



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 Sat: 12 noon.

No Evening Masses

From 2nd July to 24th August

Reconciliation

Saturday Confessions
12.30pm – 1.00 pm.
5.30pm – 5.55pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Will cease from 2nd July to 31st
August

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.

URGENT PLEA FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

to help support local children

“Special needs charity Sólás has put out an urgent call for **Retired Teachers** to help provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs, in a number of primary schools across the Belfast area. These are hugely rewarding voluntary positions and one morning per week, during term time, is required. Please contact Anne Cahill at Sólás on 02890 247600, Mobile 07729 779242 or email anne@solasbt7.com for further details.”

Youth Ministry Social Media

Follow the below accounts to be kept up to date with some exciting programmes that will be coming up in the four parishes who share in our Youth Ministry Project.



@SEBelfastCYM



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

Parish Website: www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22nd July 2018 Psalter Week III

Introduction

Jesus has compassion on the crowd that has need of teaching and guidance. His teaching is given with authority and confirmed by miracles. In today's Mass we pray that we may draw ever closer to Christ the Good Shepherd who leads all people to the Father.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

In today's verses, Jeremiah utters dire threats against the shepherds, the leaders of the people of Judah. Their neglect of the flock given into their care and their neglect of God was bringing exile on their people.

“The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

St Paul sums up the ministry of Christ on earth.

He preached peace. He laid down the foundations of peace.

“Christ Jesus is the peace between us and has made the two into one.”

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is full of compassion – for the sheep of his flock and for their shepherds.

The apostles, returned from mission, need rest.
The crowds, who flock to Jesus, need his shepherding and his guidance.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Rose Murphy, Mary McAreavey and Hugh Dougal
whose month's mind occurs around this time.

Margaret O'Hare, Pat O'Hanlon, John & Bridget Graham,
Charles Graham, Jack O'Kane, Susan Mulholland, Breda Dynan &
Michael Tierney
whose anniversary's are at this time
May they rest in peace.

Please let us know before Mass that you wish to receive Holy Communion and the Eucharistic Minister will bring Holy Communion to you - or if you prefer - sit at the front and the Priest will give you Holy Communion.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If you have a relative or neighbour who is unable to come out for Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Office. Fr. O'Donnell visits the housebound monthly, and Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to visit weekly.

Parish Offertory Collection: 15th July £3,443
Thank you for your continued support.

St Brigid's Parish Gift Aid Scheme (2017/2018)

Parishioners who may require a certificate of payments made from 6 April 2017 to 5 April 2018 please contact the parish office and a certificate will be prepared on request. Tel 028 9066 5409
email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Please note: As in previous years – there will be **no evening Masses** during the summer holiday period (2nd July – 24th August). Weekday morning Masses & Vigil and Sunday Masses are as usual.

WMOF Final Mass – Buses

Payment will be accepted up to **27 July** for reserved bus seats. If you have reserved seats and no longer wish to travel please contact the parish office. Cheques may be made out to St Brigid's Parish. Further information on the arrangements for the Final Mass can be found at - <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Closing-Mass-ticket-only>

Festival of Families

On Saturday 25th August, Pope Francis will join in Croke Park with families from around the world including Ireland, for a special event. It promises to be a joyful celebration of family life, with all its moments of joy and struggle in the modern world.

A family from each parish in Ireland to be present for this once in a lifetime experience. The name of the lucky family from this parish will be drawn out at the end of the Vigil Mass on Saturday 21st July.

Do We Pray for the Church?

Do we pray for the Church? For the whole Church?... It is easy for us to pray when we have need of something, or to thank the Lord for something we have been given. [But we don't always remember] to pray for the Church, for those we don't not know but who are our brothers and sisters because they have received the same baptism, and to say to the Lord, "They are yours, they are ours, protect them."

To mark the opening of the week of the World Meeting of Families (21st - 26th August) there will be a Family Mass for the South and East Belfast Parish Pastoral Community in **Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday, 21st August at 7.30pm**. The Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Parish Pastoral Community and everyone is warmly invited to participate. More details later.