



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.

Please welcome into the Parish Family

Rossa Gearoid Carlile, Odhran Thomas Fee, Daniel Munachimso Offodum,
Joseph William Sherry & James Richard Sherry
Who were baptised in St Brigid's Parish on 13th May 2018

Celebrating Baptism in the Parish

To mark this Year of the World Meeting of Families, together with the Parish Baptismal Team, we are having **this Sunday, 20th May, at 3.00pm**, a Prayer Service of Blessing for families in the Parish who have had a child baptised in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the Parish Centre and the occasion will last no more than an hour. Everyone in the family circle welcome, but especially Godparents and Grandparents.

Lay Dominicans

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will take place on Monday, 21st May, in the Parish Centre, at 7.30pm. New members 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.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Pentecost Sunday YEAR B

20 May 2018 Psalter IV.

Introduction

The reading which we hear at Pentecost is full of life and hope.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46

R/. Send forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we are all baptised.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Aideen McAlindon, Eamon McSorley, Bridget Cowley and Joe Rogers
who died recently.

John Egan(Snr), Jim Boyd, Gerry O'Hara, Mary Anne Haughey, Colette Fuller,
Maura Thompson, John Morruck, Joseph Lavery, John McHugh, Mark Copeland, James
Boyd, John Carty, John Toner, Robert McCarthy, Charles Mooney,
Aiden Clancey, Charlotte Downey, Patricia Shaw, Gladys Bradley, Maura Kearns,
Desmond Logan, Kenneth Keating, Edward and Julia Collins
*whose anniversaries 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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to clarify that it embraces the Church's teachings and upholds Gospel values. Our Rule states that Vincentians are committed to supporting life from conception to its natural earthly end. We endorse the comments made last week by the General President of SVP, Renato Lima de Oliveira, when he described the charity as "a Christian organisation that defends the right to life". Our General President also commented: "We reaffirm our position of defence of life, not only as a Christian duty but, above all, as an attitude to the sacredness of the life of the human being. We defend every stage of life and all the difficulties that it may encounter. We reject all arguments, threats and mechanisms that are contrary to life! We will not build a just society, of peace and prosperity, by admitting the right to kill human beings, especially the most vulnerable and innocent of them."

Parish Offertory Collection: 13 May £ 5,462

Thank you for your continued support.

Celebrating Married Love in the Parish.

Pope Francis writes: "Love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope" Again he says; "The wedding is just the beginning. By saying "I do", couples embark on a journey that requires them to overcome obstacles standing in the way of reaching their goal. The nuptial blessing that they receive is a grace and an incentive for this journey.... the pleasure of belonging to one another leads to seeing life as a common project."

In this year of the World Meeting of Families 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 for this special occasion 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.

IONA INSTITUTE

St Brigid's Parish Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast 7pm – 8.30pm.

Thursday 31 May 18: Humanae Vitae in Context: Truth and Controversy

Thursday 7 June 18: Humanae Vitae: Myths and Key Arguments

Thursday 21 June 18: Marriage, Sex, and Family

Thursday 28 June 18: God's Plan for Love and Life: Oppression or Liberation?

To register your interest to attend, please contact the Iona Institute:

Email: ionainstituteni@gmail.com Phone: 028 92 646861 **Suggested donation: £5 per session.**

Youth Faith Group

Strawberries & Cream after 6.00pm, 9.00am & 12 noon Masses this weekend.

20 May 2018



is hosting Coffee Morning in Parish Centre after 10 30 Mass

ALL VERY WELCOME

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.*

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.

GIFT Pilgrimage to Rome 2019

Those who attended **GIFT 4** this year, or those who have previously attended this group, are invited on the Annual Pilgrimage to Rome 2019. If you missed the meeting last Sunday, the dates are **28th June to 3rd July 2019** - 4 nights in Rome staying at the Irish College and 1 night in Assisi. A full itinerary is available. The cost of the trip is **approx £725**. If you have attended this group previously (you would now be moving into GIFT 5) and are interested in going please get in touch ASAP. To allow flights to be booked a non-refundable deposit of £250 will be required on 27th May. We will be in the Parish Hall to collect these on that day **between 5pm and 6pm.**

The trip offers a wonderful opportunity for our young people and volunteers to stay in the heart of Rome and experience the wonder of Rome with a night stay over in Assisi too. If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mary Carson **07718263019** or Breige Kinney **07708559989**.