Bride's Hall** on **Wednesday 15 March** and the book we will be considering will be **How (Not) To Be Strong** by **Alex Scott** - former England football international and current broadcaster. The book was an instant bestseller on the Sunday Times Lists. Come along and join us for debate and coffee/tea. New members are always welcome. To join our mailing list - email mmmikemoran@aol.com.

Slow Down for Lent

Saturday 25 February from 11am – 3pm in Holy Rosary Parish Hall (Ormeau Road). Light-hearted. Plain English. No discussions - just God & you. Tea/coffee provided but please bring your own lunch. Donation £5. To book in or for more info contact Breige O'Hare: breigeohare@firststepwell.com or ring 07565502662.

Embrace: Report Launch 2023

At this event, we will be launching our new Report '*Embracing the Stranger*' *Challenges and Opportunities for NI Churches*' researched by Emma Soye on **Thursday 23rd February, 12pm – 1.30pm** in **St Brides Parish Hall**. Light lunch included.

One Day Pilgrimage to Knock

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Sunday 19th March 2023 leaving St Agnes Church at 7.30am. Holy Mass and Confessions available. (Cost £20) Contact Patricia: 07946917354 or Harriet: 07812098991.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse February 24th 2023

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones.

In Down and Connor a special Mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY 24TH February 2023** in **Saint Patrick's Church Donegall Street at 1:00pm** to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Meeting

A Children's Liturgy meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd February in No. 40 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast.

Please note the two starting times as follows:

7-8pm Volunteer vetting administration - members of the Parish Safeguarding Committee will be in attendance to assist with completion of volunteers forms and to answer questions. (The Parish office will email details of the forms for those who have registered to volunteer. Any queries please contact stbriggs@downandconnor.org)

8-9pm Children's Liturgy planning meeting - to discuss operational matters including timetable, rotas and class themes.

Looking forward to welcoming all new and existing volunteers on the evening. Thank you. Eileen Mooney

