



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14th March 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 4

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Currently No Public Mass or Confession – see times opposite for Live Streaming.

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am & 12 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Baptisms

1 months' notice required

Please contact the Parish Office

Marriages

6 months' notice required.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

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](#)

The Parish Office will be **closed to the public** during the Lockdown period from **Thursday 7th January until further notice.**

If you need to get in touch, please contact the parish office by phone or email during this time.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Chronicles 2 Ch 36:14-16.19-23
The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136:1-6

R/. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 2:4-10
You who were dead through your wind have been saved through grace

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 3:14-21

God sent his son so that through him the world might be saved.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Elinor Houston, John Kevin Wilson and Ita Kean recently deceased, Aidan Gallagher whose months mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sr Frances McGauran, Desmond Keating, Maureen O'Hagan, John Mageean, Moira Ramsey, Elizabeth Jamison, Sarah Wildy, Charlie McGettigan, Anne O'Connell, Francis McMullan. Anna McMurray, Harry Coll

May they rest in peace

Praying During Lent

We have uploaded to our Parish Website "**Reflections and Prayers for Lent**" which consists of reflections on scripture, selected passages from Pope Francis and praying the Our Father for each day of the week during Lent.

Go to our Parish Website and click on **The Liturgy** then [Lent and Easter 2021](#)

With the current lockdown, suspension of Public Mass is set to continue until further notice.

Mass will continue to be Live streamed from St Brigid's Church on our YouTube Channel **Link:** stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/links

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9.30 am

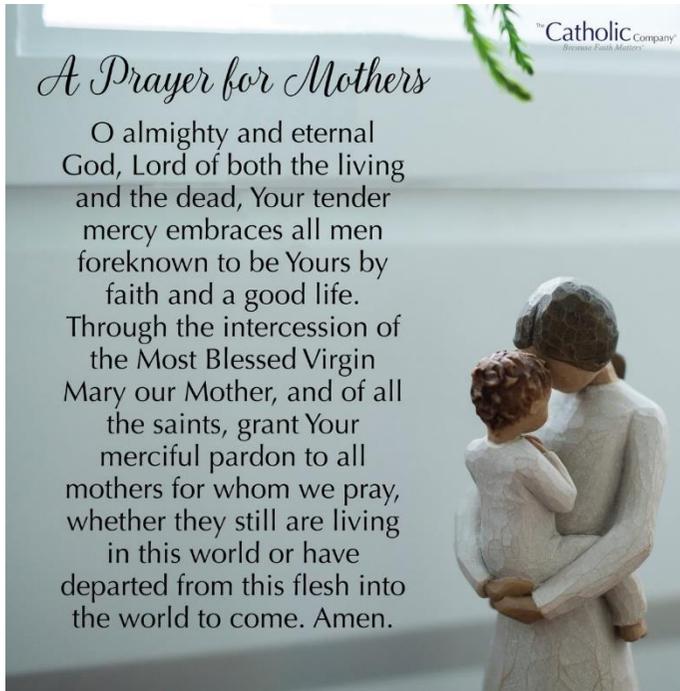
Saturday: 12 noon

Sunday: 12 noon

*Mass will also be Live Streamed on **Tuesday and Thursday at 5pm** and on **Sunday at 8pm** in the **Catholic Chaplaincy at Queens** (Live Streaming on Facebook, YouTube and Church Services)*

Mother's Day, Sunday 14th March

Wishing all mums everywhere a Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!



A Prayer for Mothers

O almighty and eternal God, Lord of both the living and the dead, Your tender mercy embraces all men foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and of all the saints, grant Your merciful pardon to all mothers for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh into the world to come. Amen.

Feast of St Patrick

Mass will be livestreamed on St Patrick's Day, Wednesday 17th March, at 9.30am

Please join us in celebration of our patron saint of Ireland

St Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.*



TRÓCAIRE CAMPAIGN

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. **Online at** www.trocaire.org/donations/now/
2. **By phone:** 0800 912 1200 (Northern Ireland)
3. *If you can improvise and collect at home, donations can be brought to the church at Easter*

Double your impact with UK Aid Match

Your love can make all the difference this Lent. Donations from Northern Ireland or the UK made *before 16 May 2021* will be *doubled* by the UK government up to £2m.

St Brigid's Apostolic Work

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Apostolic Work during the past very difficult year. **The amount raised by St Brigid's was £8,854.96.** Gift aid provided £1,420.

Donations are used for Church/School buildings; Education; Transport; Orphanages; Training of Catechists, Novices & Seminarians; Street children; Food projects; Water projects; Medical care and Hospice care.

In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America it is Missionaries who are on the front line. These women and men do so much with poor communities long before and long after any emergencies. For the very poor, this pandemic is but one more crisis to add to the other daily crisis they face. They desperately need your help.

For more information go to: apostolicworkdc.com

You can donate through your bank by a **single payment** or set up a **standing order** and credit Apostolic Work: **(Account No: 00067017 at A.I.B Sort code: 93-80-92)**

Cheques can be made payable to Apostolic Work.

If you are a taxpayer and wish to **gift aid** your donation, please insert your name house number and post code in the reference box when making your payment.

Further information available from Thérèse O'Reilly through the parish office. Thank you for your continued support and God Bless you all.

The mission to love one another continues.

Easter Card Competition

Whether you are in the GIFT programme or not please DO get involved in designing a Parish Easter card.

There is a super prize of a £40 One4all voucher and a tub of Haribo for the winner.

We will print up the card and use at Easter for the GIFT outreach visits.

Please make the card A6 Postcard size (105mm x148mm).

Make it colourful and think about what Easter really means...LIGHT over DARK, HOPE, JOY, NEW BEGINNINGS.

At this time we all need to look after one another, to show that we care and that no one is forgotten. I know you will come up with some lovely ideas.

Can you please post them or drop them to the Parish Office 40 Derryvolgie Ave or to me Mary Carson at 63 Myrtlefield Park. **CLOSING DATE is Thursday 18th March.**

Good luck!



CENSUS 2021

The census happens only once every ten years and gives a picture of all the people and households in this country. The information collected is used to help make decisions about how vital public services such as education, transport and health are planned and funded.

All households will have received their census pack or letter in the post.

- The Census is really important and is used by our Government to assess the need for public services. It is important for your family, for your community, for your local area and for all of the country.
- An example of how the Census is used – the number of vaccines available to us is based on population figures from the Census.
- However, it is not all about Government, the Census along with our church records provides a family history record for us all.
- Some people may have filled out their census already – that's great. Can everyone in the congregation make sure that they fill out their Census this weekend.
- The Census is easy and safe to fill out online or on paper. If you need support visit the census website census.gov.uk/ni/help or you can call the census team for free on **0800 328 2021**.

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

Sunday 14 March 2021
John 3:14-21
4th Sunday of Lent

LOOK IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus says that he was sent to be the light of the world because God loves us so much.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus makes our lives bright and happy.
Colour the shapes to find a lamp that was used in the time of Jesus.

A poem to finish
Use these words in green to finish the poem



Jesus comes to bring us _____
To put our fear and pain to _____
To fill our lives with joy so _____
And keep us safe by day and _____

Who is Jesus?
Find the words that tell us about Jesus by colouring all the X squares.

X	J	E	S	U	S	X
I	S	X	H	T	H	E
L	I	G	H	T	X	X
O	F	X	X	T	H	E
X	W	O	R	L	D	X

Be a light!
How is Hibah going to be a light for the people she meets today?
Tick the good suggestions and cross out the bad ideas. Perhaps you can choose to try some out yourself?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are the light of the world. Help us to be loving and kind so that we brighten up the lives of all we meet. 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!