



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

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.

Notices can be emailed stbrigids@downandconnor.org or by phone 02890 5665409

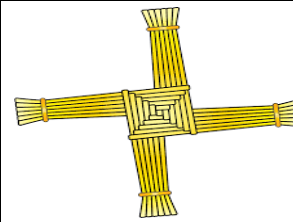
GUTTER AND ROOF REPAIRS TO ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Morning Mass (9.30 am) Monday – Friday continues to be celebrated in the Parish Centre while repairs to the Church roof continue. Sunday Masses, Evening Masses, Baptisms and Funerals will continue to be celebrated in the Church as normal. It will be impossible to avoid some inconvenience as the contractor has to abide by Health and Safety Regulations, but with understanding and patience all will be well.

4 CORNERS FESTIVAL BELFAST – JAN 31 TO FEB 9

You are invited to attend as many as 20 *free* events in Belfast, including a talk by Fr Peter McVerry SJ, the famous champion of the homeless.

The theme is "**Building a City of Grace**" and the aim is to promote through music, drama and prayer discussion about the need we share for the gift of grace in our divided society. For further details visit www.4cornersfestival.com



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th January 2020 Year A Psalter Week 1

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 8:23-9:3
In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1.4.13-14
R/. The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 1:10-13.17
Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 4:12-23
He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

Please pray for Lil McDermott recently deceased, Joseph Fahey whose month mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Paddy and Mollie Moran, Monica Gormley, Anne McCullough, Liam McMahon, Grace Gallagher, Brian McGurk Snr, Brian McGurk Jnr, John Garland, Conor Delargy, Brian McGarry, Hugh Corrigan, Peter Lyons, Alice McGettigan, Mae Nolan, James Mullan, Alexis Mullan, John and Kathleen Taylor, Patrick and Hannah Conway, Hugh O'Hagan, Gerard Sadlier

May they rest in peace

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 19th January 2020: **£6009.40**

Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on **1st and 2nd February 2020**. The food weighed in at **441.1kg for January** collection. Thank you for your support. List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned tomatoes; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Instant potato; Rice; Long life juice; Honey; Biscuits; Jam; Men's razors and Shaving foam.

ST BRIGID'S: ART & ARCHITECTURE

To celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the Church**, the Parish Pastoral Council has produced a book on its art and architecture. It will be on sale, in the Church porch, after all the Masses this weekend and next and thereafter in the Parish Office. **The price is £5 per copy.**

ST BRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The Pre-School and Primary application procedure has opened with an online portal on the Education Authority website www.eani.org.uk Parents must submit their application through this online portal before 12.00 noon on the **closing date of Thursday 30th January 2020**. Admission Criteria for Nursery & Year 1 is available to download from the school website or from the EA website.

NEW YEAR QUIZ!!

Who? Our Parish Third World Group

Why? Raise money for projects in developing countries

When? Friday 31st January at 7.45pm

Where? St Bride's Parish Hall

How? To book a table or donate a ballot prize- call Kevin on 07525634440

THE PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Parish Community Association would be interested in adding

Calligraphy Classes

to its activities. If anyone has the skills and would be keen to get involved, please get in touch through the Parish Office.

COFFEE AND POEMS – Special Guest

Our next meeting will be after Mass in St Bride's Hall on **Wednesday 5 February**. We shall have as a special guest **Ruth Carr** - poet and poetry tutor. We shall also have time for some contributions from regular attenders. Everyone is welcome as always.



SHORT BOOK CLUB

The Club will meet as usual on the third Wednesday of the month after morning Mass - on **19 February** - and we shall be reading - **The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter** by **Carson McCullers**. Please come along and contribute to the discussions. Having read the book is optional.

VISITING PRIEST

On **30th January 2020** we welcome Fr Fouad Nakhla S.J. to the Parish. His placement will last 12 weeks. **Fr Fouad is a Jesuit Priest and a native of Syria**. He has been working with Jesuit Refugee Services in Syria. He will bring a wealth of experience to use and enable us to understand better the situation in the Middle East.

ST BRIGID'S DAY LECTURE 2020

Given by **Baroness Nuala O'Loan**
"CHRISTIAN AND CITIZEN?"
In St Brigid's Parish Centre
Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm

DEFIBRILLATORS IN ST BRIGID'S PARISH

You may have noticed that we have installed a defibrillator in the side room in the porch of the Church. We have also installed one in the Parish Centre. We intend to organise training for those who are active in the church at mass times. In the meantime, we would like to gauge the number of parishioners who already have such training and the spread of mass times covered. In the event that you have such experience would you please send a short email to stbrigids@downandconnor.org stating the times of the masses that you regularly attend whether daily, weekend or both. We would assure you that by responding you are not volunteering to carry out first aid duties. This exercise is for the purposes of a survey only.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has proclaimed the 3rd Sunday of the Year "a Sunday entirely dedicated to the Word of God, in order to grasp the inexhaustible riches which, flow from the dialogue between God and his people". The best way to learn from the Bible, whose teaching is perennially relevant to the people of God, is to read it and reflect on it, receive it. In a time where some speak of a "post truth" society, one in which "alternative facts" and "fake news" are the order of the day, we know "that the word of God is alive" (Heb.4:12): "it does not die nor does it age; it abides for ever. It stays young in the presence of all that passes away (cf Matt.24:35) and protects from interior aging those who put it into practice. It is alive and it is life-giving" (Pope Francis)

Practical things to do:

- Read and reflect on the Sunday Scriptures before coming to Mass (this is prayer); or come a little early to Sunday Mass, and using the Sunday Missal, quietly read through the Readings before Mass begins;
- During the week think back to the Sunday Mass and recall the scriptures you heard - reflect for a moment on any sentence or thought that made an impact on you at that time;
- During Lent, the Psalms will be prayed in Morning Prayer, Monday - Friday at 7.30am in St Brigid's. Can you come, if not every morning, occasionally?
- Volunteer to read the Word of God at Sunday Mass