



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Wisdom Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
*It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 29:2.4-6.11-13

*R/. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 8:7.9-13-15  
*In giving relief to others, balance what happens to be your surplus now against their present need.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Mark Mk 5:21-43  
*Little girl, I tell you to get up.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Rosemary Devlin, Nuala Havlin and Jacinta Nastali recently deceased, Mary O'Rourke whose month's Mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mona Fields, Sean O'Neill, Gerard Murtagh, Brendan Wright, Gerry Marshall, Margaret McKenna, Edward and Anne Hillan, Caroline Hillan, Harry McAnulty, Rita Brown, Rita Hearty, Sean and Rita Owens

*May they rest in peace*

## The Liturgy

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am  
12.00 noon

### Weekday Mass (Summer)

Monday: 9.30 am

Tuesday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday: 9.30 am

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  
(One month's notice required)

### 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)

**Totals will be included next week**



*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](#)*

### Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

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

*To receive the Bulletin by email each week please click [here](#) to sign up*

## Summer Mass Times

*From 1<sup>st</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> August*

**Monday to Friday: 9.30am**

*(There will be no evening mass on Monday and Friday)*

**Saturday: 12noon**

**6pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday Mass: 9.30am and 12 Noon**

*Eucharistic Adoration and weekday Confessions will suspend from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug.*

*Saturday Confessions available after 12 noon mass and from 5.30pm – 6.00pm.*

## Summer Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**There will be no Bulletin on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

Please forward any anniversary names by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July to be remembered in the Sunday prayers.

*Wishing all our parishioners and their families a happy and safe summer, whether you are spending it at home or abroad!*



## Food Bank Collection

**No** food bank collection for the beginning of July 2024, due to various circumstances. The food weighed in at 233.3 kgs for June collection.

The food bank collection will resume the **first weekend in August**.

Thank you for your support.

## SUMMER SINGING COURSE 2024

**5 - 9 August 2024 at St Dominic's Grammar School (135 Falls Road)**

We offer junior and senior classes for boys and girls (aged 8-17), as well as opportunities for mixed group singing. Full fee £35, including refreshments. The week concludes with a final showcase in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

Email [cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org](mailto:cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org) for further information.

# THE SALUS QUARTET

Niall McBride, Fergus McBride,  
Aidan Armstrong, Niall Leonard

## CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF OPERATION HERNIA

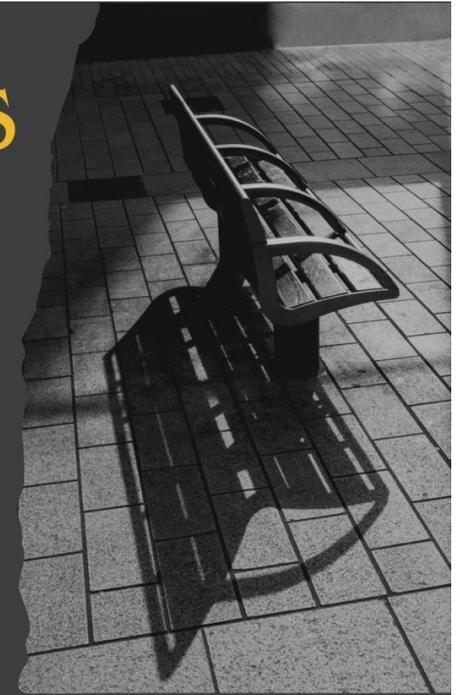
With music by Haydn, Webern  
and a selection of Scandinavian  
Folk Tunes

**SAT 6TH**  
**JULY 2024**  
7.30pm

THE GREAT HALL, THE LANYON  
BUILDING, QUEENS UNIVERSITY

FREE ENTRANCE WITH RETIRING  
COLLECTION

 [operationhernia.org.uk](http://operationhernia.org.uk)



**NI Bishops: 'Give Reasons to Hope' statement on Westminster Elections**  
**Pastoral reflection by the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland ahead of Westminster Elections of 4 July**

The forthcoming Westminster elections provide every voter with an opportunity to influence the values and policies that will shape the future of this part of our island for some time. While some hold the principled view that the British parliament should play no part in the affairs of this part of the island, and choose to remain absent from it, the fact remains that, until a majority of citizens choose otherwise, the decisions of the Westminster parliament impact the lives of every person here in a fundamental way.

From social welfare to policies for economic growth, from the core funding formula to the respect for the right to life itself, the politicians elected to the next Westminster Parliament will make key decisions profoundly affecting the lives of every one of us on this part of our island. As people prepare to vote on the 4 July we, as Pastors, offer the following reflection based on values which, we believe, come from the example of Jesus and have been developed in Catholic Social Teaching. We also offer some key questions they might pose to particular candidates in their area.

We begin, however, by appealing to everyone who has the ability to do so, to participate in the democratic process by exercising their hard-won right to vote. Even where there is no candidate who reflects the full range of a voter's values or aspirations, it is still a fundamental Christian duty to maximise the good we can do by taking part in the democratic process.

**(Extract)**

**“There is hope – when life is respected!**

We believe at the heart of the vision of a vibrant, cohesive and flourishing society is an absolute commitment to the dignity, value and right to life of every person, at every stage, and in every condition of life. If politics is not about respecting, defending and promoting the dignity and value life itself, then what is its core value?

We have watched over recent decades, through the Westminster parliament in particular, how respect for the fundamental right to life has been subjected to a reductionist political culture, where people are valued more and more for their utility,

or their positive cost to benefit analysis, rather than for their inherent dignity. This erodes hope!

Pope Francis reminds us of a fundamental principle of Catholic Social teaching. That everything is connected! Drawing on Pope Saint John Paul's vision of a 'consistent ethic of life', he points out that we cannot speak of an ecological crisis, or an economic crisis, without also speaking of a social crisis, one in which the core value holding all of society together is a profound and inherent respect for life, in all its forms and in all its stages. And so, we encourage those voting in the forthcoming elections, to ask their candidates: What will you do to uphold the right to life of every person, from conception to natural death? What will you do to ensure the most vulnerable, at the beginning or end of their life, will not be at risk from pressure or harm from others to have their lives ended or to end it for themselves? What position will you take in forthcoming Westminster debates about introducing euthanasia and even more radical laws extending the limits on abortion, and discriminating against those in the womb with disabilities?

We can only truly have hope when life is respected, at all its stages, especially when we know society will protect our life when we are vulnerable and unable to protect it for ourselves!”

**The full Reflection is available to read on our Parish Website > [News Section](#)**

