

May is the  
Month of  
Mary



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Anniversary List

**Please pray for** all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Kenneth Keating, Rosaleen McHugh, David Brennan, Angela Murphy, Ann Abbate  
**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](http://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](mailto:f.fitzpatrick@me.com)

## HELP CONTACTS DURING COVID-19

Parish Priest: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org) or 02890 665409

Parish Secretary: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org) or Facebook

St Brigid's Community Association: [stbrigidsra@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigidsra@gmail.com)



SVP Belfast: [info@svpni.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk) or 077 4333 2489

COVID-19 Belfast Community Helpline: [covid19@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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)

## The Ascension of the Lord

24<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 3

**First Reading:** Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11  
*He was lifted up while they looked on.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3.6-7.8-9  
*R/. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

**Second Reading:** Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 28:16-20  
*All authority in heaven and on earth as been given to me.*

## Limited re-opening of St Brigid's Church

### STEP ONE

From Monday, 25th May, the Church will be opened for **ONE HOUR**, 7.00pm-8.00pm, Monday to Saturday. The Church **WILL NOT** be open on Sundays.

- Take personal responsibility for hygiene - and be responsible for the safety of others.
- Read the signs - follow the instructions of the Stewarts - stay safe.
- Only ten seats are available - this is to limit the number in the Church at any one time.
- The Church is open for individuals to make a short visit and to have a few minutes of private prayer - remember that others may be waiting outside.
- Children may NOT enter the Church.
- Those with coughs or colds may NOT enter the Church.
- Social distancing MUST be observed both inside and outside the Church.
- The Church will be cleaned each day by the Parish Contract Cleaners.
- Hand sanitiser is available in the Church Porch - it MUST be used before entering the Church.
- On each available seat paper towels and spray disinfectant are available - the seat used by an individual must be wiped down by that person upon arriving and leaving the seat.
- Used paper towels are to be deposited in the bin at the end of the seat.
- Observe the "One-way" system - enter by the main door, leave by the side door.
- Votive candles are not available.
- Toilets are not available.