



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

The Great GIFT Chain. Connecting us and connecting others.

The young people from the **GIFT programme and Youth Faith** are taking part in a fund-raising event on Sunday 28th June. They are raising funds for Belfast Friendship Club, an organisation that involves itself with our GIFT programme each year in a very powerful way. The Club was giving £15 phone top up vouchers to asylum seekers to help them stay connected to family and friends during this time of exceptional isolation. However, they have sadly had to close the scheme. We want to help them reopen it!

One example is of a young man who arrived from Sudan by himself as a teenager. He has no family here and asked the Club for help. On receipt of the £15 phone top up voucher he responded immediately with his thanks, explaining that his Father had died and the voucher had enabled him to connect with his family back home.

We want to help more people like this connect with family and friends. We have had an insight during this pandemic as to how it feels to be isolated. With just £15 we can make a difference.

If you would like to support our young people's event then please visit the "**Just Giving**" page link on the Parish Website. (*COMING SOON!*)

The young people will be making paper chains and hanging them in the window of their homes to show they are supporting this event. Please feel free to do the same.

On Sunday 28th June, the young people will be connecting all their homes by way of a walking chain. It will begin by one GIFT family walking to one house. Here, they will tie ribbons on the gate and leave a letter saying what connections they have been grateful for at this time. Hopefully they can have a socially distanced chat between friends. The family from that house will then walk onto the next house and do the same thing. The chain will continue until the last GIFT house has been visited.

Please look out for the ribbons and paper chains hanging in the windows. Please pray for the success of our event.... Reconnecting our young people and hopefully Reconnecting others.

If you are in GIFT and do not receive an email to join our chain, please contact me.
Mary Carson 07718263019

Anniversary List

Please pray for Jimmy Riddell whose months mind it is and for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: James McSparran, Patrick Stewart, Philip (Phil) Maguire
May they rest in peace

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

14th June 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Reading from the book of Deuteronomy Dt 8:2-3.14-16
He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12-15.19-20
R/. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:16-17
*That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us,
we form a single body.*

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 6:51-58
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Private Prayer in St Brigid's Church

St Brigids Church is open for ONE HOUR from 7.00pm – 8.00pm Monday to Saturday for Private Prayer. Please take personal responsibility for hygiene, read the signs and follow the instructions of our Stewards. More guidelines are listed in last week's bulletin and on the parish website.

Diocesan Knock Virtual Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Down and Connor welcomes you to join us for our **Diocesan Knock Virtual Pilgrimage TODAY** at 2.30pm beginning with the Rosary. The ceremonies will be streamed live on www.knockshrine.ie and on Knock Shrine [Facebook page](#)

Contact St Brigids Parish

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Acts of the Apostles

Over the weeks since Easter the readings of the Mass have been dominated by the Acts of the Apostles. In 2018 I ran a study programme with the help of two others - Brendan Kelly and Patrick Keown.

I am now proposing to run it again using a mix of the materials we used before (Readings; reflections; PowerPoint; and videos) - plus online meeting/discussions using Zoom.

If you think you would be interested in giving this a go - please email Mike Moran at mmmikemoran@aol.com

There will be FIVE sessions of discussion. If we get a minimum of 6 takers, we'll get started.

You don't need to be registered to Zoom to take part.

SOLEMNITY of The MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD of JESUS

*While they were eating,
he took bread, said
the blessing, broke it,
and gave it to them,
and said, "Take it;
this is my body..."*

*This is my blood of
the covenant, which
will be shed for many."*

The Gospel of St. Mark 14:22,24

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The Reality That Does Not Perish

The Eucharist communicates the Lord's love for us: a love so great that it nourishes us with himself; a freely given love, always available to every person who hungers and needs to regenerate his own strength. To live the experience of faith means to allow oneself to be nourished by the Lord and to build one's own existence not with material goods but with the reality that does not perish: the gifts of God, his Word and his body.

- **Pope Francis Homily**

Reflection: The Eucharist is a great reminder of how much the Lord seeks to be near us. He wants to make his love tangible to us. He wants to give us life. These last weeks we have learnt not to take the Eucharist for granted. Let us prepare ourselves for the return of public mass.



Sunday Homily

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

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/>

Donate Online & Standing Orders

By this time most parishioners with a registered Offertory Envelopes will have received a follow up letter from Fr O'Donnell regarding Standing Orders for future offerings to the church. If there are any problems setting these up please get in contact with our Parish Secretary Lisa or Fr O'Donnell who will be happy to help.

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

