

May is the
Month of
Mary



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Anniversary List

Please pray for Josie Cassidy and Sarah Mulholland whose month's mind it is and for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Maura Thompson, Mark Copeland, James Boyd, Lucia D'Agostino, John McHugh, Kathleen Farrell, Paddy Bannon
May they rest in peace

DONATING TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CHARITIES

St Brigids Parish:

[Go to our Website](#) > [Contact us](#) > [Donate Online](#)



South Belfast Foodbank:

www.southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money

St Vincent de Paul

As with many other charities, SVP are still trying to assist those who are struggling and most in need during these very challenging times.

There are two ways of doing this; through an **online bank transfer** or **Standing Order monthly payments**. If you are interested in finding out more information please email Fiona Fitzpatrick (SVP St. Brigid's treasurer) f.fitzpatrick@me.com

HELP CONTACTS DURING COVID-19

Parish Priest: stbrigids@downandconnor.org or 02890 665409

Parish Secretary: stbrigids@downandconnor.org or Facebook

St Brigid's Community Association: stbrigidsra@gmail.com



SVP Belfast: info@svpni.co.uk or 02890351561

If you need food because you are unable to afford it please contact a referral agency

Foodbank: info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk or 077 4333 2489

COVID-19 Belfast Community Helpline: covid19@belfastcity.gov.uk

St Brigid's GAC: are offering support to the vulnerable, sick and elderly in our parish community, to members and non-members: stbrigidsbelfast.antrim@gaa.ie or Facebook

Next door App: <https://nextdoor.co.uk/> also available to download as an App (Community based app to keep up to date with happenings your local area or offer assistance to those in need)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 8:5-8.14-17
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7.16-20
R/. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading: Reading from the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:15-18
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 14:15-21
I shall ask the Father and he will give me another Advocate

LIVE STREAMING OF CHURCH SERVICES

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/>

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

Prayer for Our Families

And all families, we need God: all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together as a family is very beautiful and a source of great strength!

And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family, and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.

- Pope Francis Homily

Reflection: All of us have different family situations, but in each one we can pray for our family members. Take time to pray an Our Father right now. Ask that each of your family members can experience God's mercy more deeply.