



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd October 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 1

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First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps95:1.3-5.7-10

R/. Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Th 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God

Anniversary List

Please pray for Colette Gilligan, Gerry Mallon and Paul Bradley recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary and Brendan O'Neill, Imelda Flood, John Irvine, Paul Smyth, Joseph Kelly, Deirdre Derry, Eileen Green, Brendan O'Hare, Jo Cullen, Conor Gilligan, Brendan Lynn, John Edward and May McNally, Sean McNally, Jean Gilmore, Daniel Macauley, Kathleen Shaughnessy, Sean and Annie Tynan, Michael and Kitty Bready

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

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

Weekly Collection 15th October: £4488.00



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](#)

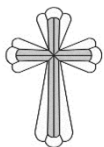


Coffee and Chat

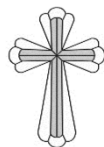
Coffee morning for all the 9.30 am Mass goers, immediately after Mass, on **Wednesday 25th October** in the Parish Centre. Please come along.

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 27th October and reopen Wednesday 1st November at 9.00am

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family



Rosa Caitrín Maguire, Rosa Margot McGill, Finan Paul Caples,
Alice Anastasia Robinson, Amelia Rachel Dillon,
Cora Rosealeen Marie Thompson and Lara Mary Kennedy



who were Baptised in St Brigid's this month.

"Laudate Deum": the Pope's cry for a response to the climate crisis

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation building on his 2015 encyclical. We're not reacting enough, he says, we're close to breaking point. He criticises climate change deniers, saying that the human origin of global warming is now beyond doubt. And he describes how care for our common home flows from the Christian faith.

"'Praise God' is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies."

That's how Pope Francis ends his new Apostolic Exhortation, published on the 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It's a text in continuity with his 2015 encyclical *Laudato si'*, which is broader in scope. In six chapters and 73 paragraphs, the Successor of Peter tries to clarify and bring to completion that previous text on integral ecology, while at the same time sounding an alarm, and a call for co-responsibility, in the face of the climate emergency.

In particular, the Exhortation looks ahead to COP28, which will be held in Dubai between the end of November and beginning of December.

The Holy Father writes: "With the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons" (2). It's "one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community" and "the effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world" (3).

In St Brigid's Parish Centre, on 9th November next, beginning at 7.30pm, Fr Timothy Barlett will give a presentation on Pope Francis' letter, *Laudate Deum*. Everyone welcome to attend.

St. Brigid's Apostolic Work

For almost 100 years St. Brigid's Apostolic Work as part of the Diocese of Down and Connor has supported missionaries and their work overseas.

Its objectives are to share in the Missionary Apostolate of the Church by prayer, supplying material requirements and financial aid in the developing world.

Donations are used for Church; School building; Education; Transport; Orphanages; Training of Catechists; Novices & Seminarians; Street children; Food projects; Water projects; Medical care and Hospice care.

A collection will take place after each Mass this weekend, 21st/22nd October.

If you are in a position to help you can donate by a single payment or set up a standing order and credit Apostolic Work,

Account no: 00067017 at **A.I.B Sort code:** 93-80-92

If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your donation please insert your name house number and post code in the reference box when making your payment.

Cheques made payable to Apostolic Work.

Further information is available from Thérèse O'Reilly through the parish office.

We are appealing for your generous support.

The mission to love one another continues.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – Wednesday 1st November (HOLY DAY)

Mass Time: 9.30am

ALL SOULS DAY – Thursday 2nd November

Mass Time: 9.30am

Annual Mass for Recently Departed Parishioners

(November 2022 – November 2023)

Monday 6th November at 7.00 pm

Relatives and friends of those who have died since 1st November 2022 are particularly invited to this Mass. Also remembered are all the departed Priests and parishioners of the parish, as well as relatives of parishioners who have died in other parishes during the year. Candles will be available for those who wish to bring a lighted candle to the altar in memory of a loved one.