

Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 4

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First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 9:26-31
Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28.30-32
R/. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading: Reading from first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:18-24
His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 15:1-8
Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Anniversary List

Please pray for James Anthony Murtagh recently deceased, Vera Smyth whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maighread and Michael Murphy, Mary and Benny McSorley, David Thorogood, Lena Jackson, Tom Crossin, Gerard Conlon, Moya Limoni, James McKeever

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 21st April: £4394.08



Thank you for your continued support



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](#)

St Brigid's Parish Gift Aid Scheme (2023/24)

Parishioners who may require a certificate of payments made from 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024 please contact the parish office and a certificate will be prepared on request. Tel 028 9066 5409 email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Mass for all those sitting Exams

The Annual Mass for everyone sitting exams of one kind or another takes place on **Monday 29th April at 7pm in St Brigid's Church.**

Take time out from your study schedule to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance. All the students from Schools and Universities and their families are warmly invited and encouraged to attend. Your prayer and presence will give all those sitting exams great encouragement.

Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in the church porch.

Synodality and St Brigid's Parish

Walking together:

As part of a wider movement across the Catholic Church, and with a desire to see St Brigid's be a place where people connect and explore their faith, three evenings have been set aside to which parishioners are invited, and where they can talk openly and honestly about how they live out their faith.

Our third meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd May** from 7.30pm until 9.00pm in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome – regular attenders and unregular attenders.

Eye Surgery in Rwanda

Date for your diary

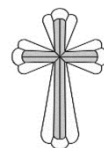
Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre

Three of our parishioners Doctors Olivia Earley, Noemi Lois and Augusto Blanco recently spent time in the Eye Unit in Kabgayi Hospital in Rwanda teaching doctors to perform cataract and other eye surgery techniques.

They were there at the invitation of Dr Michael Mikail, an ophthalmic consultant who trained in Belfast, and is now working in the Kabgayi Hospital. He is the only retinal consultant for a population of 11 million people.

Everyone is warmly invited to a presentation on 13 May about the trip and future plans to help in training doctors.

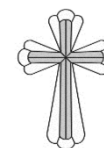
Tea and coffee from 7.30pm



Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

John James McBride, Edward Doyle-Wood,
Grace Lenehan, Rosa Farquharson

who were Baptised this month in St Brigid's



Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **4th /5th May 2024**. The food weighed in at 202.45 kgs for April collection.

Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis.

Thank you for your support.

List of items currently most needed: Tinned fish; Tinned vegetables; Tinned meat; Instant potato; Pasta sauce; Coffee; Tea; Pulses; Rice; Cooking Sauces; Biscuits; Shampoo; Shower gel; Detergent.

MORNING PRAYER

Following our daily journey through Lent and Holy Week we will be meeting every morning **Monday morning in the Side Chapel at 7.30 am** until the end of June. We say the Morning Office and reflect on the gospel for the Sunday following. This has been for many an excellent opportunity to begin the day in prayer. You would be most welcome to come along even if you can only be there occasionally.

MEN'S PRAYER

For the last several years some men in the Parish have been meeting on a **Friday morning in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue at 7.30 am** to reflect together on the gospel and recite the Psalms. This has proved to be a great way to get to know other men in the Parish and develop our faith. Why not come along and give it a try?

National Pilgrimage for Life

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on **Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine** with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.