

Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast



Anniversary List

Please pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Gerry Moore, Hugh McAlinney, Eilish Doyle, Michael Tierney
May they rest in peace

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 4

First Reading: Reading from the first book of Kings 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12
You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130
R/. Lord, how I love your law!

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 8:28-30
God intended us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 13:44-52
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Contact St Brigid's Parish

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Website: <https://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/contact-us> or [Facebook](#)

Address: 40 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP

St Brides Parish Hall still remains closed.

PARISH MAILING LIST

Would you like to sign up to our Parish Mailing List to receive the Parish Bulletin and be kept up to date on news and events in St Brigid's? Contact the Parish Office to sign up by giving us a call, drop us an email or register on our Parish Website (Contact us page).



The re-introduction of Sunday Mass to St. Brigid's Parish

Over the last number of weeks, we have gradually and safely re-introduced public Mass to the Parish. At present we have Parish Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30am.

Now we are ready to begin to re-introduce Sunday Mass – although the Sunday obligation remains suspended. Next weekend, 1st and 2nd August, there will be TWO weekend Masses:

- **The Vigil Mass at on Saturday at 6.00pm.**
- **Sunday Morning Mass at 9.30am. (Please note the time!)**

This means we will, from next weekend, have one Mass each day in St. Brigid's: Sunday – Friday at 9.30am, and Saturday at 6.00pm. This gives parishioners the opportunity of attending Mass once in the week.

Some things to keep in mind:

- The seating capacity of the Church is 120;
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- The Church doors are closed at one minute before Mass – the Church cannot be entered once Mass begins;
- Take a seat and remain there until the end of Mass; children must remain with their parents, and in the seat, at all times;
- Do not sit beside anyone who is not a member of your household;
- For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you;
- Holy Communion is to be received in the hand;
- When leaving the Church follow the instructions and leave according to the indicated "One-way" system;
- Anyone with cold-like symptoms must not enter the Church;
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;

A Note Of Thanks

Lockdown has given us a glimpse of how dramatically our lives can change. Days, weeks, and months going past without any idea when, how, or if things will improve. It is such a great opportunity to reassess what is really important in our lives and high on that list for most of us are our family and friends. For many of our members that space is filled by Belfast Friendship Club (BFC). Lockdown has also been the birthplace of great ideas and yours has achieved astonishing results, linking friends and family together in a great chain of goodwill and 'human warming.' Your generosity will touch the lives of more BFC members than you can imagine in our huge, inclusive, and unruly family and we are deeply touched by your support. Humankind. Be both. You ARE! We so look forward to thanking those who made it all happen in persons.

Stephanie Mitchell (BFC coordinator and co-founder)

P.S. your video made me cry!



Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Sunday Homilies are available to read and listen to on our Parish Website. *Please go to **The Liturgy > Sunday Homilies**.*

Donate Online & Standing Orders

Last month most parishioners with a registered Offertory Envelopes received a letter from Fr O'Donnell regarding Standing Orders for future offerings to the church. If you did not receive a letter or would like to set up a Standing Order please get in contact with the Parish Office.

Envelopes can be dropped into the parish or church letterbox; these are regularly emptied.

You can also donate online through St. Brigid's Parish Website "DONATE ONLINE". If you have any difficulty with this, please email our Parish Secretary.

To donate online – Go to our Website > Contact us > Donate Online



Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms

FUNERALS

The Maximum number that can attend a funeral service will be determined by the size and circumstances of the venue, whilst facilitating social distancing and observing safety guidelines. Therefore, the number attending funeral rites in the church may be permitted up to the capacity of the church determined when you carried out the risk assessment for the recommencement of Mass and Sacraments. The Executive guidance indicates that the maximum number who may attend the committal at the graveside or doors of the crematorium is capped to 30 persons.

WEDDINGS

Indoor marriage ceremonies can resume from Friday 10th July. The number of persons attending the wedding may be up to the capacity determined for the Church for the celebration of Mass following all requirements in relation to hygiene and social distancing.

Currently maximum capacity is 70 persons for St Brigid's Church.

BAPTISMS

Following the announcement from the NI Executive we are delighted to confirm that baptisms can now resume!

If you are waiting to have your baby baptised in St Brigid's please contact the Parish Secretary for a baptism form

and to be added to our waitlist: stbrigids@downandconnor.org



PARISH WEBCAMS

Private Masses and devotions continue to be celebrated – for a full list of Parishes live streaming please go to the Down and Connor website or:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/> or <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/>