



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Third Sunday of Lent

7<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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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.

## Third Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Exodus Ex 20:1-17  
*The Law was given through Moses.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8-11  
*R/. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 1:22-25  
*Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to John Jn 2:13-25  
*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Sr San Pierre recently deceased, Kris Toner and Sean Gribben whose months mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Waters, Felix O'Kane, Alice Kinder, Aidan Langan, Patricia Webster, Maire Macauley, Noreen and Brian Graham, Janette Lagan, May Caher, Fred McBride, Mary Conlon, Mary Ellen and Frank Houston

*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](http://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)*

## Syria Lenten Appeal

On Ash Wednesday evening, a group of about thirty, made up of parishioners of St Brigid's Parish and students from the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University, had a zoom meeting with Fr Fouad Nakhla SJ, now based in Damascus, Syria. You may recall that Fr Fouad spent some time with us early last year before lockdown.



As he talked to us, we noticed that he was wearing his overcoat – he had no heat, and it was snowing outside! Yet, he is more fortunate than the thousands whose homes have been bombed and their lives shattered. Food has been reduced to bread and tea – and buying bread involves a three hour queue each day. Fr Fouad has said, “I feel that I can nearly hold the despair and hopelessness in my hands.”

Fr Fouad heads the Jesuit Refugee Service in Syria. JRS supports centres in Damascus, Homs, and Aleppo, striving to provide very basic hygiene care, food, and education, for the many hundreds, of mostly street children, who come to the centres.

We are presently exploring various ways we can support Fr Fouad's work, but immediately, we are organising an **Easter Raffle** to raise funds for him.

### **Prizes Include:**

Apple MacBook, Apple Watch, Colin Davidson Limited Edition Print, Luxury Hampers, Ray Ban Sunglasses, Case of Wine and Vouchers!

**Tickets are priced at £5 each and can be purchased here:**

<https://raffall.com/199669/enter-raffle-to-win-easter-fundraiser-for-jrs-syria-hosted-by-the-catholic-chaplaincy-at-queens-university-belfast>

***The Draw will take place on Good Friday, 2021.***

If you prefer to make a donation, **St Brigid's Third World Group** has kindly agreed to facilitate this. You can make an electronic transfer to their bank account:

**Sort Code:** 90-22-07      **Account Number:** 68825172

*(If you are a taxpayer and wish to gift aid your donation, please insert house number and post code in the Reference Box when making the payment.)*

If you prefer to pay by cheque/cash, contact Kevin or Rosalie: 07525634440 / 07887708788

We are confident of your support.

*Fr Edward O'Donnell, PP and Fr Dominic McGrattan, Chaplain*

## Standing Orders & Offering Envelopes

Thank you to everyone who has set up a Standing Order for the Parish Offertory Envelopes and left envelopes into the office during the current lockdown, this has helped to keep an in-flow for the upkeep of the parish.

Envelopes can still be dropped into the metal Post Boxes at Number 40 & 42 Derryvolgie Avenue – these boxes are checked regularly.

If you would like to set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for a form. Email: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org) or phone on 028 90665409



### **Sunday Homily**

Fr O'Donnell's Sunday Homilies continue to be available to read and listen to on our Parish Website. *Please go to **The Liturgy > Sunday Homilies**.*

## **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

## Drumbo Parish

Drumbo Parish Pastoral Council has invited Jeannie McCann (Trócaire Campaigns Officer for NI) to give a talk titled “Women Taking the Lead” to coincide with International Women's Day 2021.

We hope you will find her talk interesting, informative and timely, especially since evidence is proving that the Covid19 pandemic is disproportionately impacting women.

In a 2020 UN policy brief on the impact of COVID-19 on women, the findings stated that, across every sphere, from health to the economy, security to social protection, the impacts of COVID-19 are exacerbated for women.

The talk will take place on **Monday 8th March at 7:30pm.**

Please register your interest by emailing: [drumbopastoralcouncilevent@gmail.com](mailto:drumbopastoralcouncilevent@gmail.com)

We hope you can join us.

# 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](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. Online at [www.trocaire.org/donations/now/](http://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.

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

Sunday 7 March 2021  
John 2:13-25  
3rd Sunday of Lent



My name is \_\_\_\_\_

### GOD'S HOUSE

Help these children find their way to church, the house of God.



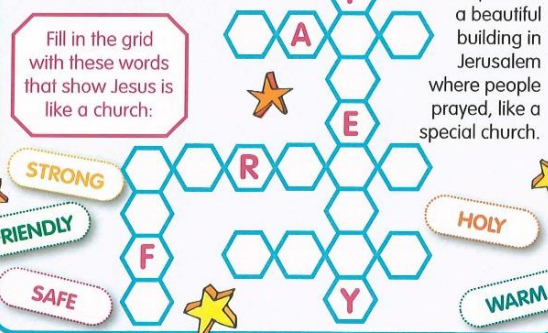
In church we...

Tick the good things that we do in church.



### Like a church

Fill in the grid with these words that show Jesus is like a church:



The Temple was a beautiful building in Jerusalem where people prayed, like a special church.

Jesus says he is the Temple of God, and he will come back to life after he dies. The people do not understand, and think he is talking about the Temple where they are standing. Jesus is not afraid to stand up for what is right and tells off the people who are trading in God's house and being dishonest.

### Standing up for what is right

Sometimes we need to stand up for what is right and good. Seeing something that is unfair or wrong can make us cross. Maya is angry to see the girls ignoring Xiang.



Draw, or write about, your ideas for how she could help.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for always being there for us, and for giving us your strong love. Help us to spread your love, so that the world may be a beautiful place. Amen.

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!