



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Second Sunday of Lent

28th February 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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Currently No Public Mass – 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gen 22:1-2.9-13.15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10.15-19
R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 8:31-34
God did not spare his own son.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 9:2-10
This is my son, the Beloved.

Anniversary List

Please pray for James Mullan and Francis McErlean recently deceased and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen McLoughlin, Mary McMahan, Dorothy Donnelly, John Irvine, Veronica Tohill, Desmond Bannon, George McGrath, Greta Ballentine, Donal Murphy

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)*

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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)

The contents of each and every Trócaire donation, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Parish Third World Group

In his sermon on the Sunday before Lent, Fr Eddie suggested that during Lent we might try to

- grow in prayer
- grow in gratitude, not taking anything for granted
- grow in awareness of the plight of so many in the world.

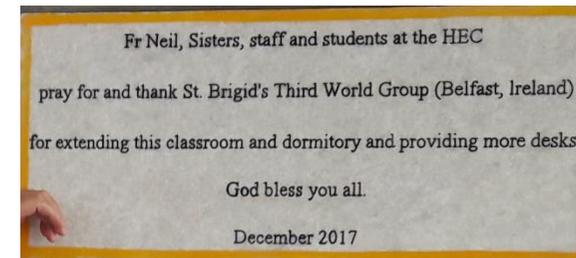


This week we are asking you to pray for Fr Neil Magill and the people of Myanmar/Burma whom the Parish Third World Group has been supporting for many years.

Many of you will recall how Fr Neil used some of our donations to give poor children one egg a week – the only protein they got.



More recently, he has, again with our help, established a Higher Education Centre to provide opportunities for bright but poor young people to receive an education which they would not otherwise have been able to afford. This the plaque they erected.



Sadly, the pandemic and the recent coup in Myanmar has made life even more difficult for the people there.

Fr Neil is in Ireland at present recuperating from back surgery. He writes

We live in such troubled times. I am broken-hearted by the coup in our beloved Myanmar and in the midst of a pandemic. I admire the young people who courageously continue to protest. Very often the internet is blocked but when possible, many communicate with me and keep me up to date. Myanmar is a forgotten country and gets little media coverage.

I want to let you know that your very generous donation of £7,000 was transferred and came at a great time when daily workers could not work because of Covid and now with the coup. They have no money to put rice on the table so some of my teachers continue to get food parcels to the poor who deeply appreciate it as they have no work. You keep them alive and give hope.

**Thank you very much and may God bless you.
Neil**