



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 1

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 55:6-9
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3.8-9.17-18
R/. The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Ph 1:20-24.27
Life to me is Christ.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 20:1-16
Why be envious because I am generous?

Anniversary List

Please pray for Kieran Campbell whose month's mind it is, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leo McGonigal, Gareth McAnulty, Terry O'Kane, Joan Barbour-McMullen, Theresa McCauley, Anne Sealy, Rose Dumigan, Tony Marken, Rita Gordon, Maurice Brown, Ernesto Fusciardi, Seamus Kelters, John MacElhatton, Nuala Dowds, Eithne Wilson, Margaret Devlin and prayer also for the parents of Baby Beatrice Grace McDowell

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 17th September: £5374.53

Autumn Collection 17th September: £2327.25



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 this Sunday morning on our Parish Website. Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)

Children's Liturgy Meeting



A Children's Liturgy meeting for Volunteers will take place on **Thursday 28th September, at 8pm**, in No.40 Derryvolgie Avenue. The agenda will include operational, safeguarding and planning matters.

We welcome all our volunteers who are currently registered with us and reach out to anyone interested in becoming a new volunteer - you would be most welcome to come along on the evening also.

Registration for Children wishing to attend Children Liturgy will be held at all masses on **Sunday 8th October** with the classes beginning on Sunday 15th October at the 9.30am Mass.

GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 5 programme (Year 12) will start back this Sunday, **1st October**, from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 22nd October.

The first week will be an opportunity for our wonderful young people to reconnect after the summer. We have a fun-filled evening planned, playing games and enjoying delicious pizza.



If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch with the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members.

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **30th September/1st October 2023**. The food weighed in at 211.7 kgs for September collection.

Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned tomatoes; Instant potato; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Jam; Coffee; tea; Rice; Long life fruit juice; UHT milk; Cooking Sauces; Biscuits.

TOGETHER: Gathering of the People of God

As the Synod in Rome begins in October, we encourage people to pray for the Synod and in particular for the delegates from the Irish Church, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Bishop Brendan Leahy.



St Patrick's Donegall St, Belfast will host a prayer service to pray for the Synod on Saturday **30th September at 7pm**. This ecumenical service will include Taizé music, and everyone is welcome. It is our Diocesan response to Pope Francis' invitation to prayer: *"The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this "Gathering of the People of God" as we will entrust the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.*

Together: An afternoon of Dialogue and Reflection

In our commitment to the development of a synodal Church, the Belfast Jesuit Centre in collaboration with the Focolare Community and Living Church will be holding an event to mark the beginning of the Synod taking place in Rome. We would like to invite you to: **An afternoon of Dialogue and Reflection for a Synodal Church on Saturday 30th September 2.30pm – 5.30pm with supper at 5.30pm** at the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**, Donegall Street. *Limited spaces available – Please book via the Link or QR Code by 27th September. Guest Speakers:* Julieann Moran and Gerry O'Hanlon
We hope you can join us! <https://forms.office.com/e/PcFA5064B4>



Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 25th September at 7.45pm in Parish Centre**. (Reflection: *The Holy Mass*)
All newcomers welcome without any commitment!

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group will start back on **Thursday 28th September from 10.00am until 11.45am in St Brides Parish Hall**.

We look forward to welcoming you all back and also welcoming new faces to the group.



ST BRIGID'S ONE WORLD GROUP
ANNUAL COLLECTION

Many thanks again to all who have contributed to the collection and have set up new Standing Orders.

*The collection currently stands at **£30,268** including gift aid.*

Donations are still welcome.

Envelopes are available in the room off the Church porch and can be returned in the collection baskets on Sundays or to the Parish office.

For information, please phone 07525634440

Alpha



The Alpha Course will run for 9 weeks beginning **Wednesday 4th October at 7pm**. The Course will be delivered in Partnership between St. Bartholomew's Church of Ireland, St Brigid's Parish and Fisherwick Presbyterian Church. To Register go to: bit.ly/belfastalpha

For more information contact belfastalpha@gmail.com or 02890 666683

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Most Catholics enter the Church through Baptism as infants and receive the Eucharist and reconciliation (First Holy Communion and Confession) and Confirmation when young. However, there are many people whom become Catholics, or receive the Sacraments they have previously missed, later in life.

They decide for different reasons; -

- Some are already Christians from other traditions attracted by the teaching of the Catholic Church and by the example of individual Catholics they know;
- Some are non-Catholics who have been coming regularly to Mass for years with their Catholic spouse and children. They wish now to become full members of the Church;
- Some have had no previous contact with the Church at all but have this inner calling to discover the truth about the most important questions of life.

If any of the above situations applies to you, and you wish to enquire further, please contact Fr. O'Donnell on 02890 665409 or email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Youth Faith Group

Our Parish Youth Faith Group recommences on **Sunday 1 October from 6.30pm to 8.00pm** in St Bride's Hall. *Everyone over 16 is invited to attend and we look forward to seeing lots of both new and familiar faces.*

Parish Safeguarding Training

If you are a volunteer working with children and young people in our parish, you must complete training every three years. The Diocesan Safeguarding Office delivers the training and new sessions are now published and available to book on the Diocesan Safeguarding website.

downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training/

All Volunteers must complete Level 1 Training (every 3 years)
All Group Leaders must complete Level 2 Training (every 3 years)

Drumalis Courses Autumn 2023

Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme

Now in our 18th Year... Have you ever thought of taking time out, to reflect, to better understand your faith in all its richness, to explore how it might be integrated with your busy, daily life and to nurture in a focused way your relationship with God? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis or online via Zoom.

Certificate in Christian Thought (Two-year, part-time course)

The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss, and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. It is possible to do the course for validation by St Mary's University College or for personal development only. The course is offered either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom over seven Saturdays from September to May.

For further information or to register on either of these courses, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>