



Celebrating the Liturgy

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm.

Sunday

9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am Sat: 12 noon.

Evening Masses

Mon, Wed & Fri: 7pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12.30 – 1.0 pm.
Confession, 5.30pm – 5.55pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday 10.00am – 12.00 Noon

Marriages

6 months notice required.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Parish Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 2pm

One month's notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

Please welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Niall Kevin Judge, Luca James Martin-Henry &
Noah Christopher Pochkhua

Who were baptised on 15 April in St Brigid's.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Lynn Kennedy *who died recently.*

Mary & Benny McSorley, John Cahill, James & Sarah McElhenny,
Brian Keating, Brian Gorman, Fred & Susan Taylor, Rose & Andy Rice,
Ethna Owens, Maura McCann, Michael Lavery, Muriel Frazer,
Nell McManus, John & Mary McKay, Molly McLarnon, Michael Lavery,
Belle Gorman, Harry Reid & Fr Hugh Mulvenna

whose anniversary's occur around this time.

May they rest in peace.

Bulletin Notices

Notices for the bulletin must be with the Parish Office by 12.00 noon
Wednesday to be included in the weekend bulletin. *Thank you.*



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Parish Priest: Very Reverend Edward O'Donnell. Tel: 028 9066 5409

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Fourth Sunday of Easter YEAR B

22 April 2018 Psalter IV. *Day of Prayer for Vocations.*

Introduction

Today, on the Day of prayer for vocations, we acknowledge Christ as the Good Sheperd, the one we can follow who will lead us to safety.

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

The crucified and risen Lord is our strength and our fullness of life.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117

**R/. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

"We shall see God as he really is."

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep.

Note* Ministers of The Word and Ministers of Holy Communion Rota's are available on the Parish Website or from the Church Porch.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS

The Parish Finance committee has prepared a Financial Statement for year ended 31/12/2017 which will be available next weekend. Parishioners who seek further information on the year-end accounts are welcome to attend the next Parish Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday 1st May 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue.

Parish Offertory Collection: 15 April £7,323

Thank you for your continued support.

African Impact (A charity working in Rural Zululand)

One of our young parishioners Ruari McDonnell will be going to educate and support orphaned / needy children and families in an underprivileged remote village in South Africa. There will be coffee tea available outside the Church and Ruari hopes for voluntary donations towards his venture.

Eucharistic Adoration

There are two periods of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish each week:

- Monday after 7.00pm Mass until 8.00pm.
- Friday after 9.30am Mass until 12 noon.

Given the particular situation in Ireland, during these two periods of Adoration our special intention is that our society will respect, protect, love and save life for the moment of conception until its natural end. Please join us.

The Short Book Club

Building upon the success of the Coffee and Poems programme, we are going to start a book club – reading short stories and short books. It will take place on the **third Wednesday of each month after 9:30am morning Mass**. Our first session will be on next Wednesday – **25 April** – in **St Bride's Hall**. For the first week the leaders will bring along reading materials and then we will decide on the book for next month. So – come along and join in.

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? Don't leave it to others! Please contact Fr O'Donnell Tel 028 9066 5409 or email stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Training will be provided.



World Meeting of Families

The parishes of our Pastoral Community (South Belfast), will provide a number of coaches to transport those who have registered for the Final Mass (Sunday 26th August), Phoenix Park, Dublin. In order to have some idea of numbers interested those who have registered or intend to register, are asked to contact the parish office at their earliest convenience. Further details will be published later. Thank you.

World Meeting of Families – Tickets and Registration

- Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the Pastoral Congress (22-24 August), is guaranteed to receive tickets for the Festival of Families (Croke Park, Saturday 25th August) and the Final Mass (Phoenix Park, Sunday 26th August).
- Those who only wish to register for the Festival of Families or the Final Mass need to be aware that tickets will be limited subject to venue capacity and availability.
- To register online please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration
- To enquire about accommodation please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Ireland/Accommodation
- Alternatively call the national office – 0035316909409
- If you have any other queries contact the Diocesan Office – family@downandconnor.org