



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: 11 February £5,639

Thank you for your support.

Lenten Bread and Soup Lunch

Our Parish Third World Group will hold a Bread and Soup Lunch in the Parish Hall after the 3 Sunday Masses this weekend. Please help people in developing countries through your fasting and almsgiving this Lent.

A date for the diary!

If you are volunteering with CHILDREN'S LITURGY, GIFT or any other group working with our young people, please come along to a retreat on Saturday 24th March in the Parish hall 11am to 3pm. Breige O Hare will be facilitating; providing us with an opportunity to take time out together and reflect on what we are doing. Lunch will be provided so please register your interest ASAP. Many thanks. Mary Carson 07718263019.

Welcoming Team Ministry

Can you provide a warm welcome? We need you!

St Brigid's parish are looking for parishioners to join our Welcoming team at a mass of their choice. The Welcoming team are vital and play an important role in our parish. For further details contact the parish office on (028) 90665409

or email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love". Mother Teresa.

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.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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First Sunday of Lent. YEAR B

18 February 2018 PSALTER Week 1

Introduction

Lent calls each of us to transform our lives and our relationship with God.

The invitation is to 'begin again'

First Reading: *Genesis 9:8-15*

This lesson reminds us of the magnanimity, the infinite forgiving mercy of God to those who not only forget him but who positively offend and insult him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24

**R/. Your ways Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Peter compares the waters of the deluge to the waters of the baptism. As Noah was saved from the deluge, so Christians are saved in the baptismal water.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark's version of the temptation in the desert is much shorter than Matthew's or Luke's.
This makes the significance more direct.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Betty McCourt *who died recently*

Angeline Kelly, Maureen MCGuigan *whose month's mind occur around this time*
Naoise Moriarty, Jim & Ann Aiken, Brian Mullally, Laurence & Mary McMahan, Jim Doyle,
Mary Greene, Frances Mary Shearer, William McBurney, Theresa McGonigle,
Maureen Dundas, John Farrell, Raymond Glover, Terry McIlhatton, William & Teresa Glover
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.

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.

The Council of Trent (1545-1563) – Origins; Actions; Consequences.

A series of three talks in St. Bride's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue.
Thursday evenings, 22nd February; 1st March; 8th March - talks begin at 7.45pm.

The Council of Trent was convened in the wake of Martin Luther's break from Rome and resulted in decisions that were to affect the Church and its practices for centuries afterwards. Fr. Niccolo Steiner SJ, a historian lecturing in Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology, Frankfurt, Germany, in a series of three talks, will explain the circumstances that led to the convening of the Council, the decisions it took, and the impact of those decisions. All welcome.

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
Preacher; Rev Elizabeth Hanna **"Decision Time"**
- 18th March Agape Centre
Preacher; Rev Michael Anderson **"Actions Speak"**
- 25th March St Nicholas
Preacher; Rev David Campten **"Death Defeated"**

All services will be held on Sunday evenings, beginning at 7.00pm, with Tea/Coffee & Biscuits afterwards.

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

The Parish of Drumbo & Carryduff Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (22 - 30 May 2018)

Drumbo Parish invite you to join their Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family

Package price - £1,440 per person sharing

This includes return coach transfers from Carryduff to Dublin Airport, return flights with British Airways, generous luggage allowance, 4* Hotels on a half board basis (3 nights Tiberias / 4 nights Jerusalem)

& all excursions. If you are interested to receive further information please contact the Parish Office on 028 90812238 or Anam Cara Travel - 02825 821 690

This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel (Co Antrim)

LIMITED PLACES REMAINING!

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.

Saint Brigid's GAC – New members wanted

Training has now resumed for all ages after the Winter break and we are very keen on getting new players and coaches involved. The club, based in this parish celebrates its 20th anniversary later this year and continues to grow from strength to strength. We play Gaelic football (male & female), hurling and camogie from P1 and most ages above. No previous experience necessary. Team support is a great way to get fit, develop life skills and make new friends. For more information please visit our website on stbrigidsgac.com or call Peter Mulgrew on 07921 862698 or Tracy Galvin on 07582 132830