



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th July 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Kings 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11.15-18

R/. You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Second Reading: Reading from St Paul to the Ephesians. Eph 4:1-6

One Body, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 6:1-15

Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Sean O'Doherty and Margaret Brannigan recently deceased, Brian Howard Murray whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Neasa Scanlon, Rose Donnelly, Gerry Moore, Eilish Doyle, Michael Tierney, Jack O'Kane, Susan Mulholland

And for those whose anniversaries occurred last weekend

Brian Smyth, Danny McGivern, Charles Graham, Ryan Musy, Breda Dynan, Rose Teresa Bradley, Margaret O'Hare, Catherine Carty, Mairead and Samuel Chambers

May they rest in peace

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

During the summer period mass times will remain presently as they are.

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

Please contact the Parish Office

stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Marriages

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

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 11th July: **£2890.50**

Weekly Collection 18th July: **£4175.50**

Diocesan Pastoral Services Collection: **£2153.75**

Thank you for your continued support.

Bulletin Notices

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

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Sunday 25th July 2021

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
“I am with you always”**

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,

Dear Elderly Friends,

“I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

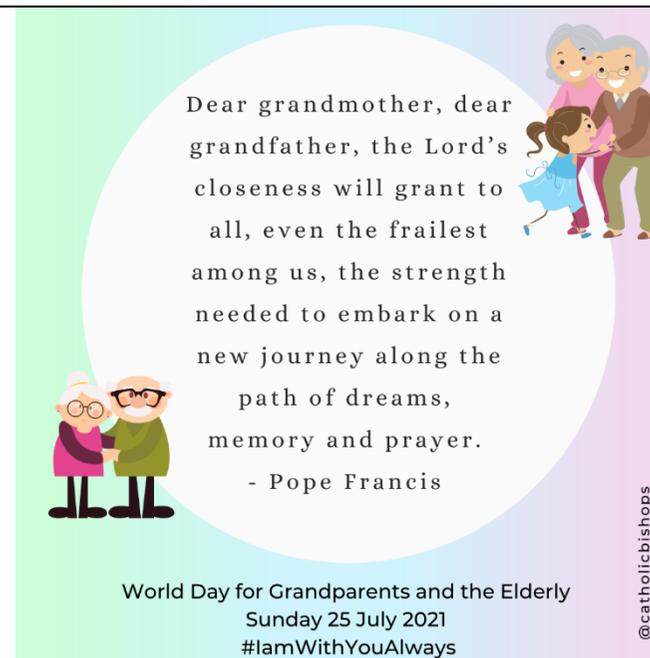
I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, “Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer”. [1] Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes, [2] seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send *angels* to console our loneliness and to remind us: “I am with you always”. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends, and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an *angel*!

At times, those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

For Pope Francis full message – Please click [HERE](#)



Guidelines for attending Mass in St Brigid's

- **Face Coverings** are mandatory when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services.
- Current seating occupancy of the church is **275**
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- 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 or coughs must not enter the Church;
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;