



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.

Evening Masses

Mon, Wed & Fri: 7pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12.30 – 1.0 pm.
Confession, 5.30pm – 5.55pm

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.

Due to the changes with General Data Protection Regulations the names of children baptised in the parish will no longer be published in the parish bulletin.

The Dominican Laity

Will have their next monthly Chapter meeting, on Monday 18th June, in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm.

ST VINCENT De PAUL

Saint Vincent de Paul volunteer. Volunteers are needed in our shop on the Ormeau Road. Join an exciting, energetic & fun team for as little as 2 hours a week. Morning & afternoon sessions available. No previous experience required. Your help will contribute to raising the funds so vital to SVDP work. Call in and see us or contact 02890 247699.

The Short Book Club

The next meeting of the Club will be after 9:30am Mass on **Wednesday 20 June 2018**. The book we will be discussing is - **Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom**. We will agree the next meeting date and book title at the meeting.

All are welcome to our growing band of readers.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

There are a few places left on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (11-16 July.) If anyone is interested they should contact the Pilgrimage Office on 028 9064 6040 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org.



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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Eleventh Sunday of the Year, Year B

17th June 2018 Psalter Week III

Introduction

In today's Gospel we hear parables of growth, we are reminded that God's power is at work in us and will generate the Kingdom of God through our prayer and patience.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Ezekiel describes how God takes a tender shoot from the same tree, Representing the Davidic line, and plants it in the land.

"I make low trees grow."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91

R/. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading: Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed. *"It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all."*

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Hugh Dougal *who died recently.*

Aideen McAlindon & David Brennan *whose month's mind occurs around this time*

James McLoughlin, Eamon Kavanagh, Philip Maguire, Sean Boylan,
James McCullagh, Mary Nolan, Desmond McGovern, Colum & Karen Breslin, Lily Mullan,
Jim Meenan, Veronica McKeating, Theresa Mageenan & Edmond Adair

May they rest in peace.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Parish of St Brigid's is part of the Diocese of Down and Connor and operates in accordance with the Diocesan Privacy Notice. A copy of the notice is displayed on the Parish Website – under the tab *Contact Us / Privacy Principles* and a copy is also available in the Parish Office.

St Brigid's GAC

Under14 boys are representing Antrim in Feile Peile Na Ng 2018 as Antrim County Champions at the end of June. This is a great honor for the club and the parish.

The boys would like to invite you to join them for tea/coffee after all Masses on 23rd/24th June in their effort to fundraise for the Feile weekend.

The boys would also like to give all parishioners a commemorative souvenir programme of the team. We look forward to seeing you after Mass for tea/coffee outside the Church.

World Meeting of Families 2018

To celebrate the World Meeting of Families the pupils of St Brigid's primary School composed poems "My Family". A selection of these poems has been published and are available in the Church Foyer, Cost £2

Parish Offertory Collection: 3rd June £4,145 Monthly Offering £3,570

Thank you for your continued support.

Lourdes Associate Membership

Collection last Sunday 10th June amounted to £1,800.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Dominican College Fortwilliam

GL Assessment Information and Registration evening Tuesday 19th June 2018 7.00pm

All queries should be forwarded to the Principal's P.A.

Registration Packs will be available on the night.

An Office of Immense Love

Ministers of the Word; Ministers of Holy Communion

A ministry is not just doing something for others; it is not just a job to do or a function to perform; it must never be just a routine. Each occasion requires preparation and lives that are in conformity to the Gospel. Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion are a very important and valuable presence in the Parish; they by their lives make flesh, make real, the Word they read, and the Sacrament they distribute. Would you consider offering to serve in one or other of these important roles? Please contact Fr O'Donnell Tel 028 9066 5409 or email stbrigids@downandconnor.org Training will be provided.

Thursday, 21st June, is the feast of the Irish martyrs, but we in Down and Connor, pay particular attention to one of them who was Bishop in our Diocese in difficult and challenging times, and died a martyr's death in 1612. Blessed Conor O'Devaney was bishop in our Diocese for thirty years. At the age of eighty he was arrested, brought to Dublin and there condemned to death. On the way to the scaffold, on the evening of 11th February 1612, he said to a priest, Fr. Patrick O'Loughran, also facing martyrdom, "Come, my brave comrade, noble soldier of Christ, let us imitate as best we can the death of Him who was led to the slaughter as the sheep before the shearer." May Blessed Conor pray for us that we remain steadfast in the faith, whatever the opposition.

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

Celebrating Married Love in the Parish.

We are celebrating Married Love in the Parish by inviting all married couples to a short Prayer Service of Blessing in the Church, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. We invite you and your family and friends to join us on:

Sunday 17th June 2018, at 3.30pm in St. Brigid's Church. It will be an informal occasion, and everyone is most welcome, but we specially ask those who have celebrated marriage in recent years, and those who are celebrating a significant jubilee this year – and engaged couples are welcome too. Included very much in this invitation are those in the Parish who have lost their spouse – the bonds of love do not unravel with death.

National Collection for the World

Meeting of Families 2018



Please support the Fourth National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish next weekend - 23 & 24 June.