



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.

Please welcome into the Church and parish family

Emily Rose Forrester, Annie Judith Poland, Ava Florence Toner

Who were baptised on Sunday 4th March.

Parish Finance Matters

Parish Offertory Collection: 4 March £5,221 **Monthly Collection** £3,162

Diocesan Collection for Sick & Retired Priests: £2,793

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Offertory Envelopes: 2017-18

The offertory envelopes are now prepared for distribution. If you are a new resident in St Brigid's, or have not been receiving a box and wish to, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. **Please note:** if you have moved house within the last year please make sure you have advised the office to update your details even if you are not receiving offertory envelopes. *Thank you.*

Distribution of Offertory Envelopes

For those who have agreed to assist in delivering the Boxes, these may be collected from the Parish Office from Monday 12th March between 9am-1pm.

Sincere thanks for your help.

Parish Finance Committee

will meet on 27th March 2018 in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue. The committee is preparing a Financial Report for year ended 31st December 2017 which will then be published.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Fourth Sunday of Lent. YEAR B

11 March 2018 PSALTER Week III

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Moses is given the ten Commandments

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18

R/. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the money changers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Felix O'Kane, Peter Fitzpatrick, Maureen O'Connor *who died recently.*
Betty McCourt *whose month's mind occurs at this time.*

Moira Ramsey, Frank McManus, James Nugent, Alice Jackson, Joan Laverty, James McCullagh, Francis McMullan, Elizabeth Jamison, Fredrick Charles McBride, Carson Armstrong, Maire MacAuley, Noreen & Brian Graham,

May they rest in peace.

Masses for St Patrick's Day 17th March

Friday Vigil; 16th March, 7.00pm

Feastday: 9.30am; 12 noon

N.B. Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday is the vigil Mass from Sunday.

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.

Please note: **First Penance** will take place Sunday 11th March 4.00pm in the Church
Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 20th March at 4.00pm
School Confessions – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am – 11.30am

Parish Penitential Service
Palm Sunday, 25th March, at 4.00pm

Ecumenical Outreach – Lenten Talks

- 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**,
Tea/Coffee & Biscuits afterwards.

LIMITLESS – Exploring the love of God’s family

Thursday 15th March 2018 @7pm – Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road
Guest Speaker Fr. John Walsh OP will join us to talk about “God’s Dream for Love” from the Amoris Parish Programme. This is a family event, all are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Sign of Peace

Spring has come! And the Flu has abated. The beautiful and significant rite of the Sign of Peace in the Mass will be restored from St Patrick’s Day. This sign is an expression of peace, communion and charity before receiving the Eucharist.

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

Na Leanaí Concert

Friday 16 March at 8pm in St Bride’s Hall

Tickets available in the Church Porch after all Masses this weekend or phone/text Kevin on 07525634440.

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; Lunch will be provided so please **register your interest ASAP**. Many thanks. Mary Carson **07718263019**.

Lay Dominicans

Immaculate heart of Mary and St Malachy’s Chapter will meet 12th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. *All welcome.*

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.

St. Patrick’s Day bi-lingual Mass

Join parishioners at St. Oliver Plunkett’s church in Lenadoon and start St. Patrick’s Day the traditional way - by going to Mass in our native language. Our Bishop of Down & Connor, Noel Treanor, will con-celebrate a bi-lingual Mass at 10.00am. It will be a great opportunity to commemorate our national Saint and also use however much (or little) of the Irish that we have. Prayers and hymns in Irish will be on a large screen so everyone can join in. Visitors from other parishes are particularly welcome. There will be refreshments served up afterwards in the Parish Hall and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine!

SHAMROCKS FOR SALE

Shamrocks will be on sale at every Mass 11th/12th March
Price £1 per pot.