



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 & 7.00pm

During Lent

Saturday: 12 noon

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12.30 – 1.0 pm.
Confession, 5.30pm – 6pm

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.

Offertory Collection: 4 February £4,585 Monthly Collection £3,104

Thank you for your support.

Please welcome into the parish

Ava Carys Bray, Aine Siobhan Brogan, Juliette Faith Mellan,
Rory Joseph McGrath who were baptised on 4th February in St Brigid's

Please note: Easter Rota's for Ministers of the Word and

Minsters of Holy Communion are available in the porch of the Church.

Fr Paul Murray O.P. St. Brigid's Day Lecture

is now available on the parish website.

Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th February.

Saint Vincent de Paul Shop urgently requires donations of good quality ladies & gents clothing & shoes. Also, good quality bedding. These can be left in the shop, on Ormeau Road, Monday to Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm. As ever we thank you for your support.

Coffee Morning – habitat for Humanity in Malawi Sunday 4th March

Two parishioners, Luke McCann and Matthew Kelly will be travelling to Malawi, in July 2018, to help build houses for disadvantaged communities. All funds raised will go directly to the project.

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold its monthly meeting at **7.45pm on Tuesday 13 February** in no 40 Derryvolgie Avenue. Please note the later start time.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. YEAR B

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First Reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46*

In this Reading, we are faced with the reality of exclusion.

"The leper must live apart outside the camp."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31

R/. You are my refuge O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

St Paul invites us to: *"Take me for your model, as I take Christ."*

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

We see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in this act of healing.

"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Frances Byrne, Kathleen Boyle, Danny McRandal, James Carberry, Kevin Ballentine, Gerard Kiely, Fr Hugh Crossin, Canon Patrick McAllister, Thomas O'Rourke, Brian Mullally, Peter Carty, James & Brett Maginn, Marguerite Magennis, Brigid Heagney, Raymond Eastwood, Ray Coppard, William Fitzsimons & Maureen McGauran
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

PARISH COMING TOGETHER 2018

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 3.00-5.00PM

Our guest speaker this year is Katie Ascough. Katie, 21, is from Dublin and is a student in U.C.D. In March she was elected Students Union President but was impeached in October 2017 because of her pro-life views. About her impeachment she said, "The hardest thing was having erstwhile friends turn against life".

Everyone welcome – a particularly warm invitation to the young people of the parish.

The Season of Lent

Begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. Day of fast & abstinence.
Mass Times during lent: Monday to Friday 9.30am and 7.00pm each day. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses.

Lenten Reflection Day

Saturday 10th February, 2-5pm at St Brigid's Parish Hall
Facilitator Rev Ruth Patterson

The Council of Trent – Origins, Actions and Consequences

Fr Niccolo Steiner SJ will give a series of **three** talks on the Council of Trent (1545-63) in **St Bride's Hall 7:45pm on Thursdays** of the first half of Lent – **22 Feb; 1 Mar; and 8 Mar.**

The Council of Trent was convened in the wake of Luther's break from the Church and resulted in decisions that were to affect the Church and its practices for centuries afterwards.

Fr Niccolo will explain the circumstances that led to the convening of the Council; the decisions it took; and impact of those decisions. If you've ever wondered what is meant by the adjective – **Tridentine** – come along and find out. All are welcome.

World Meeting of Families

The Parish Pastoral Council offers three sessions based on Pope Francis document "The Joy of Love" (Amoris Laetitia)

- 15th March – The reality of family life today;
- 22nd March – God's dream of love;
- 28th March – God's mercy – no one excluded.

Meetings will be in the Parish Centre on the above dates at 7.45pm.

Ecumenical Outreach

Sharing in the South Belfast Inter-Church Services for Lent 2018.

- 18th February Windsor Presbyterian Church
Preacher; Canon Robert Jones "Fresh Start"
- 25th February St John's Malone
Preacher; Rev Barry McCroskery "Authority established"
- 4th March Fisherwick Presbyterian Church
Preacher; Mr Brett Lockhart "Identity revealed"
- 11th March St Brigid's
Rev Elizabeth Hanna "Decision Time"
- 18th March Agape Centre
Rev Michael Anderson "Actions Speak"
- 25th March St Nicholas

Lent Bread and Soup Lunch on Sunday 18th February

Our Parish Third World Group is holding a Bread and Soup Lunch in the Parish Hall after all 3 Masses on Sunday next. Tea or coffee and scones will be available as alternatives. *Why not help people who have so little by having this simple meal and donating the cost of your usual Sunday lunch?*

Trocaire Boxes are available in the Church Porch.

Music for a Lenten Evening

In St Brigid's Church

9th March at 7.30pm

St Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum directed by Mr Nigel McClintock and St Brigid's Choir directed by Dr Niall Leonard. All welcome – retiring collection.
(NB Evening Mass on this evening will be at 6.00pm)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Seven nights (10-17 July) £725pps. Five nights (11-16 July) £650pps.
Youth Team (8-17 July) £590. Five nights - pilgrims requiring nursing/personal care staying Accueil Notre Dame (11-16 July) £550. Forms available from the Parish Office or contact Lourdes Pilgrimage office (028) 90646040 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org **Closing Date for Youth Applications 16th March**

Na Leanai (children of the Sands Family)

in concert on Friday 16 March in St Bride's Hall

Proceeds in aid of St Brigid's Third World Group

Suggested donation £15 For tickets please phone/text Kevin on 07525634440

Something worth watching: youtube: Dave Rubin interviews Bishop Robert Barron.

"LIMITLESS" is an evening for our young people (aged 14 and over) to experience Catholic Praise and Worship, receive some information on the Limitless Love of God in our lives, and share in a time of prayer and adoration.

Sunday 11th February at 7.00pm in St Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road.

Guest speaker Fr James O'Reilly. All welcome.

The Emerald Ball at Titanic, Belfast

The Emerald Ball will take place at Titanic, Belfast on St Patrick's Day, 17th March 2018. Commencing with drinks 7pm followed by a four course dinner at 8pm. Dress is formal, monies raised will support Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. Tickets £60 each available from the pilgrimage secretary, Sinead 02890646040 or Drumbo Parish office 02890 812238.

"St Pat's, Knock, Informal PTA Dinner Dance, Saturday 3 March 2018 the PTA of Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock Informal Dinner Dance in the La Mon Hotel Saturday 3 March 2018 7pm. Dress: smart casual. This is going to be an evening with lots of opportunities to socialise while raising money for the benefit of all the students of the College. Tickets £35 per person are available from knockpta@gmail.com, tel - 07980 863211 or from the College reception."