



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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**First Reading:** Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 4:8-12

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 117:1.8-9.21-23.26.28-29

*R/. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:1-2

*We shall see God as he really is.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to John Jn 10:11-18

*The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Phyllis Doherty, Tom King, Rita Stanton, and Colette Doyle recently deceased, Antonio Abbate whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sarah Doyle, John Cahill, Nora Nugent, Frances McAleese, John and Mary McKay, Maura Mullally, Sarah Mulholland, Winnie Hamill, Claire Morgan, Sheila Wright, Michael Laverty, Belle Gorman, George Crisp, Nell McManus, John McGrath

*May they rest in peace*

## 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<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm

Please contact the Parish Office to book

### Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

### PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)*

**Weekly Collection 14<sup>th</sup> April: £3519.66**



*Thank you for your continued support*



### Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. *Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)*

### St Brigid's Parish Gift Aid Scheme (2023/24)

Parishioners who may require a certificate of payments made from 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024 please contact the parish office and a certificate will be prepared on request. Tel 028 9066 5409 email: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)



## *A concert for Fouad*

*An evening of music and poetry for Syria*  
St Brides Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm**

**All Tickets have been issued**

We have a reserve List for any that are returned – please call the parish office to have your name added if you would like tickets.

**There will be no evening mass on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, mass will be at 9.30am on this day.**

## **Synodality and St Brigid’s Parish**

### ***Walking together:***

As part of a wider movement across the Catholic Church, and with a desire to see St Brigid’s be a place where people connect and explore their faith, three evenings have been set aside to which parishioners are invited, and where they can talk openly and honestly about how they live out their faith.

Our Second and third meetings on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Each evening will last from 7.30pm until 9.00pm in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome – regular attenders and unregular attenders.

### **Northern Ireland (SBNI) Online Safety Hub**

Many of us, parents, carers, volunteer leaders/helpers are concerned about keeping our children safe online and there are many excellent resources that can assist. One new resource the Safeguarding Office are keen to tell you about is the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) Online Safety Hub.

The Hub is split into two sections, one for adults and one for young people and brings together expert advice and resources. To access the Hub, click Here.

<https://onlinesafetyhub.safeguardingni.org/promote-the-hub/>



### **National Pilgrimage for Life**

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference, will be celebrated on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica**. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

## **GIFT 1 – Growing in Faith Together**

**GIFT 3** programme will start back on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. GIFT 3 is for Children in Year 10. If you would like your child to join please contact the parish office for a consent form.

Parents who have already signed up have been contacted by email from the parish office.

**The theme for GIFT 3 is:**

*“Friendship: How can I be a good friend?”*



If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

Following our daily journey through Lent and Holy Week we will be meeting every morning **Monday morning in the Side Chapel at 7.30 am** until the end of June. We say the Morning Office and reflect on the gospel for the Sunday following. This has been for many an excellent opportunity to begin the day in prayer. You would be most welcome to come along even if you can only be there occasionally.

## **MEN'S PRAYER**

For the last several years some men in the Parish have been meeting on a **Friday morning in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue at 7.30 am** to reflect together on the gospel and recite the Psalms. This has proved to be a great way to get to know other men in the Parish and develop our faith. Why not come along and give it a try?

## **Belfast Jesuit Centre**

The Belfast Jesuit Centre is pleased to invite you to three events which we are delighted to be hosting in April and May. Detailed information on each, and links to book your place, are available on our website. [belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/seasonal\\_events/](http://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/seasonal_events/)

***“First Belong to God: On Retreat with Pope Francis”***

**A Talk by Dr Austen Ivereigh**

Saturday 27th April 2024 at 3pm

***“Climate Redemption: Hope for the World”***

**A Discussion with Dom Christopher Jamison**

Sunday 5th May from 3pm – 5.45pm

***“Celebrating the Gifts of the Breath of Christ”***

**A Pentecost Retreat**

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th May