

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am

12.00 noon

Confession

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Friday: 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Saturday: 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &
5.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

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Tuesday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday: 7.00 pm

Saturday: 12 noon

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm

Please contact the Parish Office to book
(One month's notice required)

Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior
to date of Marriage.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

Weekly Collection 25th January: £5063.40



ALPHA

With St. Brigid's, Holy Rosary and St. Bernadettes Parish

beginning on Tuesday 3rd February at 7.00pm

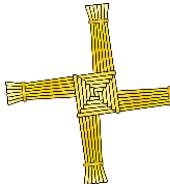
in HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE

503 Ormeau Road Belfast BT7 3GR

Alpha for Catholics ?

Many Catholic parishes have seen Alpha have a transformative effect on their community, by both welcoming people who have never heard the gospel message before and reawakening the faith in those who have.

Click on link: https://youtu.be/LNWsW_Ps1Hk



Saint Brigid's Parish

4th Sunday in O T (St Brigid's Day)

1st February 2026, Year A



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4th Sunday in O T

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Zephaniah Zp 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Second Reading: Reading from the St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 1:26-31

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.

Gospel: According to Matthew Mt 5:1-12

How happy are the poor in spirit.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Brigid McManus whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Ray Coppard, JJ McDermott, William Dolan Snr, Brigid Dolan, Marie Ward, Jim Hunter, Gerard Murphy, Gerard Davey, Philip Rafferty, Teresa Shevlin, Patrick Murray, Barry Copeland, Alice McGettigan, Mary Elizabeth Waters, Charles Mooney, Jim Ranaghan;

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 2nd Feb 7pm: *Special Intention*

Tues 3rd Feb 9.30am: *Dolores Boylan (A)*

Wed 4th Feb 9.30am: *Marie Ward (A)*

Thurs 5th Feb 9.30am: *SVP Mass of Thanksgiving*

Fri 6th Feb 7pm: *Fiona O'Hare (A)*

Sat 7th Feb 12noon: *Ann Sullivan (MM)*

Sat 7th Feb 6pm Vigil: *William McBurney (A)*

Sunday 1st February
Happy St Brigid's Day!

St Brigid's GAC Thanksgiving Mass: join us at the 9.30am Sunday Mass, club colours encouraged.



Food Bank Collection: at all Sunday Masses this weekend

4 Corners Festival: Event at 7pm in the Church. *Hear some of what Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover and Suffragan Bishop of Canterbury, has learned on her journey from being "The Girl from Montego Bay". Music will be provided by the Pro Bono Choir.*

Food Bank Collection

St Brigid's support to the South Belfast foodbank makes a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty. The total weight for 2025 was 2,695.1kgs. This has provided 6,417 meals.

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **31st January and 1st February 2026**. The December collection weighed in at 386.15kgs.

Thank you for your support.

List of items currently most needed: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned fruit; Tinned soup; Rice; Cooking sauces; Tea; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Biscuits; Detergent; Toilet roll; Toiletries



St Brigid's Day Lecture 2026

As part of the celebration to mark the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, Pope Leo XV1 gave an important address, at an Ecumenical Prayer Service address, at the ancient site of the town of Nicaea, Turkey. He stated, "Faith "in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages... consubstantial with the Father (*Nicene Creed*) is a profound bond already uniting all Christians. In this sense, to quote Saint Augustine, in the ecumenical context we can also say that, "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one" (*Exposition on Psalm 127*).

This years St Brigid's Day Lecture will be given by Fr Tom Layden, SJ. Fr Layden is a Jesuit priest, living and working in Belfast. His theme will be based on Pope Leo's address, "**The Nicene Creed: A foundation for Ecumenism**".

The Lecture will be in St Brigid's Parish Centre, on Sunday 8th February, at 4.00pm.
All welcome.

Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th February after morning Mass in St. Bride's Parish Centre.** All are welcome to come along and join.

There will be no Youth Faith Group meeting this Sunday (1st Feb)

Society of St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2025

St Brigid's conference would like to sincerely thank all parishioners who so generously contributed to our annual appeal at Christmas. The total amount donated was **£40, 463.69** and **£1640** was collected by way of **Christmas cards**.

Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help in excess of **120** families including **235** children. We provided heating oil, gas and electric top-ups to many homes as well as food and warm clothing.

We extend a special thank you to the teachers, pupils and parents of St Brides PS for their wonderful generosity along with the children and volunteers of GIFT who supported us so kindly at Christmas time.

To all of you, on behalf of the entire conference and our clients **THANK YOU**. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you and your families on Thursday 5th February at 9.30am.

Anyone facing hardship or financial difficulty please call the SVP helpline on 02890351561. All referrals are dealt with in total confidence.

Best wishes St Brigid's SVP Conference

Raffle in Aid of Kabgayi Hospital, Rwanda

Two chances to win a limited-edition silver Saint Brigid collector coin issued by the Central Bank of Ireland to mark 1,500 years since the death of Saint Brigid. Only 2,000 proof coins were minted, making this a truly special prize.



The coins were generously donated to the Parish One World Group and all proceeds will go towards the purchase of a modern cataract surgery machine for Kabgayi Hospital, Rwanda.

Parishioners Olivia Earley and Katherine McGinity, who helped train doctors there last year, highlight the urgent need - cataracts are a major cause of blindness, with only two dedicated eye hospitals serving a population of 14 million in Rwanda.

Tickets £1 each can be purchased

- by phoning or texting Kevin on 07525 634440
- at the One World Group Bread and Soup Lunch on 22 February

[Electronic payments: St Brigid's One World Group Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07]

Draw will take place at the Bread and Soup Lunch on 22 February 2026