



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 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.

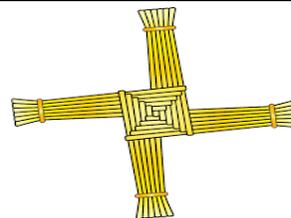
Thank you. St Brigid's Parish Safeguarding Committee.

Parish Offertory Collection:

Weekly Collection 2nd September £4,659.44

Monthly Collection £3,102.30

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

9th September 2018 Psalter Week III.

Introduction

The theme of restoring hearing and speech unities the First reading and the Gospel today. The Second Reading explores the theme of faith and we are reminded by James that God chose those who are poor to be heirs to the kingdom.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145

R/. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: James 2;1-5

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.
All are equal before God.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Jesus restore hearing and speech. These were sacramental gestures in that they affected what they symbolized:

"He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak"

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Donal Shannon & Nigel Rees *who died recently*

Gerry Moore & Katheen McNaulty *whose month's mind occurs around this time*

Elizabeth Stack, Michael Connolly, J.J.Murphy, Elizabeth Sheil,

Gerry & Eileen Magee, Ted Hickey, Peggy McCafferty, Eithne O'Donnell,

Aonghus O'Donnell, Siobhan McLoughlin, Bryan O'Neill, Patrick Elms,

Tom Monaghan, John Lavery

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.

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 being distributed this weekend and are available at the back of the Church.

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 at 7 pm in St Brides Hall
First class begins on Tuesday 18th September at 7 pm.
Any queries please contact kathrynmorrissey1@gmail.com

Annual Church Door Collection

The Legion of Mary hostels annual church door collection last weekend raised £2732.12. The Legion of Mary is most grateful and will remember all the benefactors in their Masses and prayers. Thank you.

St Brigid's Bowling Club

Indoor bowling has begun again in St Brigid's Hall on Thursdays at 7.30pm. 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 8.00pm in No.40 Derryvolgie Avenue. New volunteers and John Paul 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.

Voice of Hope Concert

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.

Parish Secretary. Sadly we say goodbye to our parish secretary, Mrs Mairead McGonagle. We thank her for her service to the parish – which was outstanding and wish her every blessing in the future.

The Diocesan office, by redeployment, has found a new parish secretary, Mrs Patricia O'Gorman. Patricia has worked in another parish for the last eight years, and so comes to us with the necessary expertise. We hope she will be happy in her new post.

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>