



## 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

Saturday: 12 noon

#### Evening Masses

Mon Wed & Fri; 7.00pm

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2pm

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

**Offertory Collection: 28 January** £4,892

*Thank you for all your support.*

### Please note

Easter Rota's are available on the parish website or from the sacristy.

“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 Bernadettes Church, Rosetta Road.

Guest speaker Fr James O'Reilly. All welcome.

### Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses today.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bookings are now open for the 2018 Pilgrimage.

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](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

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



## Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

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

**Parish Office:** Tel: 028 9066 5409; 9.00-1.00pm Week Days

**Email:** [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)

**Parish Website:** [www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org](http://www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org)

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. YEAR B

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#### First Reading: Job 7:1-4.6-7

The plight of Job speaks to each of us on some level. Christ calls us to of the 'rat race' and into his presence. *"restlessly I fret till twilight falls."*

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:1-6

**R/. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19 22-23

St Paul encourages us to turn to Jesus Christ, the divine healer, for strength, comfort and healing.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Marks reveals for us a Christ who prays and is close to God, a compassionate Christ who works day and night at the work that has been assigned him.

*"...He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."*

#### Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Theresa McAuley *recently deceased.*

Gretta McCambridge, Mairin McAteer *whose month's mind occurs at this time.*

Joanna Tuffy, Paula Haughey, Paddy & Mollie Moran, Arthur Newell,

Una McMahan, Paul McErlean, Barry Copeland, Maureen Fox, Dolores Boylan,

Mary Madine, Hugh & Beatrice O'Hagan, Hannah & Patrick Conway,

Patrick Murray, Jim Hunter, Elizabeth Keating, Paul McFadden, Teresa Shevlin,

JJ McDermott, William Dolan, Jack & Mary Margaret Creighton, Annie Finnegan,

Archie McFerran, Delia Maguire whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**May they rest in peace.**

**"St Pat's, Knock, Informal PTA Dinner Dance, Saturday 3 March 2018**

The PTA of Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock invite you to attend an Informal Dinner Dance in the La Mon Hotel on Saturday 3 March 2018 at 7pm. A prosecco reception will be followed by a two course hot buffet style meal and a DJ. Dress: smart casual. This is going to be a fun, relaxed 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](mailto:knockpta@gmail.com), tel - 07980 863211 or from the College reception."

***Interested in improving your Bridge game?***

We are a relaxed group who enjoy the fun and challenge of the game of Bridge. During our friendly and fun sessions we are continually improving our Bridge knowledge. Our tutor Diane will run ten weeks of improvers/supervised bridge classes on Friday mornings at 11am from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 30 Windsor Avenue, Belfast. Competitive cost. If you are interested, please ring Diane on 94.228744 or email [bridgequacker@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgequacker@yahoo.com)

**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 Monday to Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm. As ever we thank you for your support.

**COFFEE & POEMS**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
After morning Mass in the Parish Hall.  
All welcome.

**Lenten Reflection Day**

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

**Na Leanaí** (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 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.

**For the attention of volunteers working with children in Parish Groups:**

There are still spaces available for the next 90-minute Child Safeguarding Training Session in St Malachy's, 24 Alfred Street, Belfast, BT2 8EN on **Tuesday 6th February from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** (Please note changed venue from the original.)

If you would like to reserve a place on this course, please contact Lorna in the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, on 028 9049 2798.

Please note that there is different training provided for the nominated leader / co-ordinator of groups. Thank you. The Parish Safeguarding Committee.

**PARISH COMING TOGETHER 2018**

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 torn against life". Everyone welcome – a particularly warm invitation to the young people of the parish.

**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](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org). "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love" Mother Teresa.

**Some Dates to Note**

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	Lenten Reflection Day 2-5pm St Brides's Hall.
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday and beginning of Lent.
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parish Coming Together Day.
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Service of Light. 7.00pm
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	First Confession for children in the parish.
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Bishop Treanor confirms children in the parish.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL  
THANK YOU**

St. Brigid's conference extends sincere thanks to all in the Parish who contributed so generously to this year's Christmas Collection & Toy Appeal. Total collection £31,129. £22,536.00 was eligible for Gift Aid. Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help 41 families (116 children). We provided hampers, warm clothing, help with purchasing extra food & fuel. It was greatly appreciated by the families we visit. We extend our thanks to the Gift Group who provided items of warm clothing & to St. Brigids GAA club who donated over 40 shoeboxes filled with essential items for the homeless. The people YOU help are in real need. All of them greatly appreciate the help given by the 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. 90665038 or Kate Rogan tel. 90209876 The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for all.