



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: 18 February £4,360

Thank you for your support.

Life NI urgently require a **buggy for a new baby**. If you can help with this, please call **028 9043 8339**.

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 **St Bride's 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. If you can help (roughly once every 6 weeks), 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

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

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Second Sunday of Lent. YEAR B

25 February 2018 PSALTER Week II

Introduction

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

The invitation is to 'begin again'

First Reading: *Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18*

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10,15-19

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Mark's account of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Malachy McKavanagh *who died recently*

Eithna Crangle *whose month's mind occurs around this time*

Mary McMahan, Desmond Bannon, Sheila Murtagh, John Cassidy, Joan Smyth, Charles Waters, William Ramsey, David McKenna, Jim Kearns, Veronica Tohill, Rene Mitchell, Dorothy Donnelly, William Mc Mullan, Jack McMullan, Brendan McLaughlin

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

PARISH COMING TOGETHER 2018

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 3.00-5.00PM (Coffee/Tea from 2:30pm)

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 – Let's Talk Family; Let's Be family

As part of the Parish preparation for the World Meeting of Families, come and join us for **three discussion sessions** based on the WMOF resources – videos and discussion points. They will be held at **7.45pm in St Bride's Hall**.

- Thu 15 March – ***The Reality of Family Life Today***;
- Thu 22 March – ***God's Dream of Love***;
- Wed 28 March – ***God's Mercy: No One Excluded***.

Everyone has their own experiences of family life; everyone belongs to a family. So – please come along and add your voice to our understanding of Families.

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

A series of three talks in St. Bride's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue.
Second and third sessions are on **1 March** and **8 March** - talks begin at **7.45pm**.

Fr. Niccolo Steiner SJ, will explain the circumstances that led to the convening of the Council of Trent in the wake of Martin Luther's break from Rome; the decisions it took, and the impact of those decisions for the Church and its practices for centuries afterwards. **All welcome.**

Saint Brigid's GAC – New members wanted

New players and coaches welcome now after the winter break. This Parish-based club celebrates its 20th anniversary later this year and continues to grow. We play Gaelic football (male & female), hurling and camogie from P1 and most ages above. No previous experience necessary. 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**

Music for a Lenten Evening

St Brigid's Church Friday 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. Programme includes: *Allegri's Miserere* and Fauré's *Requiem*. All welcome – retiring collection.

(NB Evening Mass on this evening will be at **6.00pm**)

Ecumenical Outreach – Lenten Talks

- **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.

Food Bank Collection

Non-perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on **3 - 4 March 2018**. For the **February Collection** the food weighed in at **314.8kg**. Thank you for your support.

Items **currently most needed**: Cereal; pulses; custard; tinned rice; fish and nappies (size 4 & 5).

St Brigid's Third World Group Concert

Na Leanaí (children of the Sands Family) on **Friday 16 March** in St Bride's Hall
Suggested donation £15. For tickets please phone/text **Kevin on 07525634440**

'One Family, Healing Hearts'

The **I AM Worship Band** will lead a day of worship and reflection in **Drumbo Parish Church** on **Sunday 4 March** for the parishes in the Pastoral Community.
Programme: music at 9:00 & 12:00 Masses, a 'One Family' workshop at 3:00pm and an evening of praise and worship at 7:30pm. To register, **Email**: drumbo@downandconnor.org.

50th Anniversary of the Opening of St Patrick's College, Knock

Past pupils, parents, staff and former governors are invited to a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at **7:30pm** on **Friday 16 March 2018** in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock. For details Phone 028 9040 1184; Email office@olspck.org.

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 **028 9064 6040** or Drumbo Parish office **028 9081 2238**.