



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 4

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**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 56:1.6-7  
*I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8

*R/. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 11:13-15.29-32  
*With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 15:21-28  
*Woman, you have great faith.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Lorcan Mullan whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Kane, Margaret McCambridge, Teresa Murphy, Brian Trainor, Annette McKeever, Sr Kathleen McCullough, Hugh McCullough, Annie McCullough, Anne Murphy, David McKenna

**May they rest in peace**

## The Liturgy

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am  
12.00 noon

### Weekday Mass (Summer)

Monday: 9.30 am

Tuesday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday: 9.30 am

Saturday: 12 noon



### Confession

**Saturday:** 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &  
5.30 pm – 6:00 pm

**Monday:** (Will resume in September)

**Friday:** (Will resume in September)

### Eucharistic Adoration

(Will resume in September)

### 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

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

**Weekly Collection 13<sup>th</sup> August: £3877.88**



*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.

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August and reopen on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. There will be **no bulletin on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**.



### Ashleigh Group Enrolment

First Penance and First Holy Communion classes for those children of the Parish, who do not attend St Bride's PS, will commence in October for the new School Term.

It is essential that parents who wish for their children to celebrate the sacraments, ensure that the children attend these classes from the beginning of the term.

Please email [kathrynmorrissey1@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynmorrissey1@gmail.com) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September if you wish to enrol your child into the Ashleigh Group for this year.

### JOB VACANCIES

#### St Brigid's Parish – Sacristan (Job Share – 2 posts)

The terms are based on a permanent appointment of two individuals which will require 8 hours of attendance each week from Monday to Sunday. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. The responsibilities in the role will include:

- The maintenance of the sacristy where the church's liturgical items are kept including vestments, sacred vessels, and books etc.
- Ensuring that the sanctuary is set up for mass, other services, baptisms, and funerals, ensuring all the requisite books and sacramental vessels etc. are in place, and that afterwards the sanctuary is cleared, and the church is left secure and tidy.

**Rate of Pay** - £10.42 gross per hour

Visit: [downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/](http://downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/) for full details Or contact the Parish Office.

**Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 24th August 2023**

#### Ministers of the Word; Ministers of Holy Communion

A ministry is not just doing somethings for others; it is not just a job to do or a function to perform; it must never just be a routine. Each occasion requires preparation and lives that are in conformity to the Gospel.

Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion are a very important and valuable presence in the Parish; they, by their lives, make flesh, make real, the Word they read, and the Sacrament they distribute. Training will be provided.

Would you consider offering to serve in one or other of these important roles? Don't leave it to others! Please contact Fr O'Donnell – **028 9066 5409** or email [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)

### Weekday Mass Times

Weekday mass times will return to normal from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Mass on **Monday and Friday** will revert back to evening time of **7pm**. Confessions and Adoration will return to normal times from Monday also.

### St Brigid's One World Group

[www.stbrigids3wg.com](http://www.stbrigids3wg.com)

**The Parish One World Group Annual Collection will be held after Masses on 9th and 10th September.**

Please help us to help those suffering from extreme poverty in developing countries. If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid your donation so we can claim a further 25% of the amount from HMRC.

**Gift Aid envelopes** are available at the back of the Church and will be distributed at Masses on the weekend of **2nd/3rd September**.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation.

**The programme starts on Thursday 5th October 2023** and meets Thursday nights from **6.30pm - 8.00 pm** at **St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane**.

For More information and to register please email [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org)

