



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

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.

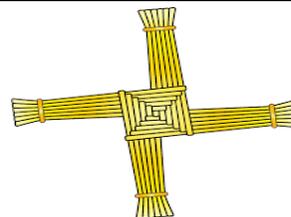
If you can possibly complete this training, please book a place using the electronic Booking Form, downloadable from www.downandconnor.org/safeguarding/children/ or give your details to the Parish Secretary, who can complete and submit the form for you. Thank you. St Brigid's Parish Safeguarding Committee.

Parish Offertory Collection:

Cathedral Collection 19th August £1,540.76

Weekly Collection 26th August £ 4,213

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; 9.00-1.00pm Week Days

Email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

2nd September 2018 Psalter Week II.

Introduction

The theme of the Liturgy is the Law of God.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

"Love God and love your neighbour." If we do these two, we are doing everything God expects of us. "Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14

R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1;17-18.21-22.27

This letter of St James reminds us that the gifts of mind and body which we are fortunate to have, are not our own – we owe our existence and every natural and spiritual gifts we possess to God who created us.

"You must do what the word tells you."

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

Christ addresses the people – and he tells them that it is not legal or cultic uncleanness that matters, but cleanliness of the hearts before God.

"You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions."

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Eveline Walls who died recently

Peter McGloin whose month's mind occurs around this time

Margaret Sturgeon, John Cushinan, Brian Duggan, Charles Leo Sheil, Terry & Clare McGuinness, Mary Elinore Waters, James Purvis, Brian & Tillie Perry, Mollie Lavery, James McCullagh, James Millar & Annette McKeever whose anniversary's are at this time. May they rest in peace.

Short Book Club

The next meeting of the Club will be after 9:30am Mass on **Wednesday 12 September 2018**. Please note that this is **one week earlier** than usual. The book we will be discussing is: **A Farewell to Arms** by **Ernest Hemingway**. It should be easy to get a copy from libraries etc.

ANNUAL BELFAST PIONEER MASS will take place on Tuesday 18th September 2018 in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred St. Belfast at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments afterwards. Anyone wishing to be presented with emblems/ certificates please contact Pat 9262 9959, Ian 9061 6601, Josephine 9061 7116, Roisin 9064 6957.

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock will hold an Information Evening at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th September 2018 for the parents of P7 pupils who are seeking entry to Year 8 in September 2019.

Preparation Classes for First Penance and First Holy Communion

The Ashleigh Group prepares children of St Brigid's parish who do not attend the parish school, for the sacraments. There will be a registration meeting for parents of primary 4 children Tuesday 11th September in St Brides Hall and first class begins on Tuesday 18th September. Any queries please contact kathrynmorrissey1@gmail.com

Annual Church Door Collection

Legion of Mary Hostels (Morning Star House and Regina Coeli House). Collection will be taken up **1st/2nd September**. The Hostels rely on this source of income for hostel maintenance and to continue to improve their service to the homeless and disadvantaged. Thank you.

Coffee & Poems

Wednesday 5th September

After morning Mass in the parish hall. *All are welcome.*

Parish Third World Group

www.stbrigids3wg.com

Our Annual Collection will be held after Masses on 15th and 16th September. If you are a taxpayer, please **Gift Aid** your donation to enable us claim a further 25% of the amount from HMRC. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the Church and after all Masses next week-end.

Belfast Samaritans, along with many voluntary organisations, are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers. Samaritans are people from many different walks of life who provide around-the-clock confidential emotional support to people who are in distress or despair, including those who are suicidal.

We are currently recruiting for our next intake of volunteers. Belfast Samaritans is situated in Wellesley Avenue, just around the corner from Queens University.

Voice of Hope Concert

Join us at Saint Peters Cathedral as All Lives Are Precious and their cross community celebration of Love Life and Happiness visits **Saint Peter's on Friday, 14th September 2018 @ 7:30pm**. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available from Saint Peter's Cathedral Office, Immaculata Youth Club and online via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/voice-of-hope-belfast-tickets-46646393619> Proceeds of this event will provide support and services to young people from all sections of the community in North and West Belfast on Mental Health Awareness, Suicide Prevention and Wellbeing. For further details contact Ronan on info@alpsni.org or 07801481013



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 7.00pm 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 (September 30th - November 11th in St Brides hall and November 18th - December 9th in Saint Joseph's Parish Centre).

When: Every Sunday evening from 7pm until 9pm. 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/>