



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

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

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

Offertory Collection: 31 December £4,281

Thank you for your support.

Children's Liturgy

Classes will resume on **Sunday 14th January** for all pupils P3 -P7

A planning meeting for all volunteers takes place on

Wednesday 10th January at 8.00pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue.

Schools Open/ Evening Days 2018

St Genevieve's High School: Open night **Tuesday 9th January** 2018 7.00pm

St Malachy's College: Open night **10th & 11th January** 2018 7.00pm

St Louise's Comprehensive College: Open night **11th January** 4.30pm & 6.30pm

St Dominic's Open Day: Open day 13th January 9.30-1.00pm

Principal's Speech 9.30 & 11.00am

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock:

Open Day 13th January 9.15am – 11.00am Principal's Speech 9.30am & 11.00am

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School:

Open day 13th January 9.00am -1.00pm Principal's address 9.30am & 11.30am

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School: Thursday 18th January 7.30pm

Dominican College Fortwilliam: Open day 20th January 9.30-1.00pm

Principal's Address 9.30am & 11.00am

Rathmore Grammar School: Open Day 20th January 9.30am -1.00pm

Principal's address 9.30 & 11.15am



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 7 January 2018. YEAR B PSALTER II

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah weaves a colourful and thought-provoking cloth to show us that God reaches our deep inner thirst and needs.

Responsorial Psalm: Is 12:2-6

R/. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

This reading inspires us to see that Baptism gives power to do good in God's name and to keep out the realm of evil.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

After his Baptism, the Spirit descended on Jesus and the voice of the Father declared that Jesus was His Son.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Angeline Kelly *who died recently*

Judith Bergin *whose month's mind occurs around this time,*

Denis & Pearl Moloney, Bridget Lawson, James Rice, Sheila Gregory,

Patrick McGale, Teresa Meenan, John Cronin, Eileen McCrory,

John & May Hopkins, Florence McFerran, Kathleen Brennan,

Rose Carberry, Gerard McKavanagh *whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

May they rest in peace.



The LOGO for the World Meeting of Families.

At the heart of the logo is the family. Family members are represented in different ages and roles while walking together in communion and love, helping one another through the journey of life. The cross and the semi-circle represent God's love, flowing from the cross, embracing and supporting all the families of the world. No one is excluded, no one is left behind. The Church, the Family of Families. WMOF 2018.

World Meeting of Families (WMOF) Dublin, 21-26 August 2018

The WMOF has three main elements: Three day Congress
Festival of Families
Eucharistic Celebration.

The event, which occurs every three years, brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the importance of marriage and the family.

More information on **Registering to attend the WMOF** is available at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/ticket

There is still time to **Volunteer** to assist at the WMOF event. Full information is available at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer.

If you have already registered to volunteer can you please let the parish office know as soon as possible by emailing stbrigids@downandconnor.org or Telephoning 9066 5409. Thank you.

LAUNCH OF PARISH WMOF PREPARATIONS PROGRAMME

St Brigid's Parish will be officially launching its plans for the WMOF on Sunday 14 January 2018.

Fr. Timothy Bartlett, Secretary General for the WMOF, will speak at all the Masses that day and a card replicating the specially commissioned **Icon of the Holy Family** will be given to everyone.

The purpose of the icon is to encourage both reflection and prayer as part of the journey of preparations to **World Meeting of Families 2018**. When the doors of this icon are opened we see in the centre the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph seated at table, sharing a meal and sharing their faith. Their faith was celebrated in their home. It is in our home that the reality of God-with-us is communicated and passed on to future generations.

After all the Masses those who have already been registered as Volunteers for the WMOF event will be available to discuss any questions you may have.

Table Quiz

Who? Our Parish Third World Group.

Why? To raise money for projects in developing countries.

When? Friday 26th January 2018 at 7.45pm.

Where? St Bride's Parish Hall.

How? To book a table or donate a ballot prize - ph Kevin on 07525634440

The January Quiz is always popular and early booking is advisable.

HOW SAFE DO YOU THINK OUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ONLINE?

FREE ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS SEMINAR

The seminar is suitable for: • All Diocesan staff, volunteers and group leaders

- Parents • Teachers
- PSC Committee Chairs & members.

17th & 18th January 2018 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS

To book a place: please select your preferred date and RSVP by 12th January 2018 with your name and Parish to Lorna Baker (Down and Connor Safeguarding Office) at office@soddc.org or telephone 028 90492798.

Thank you. The Parish Safeguarding Committee.

Important Date for your Diary

“Legislating for Life”

A lecture by Lord Alton of Liverpool

in St Brigid's Parish Centre on Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm.

David Alton is an Independent Life Peer, he is a Catholic and strongly holds a “pro-life” position. His motto on his Coat of Arms is taken from the Book of taken from the Book of Deuteronomy: **Choose Life. Deuteronomy: Choose Life.**

GIFT Growing In Faith Together 2018

A Happy new year to all our young people. We are looking forward to another year of fun and interesting sessions.

GIFT 1 (year 8) begins Sunday 14th Jan 6.45 pm to 8.45pm in the Parish Hall and runs for 6 consecutive weeks. If you haven't already enrolled please download a consent form and bring it along on the first night with your parent. Don't be nervous... it's a great way to reconnect with your old primary school friends and make new ones too. We receive generous financial support from the Parish but we ask for a voluntary contribution of £20 per family.

GIFT 1 for Volunteers Sunday 7th January at 6.45pm. Thanks to those who have already expressed an interest we look forward to seeing you. If you would like to get involved do come along to find out more. It's a very rewarding experience. The programme can only run with your help. Mary Carson 07718263019.