



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.

Archbishop Eamon Martin welcomes Pope Francis' call to always defend and love the unborn.

Archbishop Eamon Martin has welcomed comments by Pope Francis at his Regina Coeli address in Saint Peters' Square, Rome, on Sunday 6 May in which the Pope spoke of the welcome that must always be afforded to the unborn. Archbishop Martin said, "The words of Pope Francis over the weekend have a particular resonance with us as our country considers the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution of Ireland. The Holy Father spoke about the Gospel teaching of Jesus to 'love one another as I have loved you' (Jn 15:12) and that this love must be part of our everyday lives as we are called to care for the elderly 'as a precious treasure'; to provide 'every assistance possible to those who are sick', even when they are approaching the end of their lives; and to always welcome the unborn. This, Pope Francis said, is why 'life must always be defended and loved, from conception to its natural end.'

Archbishop Martin continued, "The comments of the Holy Father are very important in situating our teaching on the sacredness of unborn life within the context of our belief in the centrality of the commandment of love. Pope Francis said that the love of Christ is 'not a superficial feeling', but rather, 'a fundamental attitude of the heart'. Our belief in this teaching of Jesus should inspire us to defend life from conception to its natural end."



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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The Ascension of the Lord YEAR B

13 May 2018 Psalter III.

Introduction

This great feast marks the end of an era and the beginning of another. The mission of the Church begins under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

St Luke describes the last forty days of the risen Christ on earth, Teaching and preparing the apostles for His departure.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46

**R/. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpets blast,**

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13
"Fully mature, with the fullness of Christ."

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

*He was taken up into heaven:
there at the right hand of God he took his place.*

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Sr Nuala McCluskey, Marie Glover, Joseph Smyth, Eamon MacSorley *who died recently.*

Kay Bradley *whose month's mind occurs around this time.*

Gerry Quinn, Edmond Quinn, Patricia Bannon, Gerry Donaghy, Bridget Corrigan, Owen O'Gorman, Elizabeth McGurk, Kathleen Farrell, Brian Lockhart, Kieran Lehane, Sally & Joe Rooney, David Chapman, Eugene Scott, Theresa Chambers, Sister Marie Françoise McAnallen *whose anniversary's occur around this time.* **May they rest in peace.**

Parish Pastoral Council 'Come and See' meeting

Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 7.00pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue.

This meeting is for all those interested – perhaps only vaguely interested at this time – in serving as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council for the next four years. It is a *Come and See* meeting and there is no commitment involved. Current members of the council will be present.

Everyone is most welcome

Eucharistic Adoration

There are two periods of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish each week:

Monday after 7.00pm Mass until 8.00pm.

Friday after 9.30am Mass until 12 noon.

Given the particular situation in Ireland, during these two periods of Adoration our special intention is that our society will respect, protect, love and save life for the moment of conception until its natural end. Please join us.

Baptism Sunday 20th May 2018

In order to have some idea for catering purposes it would be helpful if families intending to attend the celebration would contact the parish office at their earliest convenience.

20 May 2018



is hosting Coffee Morning in Parish Centre after 10 30 Mass
ALL VERY WELCOME

***Note:** The Parish Office will open 9am – 11am 14 May – 18 May.

Parish Offertory Collection: 6 May £ 4,613

Monthly Collection for May £3,794

Thank you for your continued support.

The Short Book Club

The book for May is **The Blue Tango by Eoin McNamee** and the book for June is **Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom**. So – please start reading and come along on **Wednesday 16 May** after 9:30 Mass for our next session.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of the parish who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at their First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 12th May 2018, and a big "Thank -you to everyone who helped with the preparation.

Children's Liturgy Annual Coffee Morning

Sunday 13th May 2018 (After 10.30am Mass)



We kindly invite all parishioners to join us for coffee after 10.30am Mass in the parish Hall. It is organised by all the volunteers in the Children's **Liturgy group**. We particularly welcome all children and their families who celebrated First Holy Communion this weekend.

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.

Retention of the 8th Amendment

Each evening from **Monday 21st May until Thursday 24th May, in the Chapel of the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, 28 Elmwood Avenue, from 7pm until 10pm**, there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the intention of the retention of the 8th amendment. You are warmly invited to join us in prayer and encourage others to do so with you. Exposition will conclude each evening with Benediction. *Fr Gerard Magee*.

World Meeting of Families

The parishes of our Pastoral Community (South Belfast), will provide a number of coaches to transport those who have registered for the Final Mass (Sunday 26th August), Phoenix Park, Dublin. In order to have some idea of numbers interested those who have registered or intend to register, are asked to contact the parish office at their earliest convenience. Further details will be published later. Thank you.

World Meeting of Families – Tickets and Registration

- To register online please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration
- To enquire about accommodation please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Ireland/Accommodation
- Alternatively call the national office – 0035316909409
- If you have any other queries, contact the Diocesan Office – family@downandconnor.org