



Celebrating the Liturgy

Mass Times during Lent

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm
Sunday

9 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Morning Prayers (Divine Office)

Mon to Fri: 7.30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am and 7:00 pm
Sat: 12 noon

Saturday Confessions

12.30 pm – 1 pm
5.30 pm – 5.55 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm until 8 pm
Friday 10 am until 12 noon

Marriages

6 months' notice required.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Parish Baptisms held 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 2 pm

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

BULLETIN NOTICES

Notices for the bulletin must be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Wednesday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

7 nights (7th to 14th July): £725 5 Nights (8th to 13th July): £650

5 nights (8th to 13th July) for pilgrims needing care: £550 – staying in the Accueil

Notre-Dame. Application forms available from the Parish Office or contact Lourdes

Pilgrimage Office: 028 90770162 or e-mail lourdes@downandconnor.org

YOUTH TEAM 5th to 14th July £590

Closing date for Youth Applications is Friday 13th March

This year Youth Team application forms will **only** be available to download from the Diocesan Website – www.downandconnor.org/lourdes

All fares are priced per person sharing, inclusive of return flights from Belfast, transfers, full-board accommodation, insurance and courier services.

English Language Classes for St. Bride's Parents and St. Brigid's Parishioners

St. Bride's Parish Hall, Mondays 9.30 - 11am

Call Bronagh for information: 079035 01530



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Parish Priest: Fr Edward O'Donnell Tel: 028 9066 5409

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

Email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org

First Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 1

First Reading: Reading from the book of Genesis Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7
The creation and the sin of our first parents.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-6.12-14.17

R/. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Letter from St Paul to the Romans Rm 5:12-19
However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 4:1-11
Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

Please pray for Thamina Kurit, Kathleen O'Neill and Margaret Phoenix recently deceased Una MacRandal whose Month Mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Tony Payne, Maureen McLoughlin, Jude Ossodum, George McGrath, Gretta Ballentine, Archie McFerran, Alice Kinder, Joy Murphy, Patrick Brennan, Teresa and Peter Fitzpatrick, James Nugent, Donall Murphy, Maire Macauley, David McKenna Snr, Mary McMahon, Dermot Hennessy

May they rest in peace

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection 23rd February 2020: **£5526.11**
Sick and Retired Priests Collection 16th February: **£2226.76**

Thank you for your continued support



FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Nonperishable food items can be donated after all Masses **TODAY (1st March)**. The food weighed in at **424.6kg for February** collection. Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned tomatoes; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Instant potato; Rice; Long life juice; Pulses; Biscuits; Jam; Men's razors and Deodorant.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – ETHIOPIA

Anne and Mike Moran returned safely last week from their building project in Ethiopia. We would like to thank all those parishioners who were so generous in their financial and prayer support for the work that we were able to do. Our various donors helped us raise more than £10,000. While we were there, we built two houses; painted 7 more and put in the floor for a communal kitchen.

So, 9 families will now be better housed thanks to this.

GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our 'GIFT' Bun Sale and Collection last weekend. **We raised £2308**. The young people and volunteers are very grateful to our parishioners for their kind generosity.

~~~ The Parish Community Association ~~~

ART CLASS

The Walls family is well known within this Parish. Paul (RUA) is a renowned artist. He has agreed to start an art class as part of our PCA activities.

We hope, subject to sufficient interest, **to operate every second Friday as follows**:

24th April, 8th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 19th June and 3rd July.

The class will be held in the **Parish Centre from 10 am to 12 noon**. Cost £75 per person.

Some members have already expressed an interest and we are limited to 12 artists so first come first served.

To book your place please email stbrigidsra@gmail.com with the subject heading Art Classes

COFFEE AND POEMS

The next session of our poetry reading gatherings will take place after morning Mass on **Wednesday 4 March in St Bride's Hall**. If you like poetry and you've never been before come along and join our many regulars.

SHORT BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Short Book Club will be discussing **Cry, The Beloved Country** by **Alan Paton**. The meeting will be after morning Mass as usual in **St Bride's Hall** on **Wednesday 18 March**. So - blow off your St Patrick's Day cobwebs and join us for the craic. All welcome - you don't have to have read the book. We will be seeking suggestions shortly for the next 3 months' reading.

THE SEASON OF LENT



LENTEN BREAD AND SOUP

Our Parish Third World Group is holding a Bread and Soup lunch in the Parish Hall **after all 3 Masses TODAY (1st March)**

Tea or coffee and scones will be available as an alternative.

Please help people in developing countries through your fasting and almsgiving this Lent.

INTER-CHURCH OUTREACH, LENT 2020

7.00pm each Sunday of Lent

Theme: "Climate change and the purposes of God"

Sunday 1st March: Agape Centre: Preacher Rev Barry McCroskery (Presbyterian)

Sunday 8th March: Windsor Presbyterian: Preacher Rev Emily Hyland (Methodist)

Sunday 15th March: St Brigid's: Preacher Rev David Gray (Presbyterian Chaplain, QUB)

Sunday 22nd March: St John's Col Malone: Preacher Rev Eddie O'Donnell (Catholic)

Sunday 29th March: Derryvolgie Hall: Preacher Rev Ivan Steen (Presbyterian)

Sunday 5th April: McCracken Presbyterian: Preacher Rev Fouad Nakhla SJ (Catholic)

On Tuesday's of Lent at 7.30pm (Except Tuesday 17th March)

A Parish Programme "**No Greater Love**" explores the Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus beginning on **Tuesday 3rd March in No40 Derryvolgie Ave (Parish Office)**

A Talk by Fr Fouad Nakhla, SJ

"Syria: My Homeland"

Will be in the Parish Centre on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm

Lenten Pioneer Pledge:

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

PRAYER: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."