



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th July 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 1

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gen 18:20-32

I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3.6-8

R/. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter to St Paul to the Colossians Col 2:12-14

He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Angie Connolly recently deceased, Jim Fitzpatrick whose month's mind it is and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tony McGauran, Rose Donnelly, Susan Mulholland, Thomas Esmonde, Breda Dynan, Michael Tierney, Richard Bailie, Jack O'Kane

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: 9.30am
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

**No Confessions on Monday and Friday
during July and August**

Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration during July and August

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

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 17th July: £3270.87

Diocesan Collection, Pastoral Services: £2119.75



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 to the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday 24th July

Message from Pope Francis

Dear Friends,

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full. [1] This makes it hard to look to the future and discern what direction to take. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit".

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(www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages)

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace.
Amen.

