



## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm  
**Sunday**  
9 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

### Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am Sat: 12 noon

### Evening Masses

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7 pm

### Reconciliation

Friday 6.30 pm – 6.55 pm

### Saturday Confessions

12.30 pm – 1 pm  
5.30 pm – 5.55 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30- 8 pm  
Friday 10 am – 12 noon

### Marriages

6 months notice required.  
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### Parish Baptisms

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2 pm**

*One month's notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.*

### THE PERMANENT DIACONATE IN THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

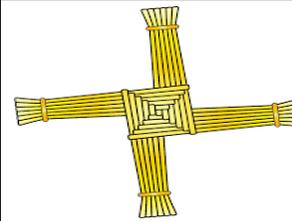
In **St Peter's Cathedral** on **14th October** next nine candidates will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for service in Down and Connor. This is an important, indeed historic moment, in the life of our Diocese. Those to be ordained are:

Joseph Baxter; Terence Butcher; Brendan Dowd; Brett Lockhart; James McAllister; Gregory McGuigan; Patrick McNeill; Kevin Webb; Martin Whyte. Brett Lockhart has been appointed by Bishop Treanor to serve in St Brigid's Parish. To celebrate the introduction of the diaconal service in our parish, there will be a **Parish Mass** on **Monday 15th October** at **7 pm**, to which everyone is welcome.

### PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 9th September £4,492

*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

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### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

23rd September 2018 Psalter Week 1

**First Reading:** *Book of Wisdom Ws 2:12. 17-20*

*Let us condemn him to a shameful death*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 53:3-6.8

**R/. The Lord upholds my life**

**Second Reading:** *Letter of St James Jm 3:16-4:3*

*Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Mark *Mk 9:30-37*

*The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all*

**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:**

**Norbert Grace, Ellen Barr and Deirdre Fox** who died recently.

*Leo McGonigal, Catriona Ryan, Terry O'Kane, Margaret Devlin, Richard and Joan Sherry, Florence Logan, Theresa McCauley, Dan Cullen, Rita O'Reilly, John McIlroy, Anne and Lewis Warren, Veronica Crangle, Noreen Doherty, John MacElhatton and Isaac McAreavey whose anniversaries are at this time.*

**May they rest in peace.**

### **PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS**



There is a Parish Coffee Morning **today** after **10.30 am Mass**. This month it will be run by the Lay Dominicans. We are very grateful for their support. Everybody is welcome to come and have coffee and a chat.

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

Children's liturgy is open to all children of the parish attending classes P3 to P7. New volunteers and John Paul II Award students are always most welcome.

### **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.

### **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 over 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](mailto:s.farrell@downandconnor.org). Alternatively, there will be a sign-up day on the 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>

**Thanks to those young people who have already signed up for our upcoming Alpha Youth Programme. It will commence on Sunday 30th September from 7 pm to 9 pm.**

### **SHORT BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Short Book Club will be **after 9.30 am Mass on Wednesday 17 October** in **St Bride's Hall**. The book for October will be **Little Bird** by **Sharon Dempsey**. All are welcome – bring a friend too!

### **PARISH THIRD WORLD GROUP ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Many thanks to all who contributed to this year's collection. The total received to date is a very generous £22,258 including gift aid. If you still wish to make a donation please put your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass. Envelopes and standing order forms available on the rack in the room off the church porch.

### **COFFEE AND POEMS - BUS TRIP**

In place of our usual meeting for October we have arranged a trip to the Patrick Kavanagh Resource Centre and surrounding district, at and around Inishkeen, Co Monaghan. The bus will accommodate 44 people and will leave the church car park on **Wednesday 3 October after morning Mass** (approx 10:15 am).

After a stop at the Resource Centre there will be lunch at the nearby cafe and then a trip around significant sites connected with the poet's life, supported by a local guide. We expect to return to St Brigid's by approximately 4:30 pm). The overall cost (excluding lunch - based on personal choice and paid in Euros) will be approximately £10; money will be collected on the bus.

If you wish to come on the trip, please **contact Patricia in the Parish Office** 028 9066 5409; [stbrigid@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigid@downandconnor.org) by **1 October**. **Only those who pre-book will be allocated a seat.**

### **LEGION OF MARY 4th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

There will be a Catholic Young Adult Conference at QUB Catholic Chaplaincy on **Saturday 20th October** from **10 am to 5 pm**. Brilliant talks and workshops on how to be a courageous Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr Andrew Black, Fr Conor McDonough and Maria Steen. Cost: £10 incl lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place call 07753379110 or email [cyaconference16@gmail.com](mailto:cyaconference16@gmail.com)

### **GIFT GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

Could you spare 12 hours a year to give to our young people. Are you interested in keeping GIFT going in our Parish? If you already volunteer could you commit a little bit more?

We now have a well established GIFT programme running years 8 to 12 on a Sunday night in the Parish. Going forward we are looking for people who would be willing to help run 6 Sunday night sessions each year for 5 years. Ideally 2 of the parents from that particular GIFT group and 2 not. This team of 4 would begin with GIFT 1 and then move on with the group the following year until GIFT 5. This allows for established relationships to build over the 5 years. You would be given all the support and materials needed and most of the sessions are stand alone. We would continue to administer the programme and step in to help wherever necessary. We are hoping to introduce this over the next few years so there is an opportunity to shadow us this year to see what is required.

Delivering the GIFT programme for the last 7 years has been an unbelievably rewarding experience. We have so many wonderful young people in our Parish. Would you have the time to walk with them on their Faith journey?

For more info please do get in touch with Mary Carson 07718263019

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### **LADIES BIKE WANTED BY THE LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**

So if you have an unwanted bike that's taking up space in your garage/shed, contact George on 9066 8884. Thank you.