



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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7pm

Reconciliation

Friday 6.30 pm – 6.55 pm
Saturday Confessions
12.30pm – 1.00 pm.
5.30pm – 5.55pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30- 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.

Working directly with Children (under 18s) in St Brigid's Parish Groups

Dear colleagues, the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCC) has advised that at least one of the adults working directly with children in each group session should have attended the new 'Level 2 Safeguarding Training'

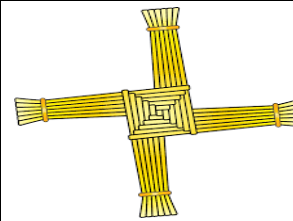
15 AND 22/11/2018 attend both sessions	Thursday 7:00 – 9:30pm	St John's Parish Hall, 444 Falls Road, Belfast
26/01/2019	Saturday 10:00 – 4:00	St Anne's Parish Centre, Finaghy, Belfast. Lunch provided.
21 AND 28/03/2019 attend both sessions	Thursday 7:00– 9:30	St John's. Address as above.
09 AND 16/05/2019 attend both sessions	Thursday 7:00 – 9:30	St John's. Address as above.

Other dates and venues outside Belfast are also available.
If you can possibly complete this training, please book a place using the electronic Booking downloadable from www.downandconnor.org/safeguarding/children/
or give your details to the Parish Secretary, who can complete and submit the form for you.
Brigid's Parish Safeguarding Committee.

Parish Offertory Collection:

Weekly Collection 9th September £5,644

Thank you for your continued support.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Parish Priest: Very Reverend Edward O'Donnell. Tel: 028 9066 5409

Parish Office: Tel: 028 9066 5409; 9 am-1 pm Week Days

Email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16th September 2018 Psalter Week 4

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:5-9*

I offered my back to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6. 8-9

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

Second Reading: *Jm 2:14-18*

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead

Gospel: *Mk 8:27-35*

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Norbert Grace and Ellen Barr who died recently.

Patricia Bowers whose month's mind occurs around this time.

Noel Boyle, Rose Dumigan, Maggie Forbes, Gabriel Vallely, May Donnelly, Jack and Mona McShannon, Peggy Hopkins. Mary Byrnes, Alice Lawlor, Bridget Hughes, Patricia Gilligan, Ita Nicholl and Sally Giles *whose anniversaries are at this time.*

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the parents and family of Baby Beatrice Grace McDowell, whose Anniversary is at this time.

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS



The parish coffee mornings resume **next Sunday**, 23rd September after 10.30 am Mass. The coffee mornings are intended for everybody, to give the Parish family a chance to relax and have a chat. Different parish groups help at different times, and a particular group may want to assist in a particular month, e.g. as it coincides with an event in their calendar. If possible, we will try to arrange it to suit. Contact Peter by call or text on 07736524539 or the Parish Office. **Lay Dominicans will host a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 23 September. ALL VERY WELCOME.**

PARISH THIRD WORLD GROUP www.stbrigids3wg.com

The Annual Collection will be held after Masses **this weekend**. If you are a taxpayer please **Gift Aid** your donation so we can claim a further 25% of the amount from HMRC. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you are unable to contribute today please take an envelope home and return it in the collection basket at any Sunday Mass in the next few weeks.

ST BRIGID'S BOWLING CLUB

Indoor bowling has begun again in St Brigid's Hall on Thursdays at 7.30 pm. New members very welcome. For more information contact Don tel: 07510 601 516.

CHILDRENS LITURGY TEACHING RESUMES & REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

Children's liturgy is open to all children of the parish attending classes P3 to P7. An initial planning meeting for all volunteers will take place on **TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER** at 8 pm in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue. New volunteers and John Paul II Award students are always most welcome.

AN OFFICE OF IMMENSE LOVE

Ministers of the Word/Ministers of Holy Communion - A meeting for the new volunteers on Tuesday 18th September in Parish Office, 40 Derryvolgie Avenue. Also, anyone else interested in the above will be most welcome to attend.

ST BRIGID'S SPRED GROUP

St Brigid's SPRED Group is in urgent need of new volunteers, especially males. We meet on a Monday evening in the Parish Centre. If you might be interested in joining us, please contact Margaret Hollywood (90664227).

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved with the young people of our parish? We now have 5 groups year 8-12 involved in our GIFT programme on an annual basis. Do you have just 12 hours to spare a year on a Sunday night? You do not have to have children to be involved. For more information please come to a meeting on Sunday 16th September in the Parish Hall at 7 pm or contact Mary Carson 07718 263 019 mary-carson@hotmail.com. We really need your help.

YOUTH ALPHA for the parishes in the South Belfast Pastoral Area, hosted by St Brigid's Parish and Drumbo Parish.

"Everyone has questions. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view." If you are aged 16-19 and have questions about faith, or just want to know more about Christianity, then you have the perfect opportunity to do so over a free dinner in the upcoming Youth Alpha course. Each evening is based around food, a short video and discussion with peers.

Where: The series will run for 10 weeks from 30th September - 11th November in St Bride's Hall and 18th November - 9th December in Saint Joseph's Parish Centre, Drumbo.

When: Every Sunday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm. Transport from non-host parishes will be provided. **Signing up:** There is no charge for the course, simply sign up by emailing your interest to s.farrell@downandconnor.org. Alternatively, there will be a sign-up day on the 16th/23rd September after all masses. In order to facilitate the food at the event, we are looking for volunteer cooks to provide simple dishes during the course. For anyone interested in helping, please contact Breige Kinney on +44 7708 559989 or sign up after mass with the provided sign-up sheets. Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series>

TRÓCAIRE AT CULTURE NIGHT

At Culture Night, Trócaire will screen an award-winning 12 minute documentary about life under Israeli occupation in the West Bank, told through the stories of Palestinian women. 'Sumud: Everyday Resistance' will be shown between 5-6 pm in Room 21, Ulster University, York Street on Friday 21st September. Free and all welcome.

FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION

Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fifth Faith and Life Convention on **Saturday 29th September** in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast. Doors open at 8.45 am with registration taking place from 9 am. The Convention begins at 10 am. The Faith and Life Convention is a forum for people from across the diocese, and beyond, to gather together and to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to every area of our lives. This year we are delighted to welcome Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, S.D.B. as our keynote speaker. In the afternoon each delegate will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty seven. The workshops fill up quickly so it's best to book now! Perhaps the best part of the day is the pleasure of meeting up with a great crowd of committed people from all over the diocese and beyond. Online booking is available at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org Cost per delegate £20. We look forward to seeing you on 29th September 2018.



LAY DOMINICANS

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome. A Coffee Morning will be held in the Parish Centre at 10.30 am Mass. ALL VERY WELCOME.