



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th February 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the first book of Samuel 1 Sam 26:2-7.9.12-13.22.23
The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4.8.10.12-13
R/. The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:45-49
We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:27-38
Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

Anniversary List

Please pray for James Donnelly and Fionntán McGarvey whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charles Edward Waters, Sarah Keane, John Cassidy, Dorothy Donnelly, William Skehan CSsR, William and Teresa Glover, Donal Crawley, Veronica Tohill, Theresa McGonigal

May they rest in peace

Bulletin Notices and Anniversary's

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

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
Please contact the Parish Office

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 13th February: £3547.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Ordination to Diaconate

Patrick Keown, parishioner of St Brigid's, will be ordained to the Diaconate this **Saturday (19th Feb) at 12 Noon in St Peter's Cathedral**
The wider diocesan community are invited to watch the Ordination online at churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

On **Monday, 21st February**, Patrick will serve as Deacon at the 7.00pm Mass in St Brigid's, and afterwards there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. All Welcome!

Diocese of Down and Connor COVID-19 Guidance: 15 February 2022

Social Distancing

Parishes may remove measures put in place to ensure social distancing, such as closed off pews.

The Church will be open all day for private prayer from Monday 20th February.

Face Coverings

The Diocese strongly recommends that face coverings be worn at all times while in the church and throughout liturgical celebrations, even when seated.

Hand Sanitisers

Hand sanitisers will continue to be provided at the entrances and other appropriate points in the Church.

Holy Water Fonts, missalettes, bulletins etc.

For the time being, holy water fonts will remain empty.

Missalettes/bulletins will not become available as we are becoming a paperless parish. *Please sign up to our Mailing list or visit our Website or Facebook for Bulletins.*

Sick-calls and First-Friday Visits

There is no restriction on making emergency or routine pastoral visits. Priests and other ministers should continue to exercise caution when undertaking sick-calls and making visits to the sick and housebound. All mitigations, such as face coverings and good hand hygiene should continue to be observed as previously advised.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remains suspended at this time.

Safeguarding Training Dates (Level 2 Refresher)

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has released a new date for **Level 2 Refresher Training (Child Safeguarding)**. This will take place on Thursday 24th February 2022 online at 7.00 pm.

To **book your place** or for further information please contact the Parish Office on 02890 665409 or email stbrigids@downandconnor.org

An Invitation

Pope Francis has invited us to come together to reflect on our experience of Church, and to share on matters of faith. This coming together is called “**synodality**”. The idea of synodality comes from the word ‘synod.’ an old word from the Greek speaking world – **syn** means with, and **odos** means a path – and simply means “journeying together”. Synodality is a path or a journey that the People of God take with each other. In this synodal pathway the Pope asks that we all take our part and make our own contribution. He says to us:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,
we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God,
who sets us free from every form of self-absorption,
revives what is moribund,
loosens shackles and spreads joy.
The Holy Spirit guides us to where God wants us to be,
not to where our own ideas
and personal tastes would lead us.*

On this synodal pathway we are all invited to reflect on two key questions

- How is this “journeying together” happening in our particular situation?
- What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to undertake in order to grow in our journey together?

The purpose of journeying together is not about producing more documents rather:

Planting dreams
having a vision
allowing hope to flourish
inspiring trust binding wounds
weaving together relationships
awakening a new dawn
learning from one another
creating a bright resourcefulness
that will
enlighten our minds, warm our hearts, and give strength to our hands



Beginning a Conversation

St Brigid’s Parish invites us all to share our experiences as part of our response to the Pope’s invitation. We begin our journey together, by initiating a conversation, and by asking you to provide some basic information, and to reflect on some questions as you do so. ***We will launch this initial process of the Synod on the weekend of 26th/27th February***