



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fourth Sunday of Lent

19th March 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 4

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Samuel 1 Sam 16:1.6-7.10-13
David is anointed king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Ep 5:8-14
Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 9:1-41
He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

Anniversary List

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sadie McGauran, Hugh, Paddy and John McGauran, Patrick Smyth, Patrick O'Neill, Frank Jordan, Noreen McDonagh, Brian Gregory, Hugh Thompson, Sheila Murtagh, Maureen O'Hagan, Frances Connor, Vanessa and Aoife Crummie, John O'Sullivan, Muredach Dynan, John Mageean, John O'Sullivan, Jim McSparran, Brian Meenan, James and Kathleen Tohill, James and Nan McAleenan, Sarah Wildy, Gerry Huddleston, Joseph Henry

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 March: £4498.50



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.

Lenten Programme

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

Women walking together through Lent: Each Wednesday at 7.30pm in No 40

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

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

Prayer on Mother's Day

Sunday 19th March

Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of our mums –their patience, their kindness, concern, unconditional love and understanding.

We thank you for the part they play(ed) in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you' this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you this day our grateful praise.

Mary our Mother of Perpetual Help

Pray for all our Mothers & Grandmothers.



Inter Church Lenten Services

Theme: Setting our hearts on fire

Sunday 19th March at 7pm

Windsor Presbyterian Church Preaching Very Rev Edward O'Donnell

Sunday 26th March at 7pm

McCracken Memorial Church Preaching Rev Elsie McCroskery

Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 20th March at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre.** *Reflection: "Divine Mercy"*

"Please feel free to come along without any commitment."

St Brigid's One World Group SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION THANK YOU!



Many thanks to all who, through their generosity in giving to the collection and at the Bread and Soup Lunch. Donations are still coming in and currently an amazing **£92,569** has been raised so far, including gift aid.

All money raised is going directly to the Jesuit Mission in Aleppo, Syria who are providing humanitarian aid to those affected by the earthquake.

Schools Confirmations

Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday 21st March** and **Thursday 23rd March** for P7 pupils of St Brides PS and for our Ashleigh Group pupils.

Please pray for all our Parish Children making their Confirmation this month.

Synodality and St Brigid's Parish

Walking together:

Following on from our parish survey of last year, and as part of a wider movement across the Catholic Church, and with a desire to see St Brigid's be a place where people connect and explore their faith, three evenings after Easter have been set aside to which parishioners are invited, and where they can talk openly and honestly about how they live out their faith. There will be more information in the weeks ahead.

The evenings are: **19th April, 26th April and 3rd May**

Please note these dates in your diary!



Youth Pilgrimage to Rome: Raffle



St Brigid's Youth Faith and GIFT 5 are running a raffle to help raise much needed funds to be used during their Rome Pilgrimage. Tickets are £10 each and the Raffle will run until Good Friday (7th April). Winners will be notified after the raffle ends. Click the link to view prizes and to tickets!

Link for tickets: raffall.com/334266/enter-raffle-to-win-youth-pilgrimage-raffle-hosted-by-lisa-o-kane

Parish Penitential Service

Palm Sunday, 2nd April, at 4.00pm

Eight Confessors available

"Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace".

Pope Francis