



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

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 thereafter in the Parish Office. **The price is £5 per copy.**

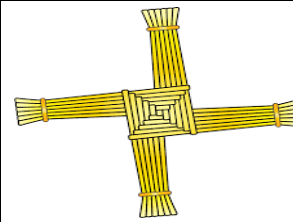
Video Recordings of the old church and opening Mass of the new church are available to watch online – links in the News section our new website www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org

PILGRIMAGES TO KNOCK SHRINE

Parishes of Northern Ireland

From 24th to 28th February 2020 – includes departures from Belfast, 4 Nights B&B, Lunches, Dinners, Entertainment, Excursions and Guided Tours

Contact Patricia on 07740175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com



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The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2020 Year A Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Malachi MI 3:1-4
The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:7-10

R/. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Second Reading: First letter to the Hebrews Heb 2:14-18
It was essential that he should in his way become completely like his brothers.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 2:22-40
My eyes have seen your salvation.

Please pray for Ursula Burns and Una MacRandal recently deceased, Tony Doran whose month mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Paula Haughey, Williams Fitzsimmons, Ray Coppard, Seamus Ward, Paul McFadden, Elizabeth Keating, Arthur and Gerry Goan, Alice Flanagan, Bernard (Barney) Vallely, Teresa Shevlin, Rev William Skehan C.SSR, Patrick Murray, Anna Black, Alice McGettigan, James Maginn, Bretta Maginn, John J McDermott, William Dolan (Snr), Silvester, Jean and Martin Beirne, Paul McErlean, Teddy Brennan, Bernard Jackson

May they rest in peace

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 26th January 2020: **£5403.97**

Living Youth Collection 26th January 2020: **£1777.79**

Thank you for your continued support

FR FOUAD NAKHLA S.J

Please give a warm welcome to Fr Fouad Nakhla S.J who is joining us for the next 12 weeks on placement.

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.

THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE (3RD FEBRUARY)

The traditional blessing of throats will be at the 9.30am mass on Monday 3rd February

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**

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.

"CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!"

Our Youth Faith Group invite you to join them on a journey where they hope to explore their faith and spirituality in greater depth.

Commencing on Sunday 9th February they will be hosting the NUA Film series in St Bride's Hall beginning at 7pm.

The 8 part film series tackles the tough questions about faith such as suffering, faith and science, the credibility of the gospels and the history of the Christian Church.

If you are between 16 – 19 years of age, do come along and please invite your friends!

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on **THIS WEEKEND (2nd Feb)**
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.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Brigid's Conference extends sincere thanks to all in the Parish who contributed so generously to this year's Christmas Collection and Toy Appeal.

The total amount collected in the 3 weeks from 8th December 2019 was **£42,184.45**, of this £1,500 came from Christmas Cards and £30,225 is eligible for Gift Aid.

Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help 63 families, including 180 children. We also provided 35 food hampers, warm clothing, help with buying extra food and fuel. All of this was greatly received.

We also extend our thanks to the Parish Gift Group who provided warm items of clothing and St Brigid's GAA who through their "spinathon" raised £1000, along with shoe boxes filled with essential items for the homeless.

The people **YOU** help are in genuine need and many of them have asked us to convey our thanks to you. All of them greatly appreciate the help given to them by our volunteers who visit them.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, please contact George McGrath on 02890 668884

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all.

Best wishes

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 - stbrigids@downandconnor.org

JOHN WATERS IN CONVERSATION

Journalist and commentator John Waters will give a talk on 'Why I'm a lapsed agnostic in Ireland today' at **Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy**, 28 Elmwood Avenue Belfast on **Tuesday 4 February at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome.