



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Frances Buchanan, Anna Patterson, Mary Donnelly, Anne McGivern recently deceased, Lena Jackson whose month's mind it is and for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Angela Murray, Ann Abbott, Bob Leonard, Annie McShane  
**May they rest in peace**

## 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 Stewards - 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.

## Pentecost Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 4

**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Genesis Gn 11:1-9  
*It was named Babel because there the language of the whole earth was confused.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103:1-2.24.27-30.35  
*R/. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Second Reading:** Letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 8.22-27  
*The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to John Jn 7:37-39  
*From his breast shall flow fountains of living water.*

## CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the reopening of St Brigid's for private prayer we are looking for some volunteers to act as stewards welcoming parishioners to the church

- Are you over 18?
- in good health (and with no family at home showing COVID-19 symptoms)?
- available for 1 hour from 7-8pm (once a week or fortnightly on a rota basis)?

If you think you can help or would like more information please get in touch with the Parish Office or Fr O'Donnell

Phone: **02890 665409**

Email: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)

or private message on our [Facebook page](#)

## PENTECOST TRIDUUM – DIOCESAN NOVENA

Following on from the Diocesan Novena earlier this month, the Diocese of Down and Connor will close the month of May with a Triduum of Prayer to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

Bishop Noel Treanor warmly invites everyone to join with him as he leads the prayers on-line via the webcam ([www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)) from St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast.

The Triduum will run from **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May** and will begin at 7.00 pm and will last approximately 15 minutes.

For more details please visit the [downandconnor.org](http://downandconnor.org)

## 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)