



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th February 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 4

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Eccl 27:4-7

Do not praise a man before he has spoken.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3.13-16

R/. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:54-58

He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:39-45

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Hugh Niblock, Kevin Gregory, Rose Murphy and Paddy Campbell recently deceased, Eileen Smyth whose months mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary McMahon, Desmond Bannon, Patricia Webster, Jim and Anne Aiken, Joan Smyth, Francis McErlean

May they rest in peace

Bulletin Notices and Anniversary's

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

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
Please contact the Parish Office

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 20th February: £4177.00

Collection for Sick and Retired priests: £3189.75

Thank you for your continued support.

Season of Lent

The Season of lent will begin on **Wednesday 2nd March** with Ash Wednesday.

Ashes will be distributed during mass in the normal way. However, some people because of Covid-19, may prefer not to receive ashes – and their decision will be respected. **No one must feel obliged to receive ashes.**

What is important is not the symbol of ashes, but a heart open to the Spirit of Jesus, with the desire to make Lent a season "when we turn away from sin".

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 9.30 am and 7.00 pm



Beginning a Conversation

This weekend we will launch the Synodal Process in St Brigid's Parish. We invite you all to share your experiences with us as part of our response to the Pope's invitation. We begin our journey together, by initiating a conversation, and by asking you to provide some basic information, and to reflect on some questions as you do so.

At mass on Sunday 27th February our welcoming team will hand out Synodal Postcards and Prayer Cards to parishioners. The Postcards will have the link and QR code to direct you to complete the questions via our Website and the link will be posted on our Facebook and through the parish school also. Printed copies of the questionnaire will be available at the back of the church for those unable to go online.

Diocese of Down and Connor COVID-19 Guidance: 15 February 2022

Social Distancing

Parishes may remove measures put in place to ensure social distancing, such as closed off pews.

Face Coverings

The Diocese strongly recommends that face coverings be worn at all times while in the church and throughout liturgical celebrations, even when seated.

Hand Sanitisers

Hand sanitisers will continue to be provided at the entrances and other appropriate points in the Church.

Holy Water Fonts, missalettes, bulletins etc.

For the time being, holy water fonts will remain empty.

Missalettes/bulletins will not become available as we are becoming a paperless parish. Please sign up to our Mailing list or visit our Website or Facebook for Bulletins.

Sick-calls and First-Friday Visits

There is no restriction on making emergency or routine pastoral visits. Priests and other ministers should continue to exercise caution when undertaking sick-calls and making visits to the sick and housebound. All mitigations, such as face coverings and good hand hygiene should continue to be observed as previously advised.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remains suspended at this time.

The Church is now open all day for private prayer.

Welcome Fr Jeevan!

This weekend we welcome to St Brigid's Fr Jeevaraj Thangaras, SJ – likes to be called Fr Jeevan. He comes from Sri Lanka, and is taking part in the Jesuit Tertianship in Dublin.

Fr Jeevan will be with us throughout Lent and until Easter.

Short Book Club

The Parish Community Association's **Short Book Club** will resume its face-to-face meetings in St Bride's Hall on **Wednesday 16 March 2022** after morning Mass. **All are welcome.** For details of the book we shall be discussing, please email mmmikemoran@aol.com. Existing members have already been contacted directly.

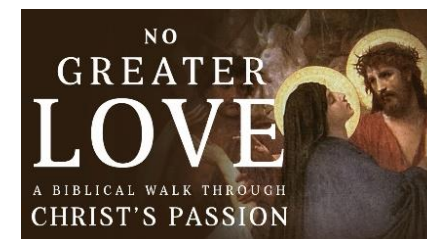


NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join **Living Church** as we reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus' life. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, **No Greater Love** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the final hours of Christ's life. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. At each session there will be the opportunity to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. **To book your place on our online program please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org**

There are 6 options for you to choose from:

Monday 14th March: 11am or 7pm
Tuesday 8th March: 7:30pm
Wednesday 9th March: 7:30pm
Thursday 10th March: 11am or 7pm





APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Pope Francis

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer.

PRAYER:" I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

