



# Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 2

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**First Reading:** Reading from the Prophet Amos Am 6:1.4-7  
*Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:6-10  
*R/. My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy 1 Tim 6:11-16  
*Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Luke Lk 16:19-31  
*Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Oliver Magill recently deceased, Anne Stewart whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leo McGonigal, Charlie Grant, Damien and Peter Beirne, Ciaran Crawford, Theresa McCauley, Mona McShannon, Peggy Hopkins, John Lavery, Matthew McManus, Jack McShannon, Nora McManus, Ernesto Fuscuardi, Tony Marken, Veronica Crangle, Tom Nolan, John MacElhatton, Margaret Devlin, Noel Boyle, Arthur McDonnell, Ethna Wilson

*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 18<sup>th</sup> September:** £3745.87

**Autumn Collection 18<sup>th</sup> September:** £1934.62



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*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](#)*

### Lay Dominicans

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 26th September** in the Parish Centre at 7.45 pm. *New members very welcome!*

### 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 this **Wednesday, 28th September**, at 8pm 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.

### GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

**A BIG thank you** to everyone who took part in the GIFT programmes in 2021/22. It could not have happened without the goodwill of all the volunteers or indeed the young people who took part so enthusiastically.

**The Dates for GIFT 2022/2023 are:**

- GIFT 5:** 2nd – 23rd October
- GIFT 2:** 6th – 27th November
- GIFT 1:** 15th January – 5th February
- GIFT 4:** 12th March – 2nd April
- GIFT 3:** 23rd April – 14th May



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

### **National Synod of the Church in Ireland**

Thank you to all who made submissions to the recent Synod questionnaire. The responses have been collated, and we are beginning to plan the next phase. In due course we will make a submission from the parish to the National Synod of Ireland. Keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin for further information.

### Short Book Club Returns

Do you like reading and having a chat about books with others? Then please come and join us as we return from summer break. The first meeting of the new season will be on **Wednesday 28 September**. This is a week later than our usual third Wednesday of the month but the normal routine will be restored in October.

We will meet in **St Bride's Hall** at **10:10 am** (after morning Mass). Existing - **and especially new** - members will be welcome and we will have tea/coffee for you all.

The book we will be discussing is **Blackwatertown** by **Paul Waters**. Don't worry if you haven't caught up with reading it; the main object is meeting and chatting. **See you there!**

### Food Bank Collection

St. Brigid's is part of the South Belfast Foodbank, and we will resume our collection of food on the first weekend of every month.

The number of people being referred is on the rise. The Food bank relies on donations of food to help support people facing a crisis within communities. It provides a minimum of three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people in crisis.



There are families struggling to put food on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis - *redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill* - can mean going hungry.

Without your goodwill, the food bank would really struggle to operate.

**List of items currently most needed:** Long life milk; Long life juice; Tinned potatoes; Tinned fish; Tinned spaghetti; Jam; Toiletries; Household cleaning; Nappies.

**Non-perishable food items can be donated at all Masses on the 1st/2nd October 2022.**

This is your chance to make a difference in your local community. Your support is needed more than ever.



Thank you.

**The Parish Third World Group is extremely grateful to all who contributed so generously to our collection last weekend**

**To date we have raised £37,158 including gift aid**

*This will help us to continue to support beneficiaries such as Sister Celestina in Ethiopia.*

*She tells us that our donations have brought joy and dignity to the poor and have made a great difference in their lives but that there has already been a 300% rise in the cost of basic food in Ethiopia and they are struggling to continue to help the people to survive.*

*For information on how to help, please phone Kevin Flanagan on 07525634440*



## **Job Vacancy: SACRISTAN** **For St Brigid's Parish**



A vacancy has arisen for a Sacristan within St Brigid's Parish, where 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.

The role is a permanent appointment requiring 16 hours attendance each week, work pattern to be agreed. Ability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: [downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/](http://downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/) or visit our Parish Website: [stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/news](http://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/news)

**Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

## ***'Liturgy after Covid – Approaches to Liturgy in light of our experience of the Pandemic'***

A one-day Seminar hosted by Down and Connor Liturgy Commission in **St Brigid's Parish Hall**, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, **on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Registration at 9.30am with the Seminar running from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

The Diocese of Down and Connor Liturgy Commission warmly invites clergy, permanent deacons and those in liturgical ministry, in particular Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and members of Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Down and Connor to attend this Seminar. The cost is £10 per person and tea/coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

To help with seating and other arrangements, please contact Malachy McKeever by email at [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org) if you are attending. Thank you.

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## **A TRAVELLER PASSING THROUGH**

**Reflections from  
the Holy Land**

**by Ruth Patterson**

St Bride's Parish Hall,  
Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast BT9 6FP  
Friday, 7 October 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

The book will be launched by Rev Steve Stockman

