



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

First Sunday of Lent

26th February 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 1

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First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gn 2:7;3:1-7
The creation and the sin of our first parents.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-6.12-14.17

R/. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 5:12-19
However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 4:1-11
Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

Anniversary List

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Francis McErlean, John Joseph Cassidy, Eva Haan, Veronica Tohill, Carl Kennedy, Mary McMahan, Rose Murphy, Alice Kinder, Patricia Webster, George McGrath, Brian and Maura Mullaly

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

Weekly Collection 19th February: £4393.12

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: £2469.37



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](#)*

Parish Penitential Service

Palm Sunday, 2nd April, at 4pm

ST BRIGID'S ONE WORLD GROUP

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION



On behalf of the Parish, St Brigid's One World Group will take up a collection at Masses on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

Donations may also be made by electronic transfer to
Account Number 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07.

If you wish to *gift aid* your electronic donation, please either include your phone number in the "Reference" box and we will contact you to obtain your name and address or phone Kevin on 07525634440 to arrange.

LENT BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH

The Lent Bread and Soup Lunch will be held in the Parish Hall after both Masses on Sunday 26th February.

Tea, coffee and scones will be available after the 9.30am Mass.

All money raised will go directly to the Jesuit Mission in Aleppo, Syria who are providing humanitarian aid to those affected by the earthquake.

We reintroduce our Inter Church Lenten Services

Theme: Setting our hearts on fire

Sunday 26th February 7pm

St John's Malone

Preaching Ivan Steen or Andy Galbraith

Sunday 5th March at 7pm

Agape Methodist Centre

Preaching Stephen Fielding or Kevin Graham

Sunday 12th March at 7pm

McCracken Memorial Church

Preaching Emily Hyland

Sunday 19th March at 7pm

Windsor Presbyterian Church

Preaching Very Rev Edward O'Donnell

Sunday 26th March at 7pm

St Brigid's Church

Preaching Barry McCroskery

Food Bank Collection

Non-perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on **4th/5th March 2023**. Thank you for your support.

List of items currently most needed: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Pulses; Long life juice; Instant potato; Jam; Coffee; Long life milk; Toiletries.

Lenten Programme

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church

Women walking together through Lent: Each Wednesday at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue (beginning Wednesday 22nd February)

Inter Church Lenten Services: each Sunday at 7pm
(see separate notice for Venues)

One Day Pilgrimage to Knock

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Sunday 19th March 2023 leaving St Agnes Church at 7.30am. Holy Mass and Confessions available. (Cost £20) Contact Patricia: 07946917354 or Harriet: 07812098991.

'No Greater Love'

The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. Beginning: **Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm**. To book your place for our online program please email livingchurch@downandconnor.org



Short Book Club

Our next discussion session will take place at **10:10am** after Mass in **St Bride's Hall** on **Wednesday 15 March** and the book we will be considering will be **How (Not) To Be Strong** by **Alex Scott** - former England football international and current broadcaster. The book was an instant bestseller on the Sunday Times Lists. Come along and join us for debate and coffee/tea. New members are always welcome. To join our mailing list - email mmmikemoran@aol.com.



Price Only
£690

LOURDES YOUTH TEAM 2023



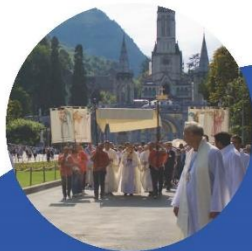
Cost Includes:

Fares per person sharing.
Inclusive of return flights, transports,
full-board accommodation, insurance.

11th - 17th July 2023

Applications open now!

To all aged 17 - 24 yrs old from July
2023 to join the Down & Connor
Youth Team.



Limited Spaces!

For more information please email:
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