

May is the  
Month of  
Mary



# *Saint Brigid's Parish*

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 4**

**First Reading:** Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:14.36-41  
*God has made him both Lord and Christ.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22:1-6

*R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 2:20-25  
*You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to John Jn 10:1-10  
*I am the gate of the sheepfold*

### **Anniversary List**

**Please pray for** James Shaughnessy recently deceased and for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Crossin, Mary Cocks and James McKeever  
**May they rest in peace**

### **FOOD BANK**

Unfortunately, as the Coronavirus pandemic continues, we will be unable to hold our monthly collection for the Food Bank in St Brigid's this weekend. It will be postponed until after this crisis is over. The South Belfast Food Bank still continues to operate if you would still like to continue to support those in need during this difficult time.

*For more information and to donate online go to:*

[www.southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money](http://www.southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money)

Thank you for your continued support!

### **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/>



### **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**.

## **The Sweetness of Our Lady**

We are in need today of the sweetness of Our Lady to understand the things that Jesus asks of us. It is not an easy list to put into practice: love your enemies, do good, give without hoping for anything in return, to him who strikes you offer the other cheek, to him who takes your cloak offer your tunic as well. These are heavy demands. But all of them were lived by Our Lady in her own way.

- Pope Francis Homily, *Domus Sanctae Marthae*,  
Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, September 12, 2013

**Reflection:** Mary lived in poverty under the oppressive government of the Roman Empire. She constantly had opportunities to put love into practice, both in the grind of her daily life as a woman of poverty and when enduring the demands of the government. Ask Mary to teach you the way of Jesus. Ask her to help you learn to think and act with mercy.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Fr O'Donnell writes:

Parishioners have contacted me concerned about their financial contributions to the parish. **In the midst of these difficult times, which is causing financial distress for many, financial contributions to the parish should be secondary to the needs of parishioners.** However, if parishioners are in a financial position to do so and wish to continue with their contributions they can do so in the following ways:

- Continue to use the parish envelopes, by putting your contribution in the weekly envelope as usual but keep these envelopes at home and **DO NOT** return them to the parish until the "Lockdown" is lifted and the Church reopens.
- On St. Brigid's Parish Website there is now a "**DONATE ONLINE**". If you have any difficulty with this, please email Lisa, our Parish Secretary.

**Go to our Website > Contact us > Donate Online**



Please email or call to get in touch with Lisa (Secretary) or Fr O'Donnell.



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