



## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm

### Sunday

9 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

### Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am Sat: 12 noon

### Evening Masses

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7 pm

### Reconciliation

Friday 6.30 pm – 6.55 pm

### Saturday Confessions

12.30 pm – 1 pm

5.30 pm – 5.55 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30- 8 pm

Friday 10 am – 12 noon

### Marriages

6 months notice required.  
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

**Parish Baptisms held 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2 pm**  
*One month's notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.*

### BULLETIN NOTICES

Notices for the bulletin must be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Wednesday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

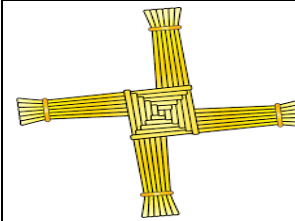
### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Brigid's conference extends sincere thanks to all in the parish who contributed so generously to this year's Christmas Collection and Toy Appeal. The total amount collected in the 3 weeks from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 was £38,583.68, £26,800 of this was eligible for Gift Aid. Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help 53 families, including 136 children. We also provided 48 food hampers, warm clothing, help with purchasing extra food and fuel. All of this was greatly received.

We also extend our thanks to the Parish Gift Group who provided warm items of clothing and to St Brigid's GAA club who donated over 100 shoe boxes filled with essential items for the homeless. The people **YOU** help are in genuine need and many of them have asked us to convey our thanks to you. All of them greatly appreciate the help given to them by our volunteers who visit them.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, please contact Maeve Fee, tel: 028 9066 5038 or Aine Lockhart, tel: 028 9066 2994.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for all.



## Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

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**Parish Office:** Tel: 028 9066 5409; 9 am -1 pm Week Days  
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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 Psalter Week 4

**First Reading: Prophet Jeremiah** Jer 1:4-5.17-19

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 70:1-6.15.17**

**R/. My lips will tell of your help.**

**Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

1 Cor 12:12-30

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

**Gospel: Gospel according to Luke** Lk 4:21-30

*Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.*

Monica Gormley (nee McGale) recently deceased. Jean Boyd who Month's Mind are around this time. Ray Coppard, Brian Duggan, Dolores Boylan, Rory Bailie, Una McCluskey McMahon, Peter Lyons, James & Bridget Morgan, Arthur & Gerry Goan, Hugh Corrigan, Paula Haughey, Joanna Tuffy, Paul McFadden, Elizabeth Keating, Alice McGettigan, Bernard & Kathleen Vallely, Fr William Skehan, Patrick Murray, Teresa Shevlin, Ethna Crangle, Annie Finnegan and Barry Copeland whose anniversaries are at this time. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 27<sup>th</sup> January £4,897.20

Living Youth Collection 20<sup>th</sup> January £2,2012.13

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### **SINGING SUNDAYS 10.30 am Mass**

Dear Parents as part of the Children's Liturgy Program we invite children to take part in the first Children's Singing Sunday which will take place **TODAY**. Children will make their way to choir seats on the altar at the beginning of mass and remain there throughout. There will be no downstairs classes on those dates but supervision will be provided.

### **FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses **this weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed**: tinned vegetables; tinned fish; long life juice; rice; instant potato; custard; biscuits; coffee; shower gel and shampoo.

### **FEAST OF ST BLIASE 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

As the Feast of St Blaise falls on a Sunday this year, the traditional blessing of throats will be at the 9.30 am Mass on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### **LECTURE BY PROFESSOR JAMES KEENAN, SJ, BOSTON COLLEGE**

Fr James Keenan, SJ, is a moral theologian who serves as Canisius Professor and Director of the Jesuit Institute at Boston College. As a specialist in virtue ethics and the history of theological ethics, he is the author of several moral theology texts, including the recently updated third editions of his books *Moral Wisdom* (2016) and *Works of Mercy* (2017).

Fr Keenan will deliver a talk on "**What's so Good about Virtue Ethics?**" in the **Holy Rosary (Good Shepherd) Parish Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30 pm. All welcome to attend and carparking is available in the grounds of the Centre.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND**

"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" (Pope Francis). Why not take time to explore and reflect on becoming a priest. Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne from **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information please contact: Fr. Kevin Tel: 028 9061 4567; Email: [vocations@downandconnor.org](mailto:vocations@downandconnor.org)

### **ST BRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **Open Enrolment for September 2019**

Criteria for St Bride's Primary School and Nursery Unit are available to download from the school website [www.stbridesps.org.uk](http://www.stbridesps.org.uk) or from the EA website [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk)

Pre-School and Primary 1 applications are available through the online portal on the EA website [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) The process will remain open until midnight, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Supporting documentation such as Birth Certificate and Proof of Address must be submitted directly to the first preference school as soon as possible but **before 12 noon on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

### **ST BRIGID'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

New volunteers, men and women, to assist with the floral arrangements in the Church being sought. Volunteering, even for a short period, would be greatly appreciated. Requirements: interest and commitment. Contact Fr O'Donnell through the Parish Office 028 9066 5409 or e-mail: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)

### **AN OFFICE OF IMMENSE LOVE**

#### **Ministers of the Word: Ministers of Holy Communion**

A ministry is not just doing something for others; it is not just a job to do or a function to perform; it must never be just a routine. Each occasion requires preparation and lives that are in conformity to the Gospel. Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion are a very important and valuable presence in the Parish; they by their lives make flesh, make real, the Word they read, and the Sacrament they distribute. Would you consider offering to serve in one or other of these important roles? Please contact Fr O'Donnell 028 9066 5409 or e-mail: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org) **Training will be provided.**

### **DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019**

7 nights 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July £725

5 nights 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July £650

5 nights 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July for pilgrims needing care - staying in the Accueil Notre-Dame £550

**YOUTH TEAM 7<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> July £590**

#### **Closing date for Youth Applications 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Fares per person sharing, inclusive of return flights from Belfast, transfers, full-board accommodation, insurance and courier services.

**Application forms available from the Parish Office or contact Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 028 9077 0162 or e-mail [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)**

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# He's looking for... you?

- Faith
- An Idealist
- Grounded
- Compassion
- Understanding
- Approachability
- Leaders
- Commitment
- Honesty
- Reliability
- Determination

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