



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.

Parish Offertory Collection: 29 April £4,894

Thank you for your continued support.

Note* The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 7th May

Food Bank Collection

Non-perishable food items can be donated after all Masses today

4th/5th May 2018. Thank you for your support.

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 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.

African Impact £3,170 Raised Sunday 29th April 2018

Ruari McDonnell wishes to say a massive thank you to Fr O'Donnell and all the parishioners who contributed so generously to the African Impact charity last Sunday. Your generous donations will be used wisely and targeted on items that can bring hope for a better future to orphaned and underprivileged children in Zulaland S. Africa.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Sixth Sunday of Easter YEAR B

6th May 2018 Psalter II.

Introduction

In today's Mass, we celebrate the Spirit of God's love poured out on the Church; that same spirit is communicated to the world through the Church.

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptised. *"The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97

R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

The second reading invites us to obey the command to love given by Jesus in the gospel. *"God is love."*

Gospel: John 15:9-17

John's gospel is permeated with the word "love." Of particular interest is Jesus advice that his followers "love one another".

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Edmond Stack, Madeleine Lombard, Maureen McKiernan, May Creen, Kathleen Mitchell, Charles Fox, Sr Aileen McCluskey, Benny Smith, James McKeagney, James Lawler, Michael & Mary Mooney, Philip Kurian.
whose anniversary's occur around this time.

May they rest in peace.

NURTURING FAITH IN THE FAMILY

In view of the World Meeting of Families (August 2018)

Joe and Paula McKeown and Bosco & Lynette McShane 16th June

Two young couples and parents, Paula and Joe McKeown and Lynette and Bosco McShane well used to the pressures of modern family life, will lead us in a day of reflection, prayer and storytelling, focusing on how we can grow in our walk with God within the family setting, how best to nurture the faith of our children. Date: 16th June Cost; £35/€40 Registration 9.30am

Life NI is part of Both Lives Matter a collaborative movement of individuals and organisations that seek to re frame the abortion debate in Northern Ireland. BLM is holding a series of events around Northern Ireland looking at the key issues around the abortion debate. We will be in Belfast on Monday 14th May, I was hoping it would be possible to have the notice attached placed in your parish bulletin. More information on BLM can be found at www.bothlivesmatter.org and Life at www.lifecharity.org

Annual Children's Liturgy Coffee Morning

Will be held on Sunday 13th May after 10.30am mass. Everyone is welcome.

Children please don't forget your "**What family means ...**" posters for our competition.

Parishioners available to help on that day please contact Eileen via the parish office. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Saturday 12th May

Please remember in your prayers the boys and girls of the parish who will receive the Eucharist for the first time.

RESTORATION THROUGH FRIENDSHIP 19th May 2018

Celebrating 30 years of Restoration Ministries and reflecting on the ongoing challenge of peace and reconciliation in our divided society.

Speakers; V. Rev. Dr. John Dunlop, Former Moderator Presbyterian Church

Rev Dr. Ruth Patterson, Director Restoration Ministries

Time; 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Cost; £20 including lunch and coffee

Booking: Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre, Newry.

Tel 028 30821964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

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.

St Bride's Parish Centre Car Park

User Safety – Improving safety for users, primarily pedestrian but also drivers by creating a more rationalised flow of pedestrian & vehicular movements within the car park.

Permanent One-Way System in Parish Centre Car Park - New signs and road markings have been installed to indicate a clockwise flow of traffic within the car park. This flow will rationalise vehicle movement, making traffic movement more predictable for pedestrians and drivers to navigate. The car park accesses to Derryvolgie Avenue and the Windsor car park are to remain permanently Two-Way.

Traffic Bollards - (Highlighted by red circles) these will prohibit informal parking at the location shown, improving manoeuvrability for vehicles into and out of the car park. Visibility of pedestrians at the crossing will also be improved.

Closure of Gate - The gates between the two car parks will be closed to prevent vehicles navigating between car parks and improve the one-way flow system. However, the pedestrian gate between car parks will remain open, allowing pedestrians to still utilise both car parks.

Road Markings and Traffic Signs - To enforce the operation of the car park, a suite of new road markings and traffic signs have been installed.

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

- Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the Pastoral Congress (22-24 August), is guaranteed to receive tickets for the Festival of Families (Croke Park, Saturday 25th August) and the Final Mass (Phoenix Park, Sunday 26th August).
- Those who only wish to register for the Festival of Families or the Final Mass need to be aware that tickets will be limited subject to venue capacity and availability.

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