



# Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 2

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**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Eccles (Sir) 35: 12-14.16-19

*The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:2-3.17-19.23

*R/. The poor man called; the Lord heard him.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 4:6-8.16-18

*All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Luke Lk 18:9-14

*The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Sr Patricia Francesca Giles recently deceased, Joan Barbour-McMullen whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leo Martin, Mae Martin, Jo Cullen, Justus Nwaka, Kathleen Shaughnessy, John Irvine, Henry McGahan, Liam Flanagan, Hugh and Annie McCullough, Dan Macauley, Liam Kelly, Jack Campbell, Conor Gilligan, Claire Ward, Brendan O'Hare, John Edward, May and Sean McNally

*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

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Weekly Collection 16<sup>th</sup> October: £3470.87**



*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](#)*

## 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.

In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America it is Missionaries who are on the front line. These women and men do so much with poor communities long before and long after any emergencies. For the very poor, this pandemic is but one more crisis to add to the other daily crisis they face.

They desperately need your help.

### A collection will take place after each Mass this weekend (22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 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 taxpayer and wish to **gift aid** your donation, please insert your name, house number and postcode in the reference box when making your payment.

Cheques made payable to Apostolic Work.

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

We are appealing for your generous support.

The mission to love one another continues.

## Women's Prayer Group

Once a month a group of women from the Parish have been meeting to pray together and reflect on a passage from Scripture. It has been a wonderful experience and a gift to take time and space from our busy lives to just "be" together. It is a gentle, peaceful hour with a cuppa at the end and a chat.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm** and will be held in the meeting room at **No40 Derryvolgie Ave.**



Please do not hesitate to contact me for further details 07718263019 – Mary Carson. Everyone most welcome.

## *Message from His Holiness Pope Francis on World Mission Sunday*

*"You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)*

Dear brothers and sisters!

These words were spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (1:8). They are also the theme of the 2022 World Mission Day which, as always, reminds us that the Church is missionary by nature. This year World Mission Day offers us the opportunity to commemorate several important events in the Church's life and mission: the fourth centenary of the founding of the Congregation *de Propaganda Fide*, now the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, and the second centenary of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. A hundred years ago, the latter, together with the Society of the Holy Childhood and the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle, was granted the title "Pontifical".

Let us reflect on the three key phrases that synthesize the three foundations of the life and mission of every disciple: "You shall be my witnesses", "to the ends of the earth" and "you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit".

### 1. *"You shall be my witnesses" – The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ*

This is the central point, the heart of Jesus' teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a "missionary" of the Father (cf. *Jn* 20:21), and as such, he is the Father's "faithful witness" (cf. *Rev* 1:5). In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.

A deeper look at the words, "You shall be my witnesses", can clarify a few ever timely aspects of the mission Christ entrusted to the disciples. The plural form of the verb emphasizes the communitarian and ecclesial nature of the disciples' missionary vocation. Each baptized person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community, and not on one's own initiative. Even in cases where an individual in some very particular situation carries out the evangelizing mission alone, he must always do so in communion with the Church which commissioned him.

Continue reading here: [vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions](https://vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions)