



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th August 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Deuteronomy Deut 4:1-2.6-8
Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St James Jm 1:17-18.21-22.27
You must do what the word tells you.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23
You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Mary McKenna, Sarah Matthews, Joan Cronin recently deceased Sally Brennan whose month mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Terry and Clare McGuinness, Siobhan McLoughlin, John Cushinan, John McShane, James Purvis, Tess and John Conlon, Betty Murphy, Cleovandi Dos Santos Lima, David McKenna

May they rest in peace

Guidelines for attending Mass in St Brigid's

Face Coverings must be worn when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services. Current seating occupancy of the church is **275**

FULL GUIDELINES CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 22nd August

(Final figures to be compiled and will be published in the next bulletin)

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.

Please note there will be no Bulletin next Sunday (5th September).

DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR THE DOWN AND CONNOR PRIESTS' WELFARE FUND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past 18 months the normal rhythm of our lives has been affected in so many ways. Many things we took for granted were no longer readily available to us, and, as families, workers and communities, we sought out new ways to live life.

Our life as a praying and worshiping community was ruptured too. We all felt the absence of gathering as the family of God, but we adapted to new ways of uniting in prayer. We are most grateful for your generosity to your parish and to the diocese at a time when many people faced and continue to face their own financial struggles.

In the diocese of Down and Connor, the Priests Welfare fund exists to provide the stipend for each priest in active ministry. Your generosity over many years has ensured that the Fund had sufficient reserves to continue to provide a stipend for each Priest, even where the parish stipend offerings decreased significantly.

On Sunday 19th September 2021 we are asking for your financial support towards the annual autumn voluntary collection for our priests.

We make this appeal to ensure that the Fund can continue to sustain that support.

We make this appeal in the light of the fact that during 2020 the level of giving across our parishes dropped on average by 35% to 50%. This decrease was experienced across all aspects of financial support for the many services provided by our parishes and the diocese e.g. Pastoral Care and Services and Sacramental Ministries in our parishes; the Living Church initiative, Family Ministry, Vocations Commission, Diocesan Youth Commission, Safeguarding and Vetting, Chaplaincies to Hospitals, Prisons, Universities, Living Youth, ACCORD, Family Care Society and the Diocesan Curia.

Together with the priests of the diocese I thank you for your kindness and ongoing support and for your generous response to this appeal in support of your priests.

I offer my prayerful good wishes to you and to all those who are dear to you.

Yours in Christ,

+Noel Treanor
Bishop of Down and Connor

SEASON OF CREATION: RESTORING OUR COMMON HOME

The Season of Creation begins on Wednesday 1st September. Pope Francis has invited the faithful to participate in this annual season "to renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home."

As a Diocese we will mark the opening of the Season of Creation with a service On Wednesday 1st September in St Peter's Cathedral at 7pm. The event is being coordinated by a newly established Laudato Si group in the Diocese and the homilist will be Fr Timothy Bartlett.

Join us online www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

We are all encouraged in this season to read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' On Care of our Common Home*. In this week we pray for greater attention to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor and that we may commit ourselves to living according to the vision and values of Laudato Si'.



SEASON OF CREATION

Coffee and Poems

(Continuing via Zoom on Wednesday 1st September 2021)

The monthly Coffee and Poems meeting will continue on Zoom on **Wednesday 1st September at 10.30am**

If you have already registered for this, the Zoom link will be circulated on Sunday 29th August. If you do not receive the link or would like to join, please email coffeandpoems1@gmail.com

