



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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**First Reading:** Reading from the Acts of the Apostles    Acts 9:26-31

*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 21:26-28.30-32

*R/. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the first letter of St John.    1 Jn 3:18-24

*His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to John    Jn 15:1-8

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Shaughnessy, Tom Crossin, Lena Jackson, Madeleine Lombard, Maureen McKiernan, May Creen, James McKeever, Charles Fox

*May they rest in peace*

### Bulletin Notices

Bulletin Notices must be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

Sign up to our  
Electronic  
Mailing List  
[Click HERE](#)

Parish Livestream / Webcam Link – To view our Masses

Online please click here to redirect to YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCECKga\\_N93kdxngxRJMuvUw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCECKga_N93kdxngxRJMuvUw)



## The Liturgy

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am  
12.00 noon

### Weekday Mass

Monday: 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 12 noon

### Confession

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Friday: 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Saturday: 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &  
5.30 pm – 6:00 pm

### Baptisms

1 months' notice required  
Please contact the Parish Office

### Marriages

6 months' notice required.  
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 25<sup>th</sup> April: £3703.50

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## Pope urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.  
*By Devin Watkins*

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic.

The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon.

It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

### Prayer initiative

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read the statement.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

### End to the pandemic

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020.

Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

## Parish Offertory Envelopes

### Parish Offertory Envelopes are now being distributed.

If you are a new resident in St Brigid's, or have not been receiving a box and wish to, please contact the Parish Office, alternatively you can set up a Standing Order for contributions instead of using envelopes. A Standing Order form can be requested from the parish office. Thank you to all those you have already opted to set up a Standing Order this year!

***Huge thank you to all volunteers who distributed the Envelopes this year!***

### Coffee and Poems – on Zoom

The next Coffee and Poems on Zoom will be on **Wednesday 5th May at 10.30am** and everyone is welcome - please feel free to forward this invitation to any of your contacts.

It is an opportunity for some to read a favourite poem – or one of their own compositions – and for others to enjoy listening.

If you have already registered, we will be contacting you with the zoom details by Monday 3rd May - check your spam if you don't hear from us!

If you haven't yet registered but would like to come along (or would like some more information) please send an email to [coffeeandpoems1@gmail.com](mailto:coffeeandpoems1@gmail.com) and we will send you the details.

### Database of Trade Backgrounds

The Property Office of the Diocese of Down and Connor would like to compile and centralise a list of people with trade backgrounds within the local Parishes that they could call upon in the event that any repairs / refurbishments / renovations and when new builds are required.

Any parishioners that would be interested in any future work with the Diocese, are asked to leave their details, giving their trade/expertise, with the Parish Office at [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)

## Mary's Meals – Pray in May

This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible, and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay)

### Restrictions and Guidelines for attending Mass in St Brigid's

- **Face Coverings** are mandatory when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services.
- **The seating capacity of the Church is 200; (when carefully managed)**
- **Singles or Couples** – Please use the seats in the TWO CENTRE BAYS of the Church, or the occasional seating in the Church.
- **Families (max of 6)** – Please use the SIDE BAYS – left and right.
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- The Church doors are closed at one minute before Mass – the Church cannot be entered once Mass begins;
- Take a seat and remain there until the end of Mass; children must remain with their parents, and in the seat, at all times;
- Do not sit beside anyone who is not a member of your household;
- For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you; Holy Communion is to be received in the hand;
- When leaving the Church follow the instructions and leave according to the indicated "One-way" system;
- Anyone with cold-like symptoms must not enter the Church;
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;
- Holidaymakers returning from other countries should not attend mass for two weeks.

**Once capacity has been reached others coming to the Church will be welcomed but advised to remain outside.**

**Please note: the Office will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
(Bank Holiday)**

## Welcome to St Brigid's Children's Liturgy Corner!

**LOOK** Sunday 2 May 2021  
John 15:1-8  
5th Sunday of Easter

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY**  
Jesus tells the people that he is like a vine. Father, God in heaven, is like the gardener who looks after the vine, and we are like the branches that the grapes grow on.

**GROWING GOOD FRUIT!**  
Can you fit the fruit into the grid?  
apple banana grape lemon orange

**Growing vine**  
Can you put these vines in size order, starting with the smallest?  
a b c d e

**Which fruit?**  
Here is a vine, a tree and a bush. Which fruit grows on which plant?  
Draw a line to match each fruit to the right plant.

**A PRAYER TO SAY**  
Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me everything I need to grow. Please help me to grow in your love and bear good fruit. Amen.

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You can also find the A4 Printable Worksheets on our Parish Website (select Parish Groups & click [Children's Liturgy](#)) and our Facebook Page. Please enjoy and have lots of fun completing these with your children each week!