

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

Weekday Mass

Monday: 7.00 pm
Tuesday: 9.30 am
Wednesday: 9.30 am
Thursday: 9.30 am
Friday: 7.00 pm
Saturday: 12 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

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 23rd February: £4896.18

Thank you for your continued support

SUNGLASSES FOR RWANDA - MANY THANKS

Dr Olivia Earley has now gone to Rwanda to train ophthalmic doctors in eye surgery. She sent this message before she left.

"Sincere thanks to the parishioners who so generously responded to the appeal for glasses and sunglasses. I have over 15kg of glasses packed in 6 boxes so far. There are still more to do... I will have to book another suitcase to get them across.

I phoned Dr Michael in Rwanda today asking if he wanted all of them...and yes ...as many as we can bring ...I brought a lot last year too and they are down to the last 3!

Please can you thank Fr O'Donnell and the parish for their generosity."

When Olivia returns she will give a presentation about her time in Rwanda. All will be welcome. Details later.



Saint Brigid's Parish

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd March 2025, Year C, Psalter Week 4

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Eccl 27:4-7

Do not praise a man before he has spoken.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3.13-16

R/. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading: From the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:54-58

He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:39-45

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Theresa McGurk and Thomas Deevy whose month's mind it is; also, those whose anniversaries are at this time: Frank McErlean, Maureen McLoughlin, Patrick Brennan, William and Teresa Glover, Sarah and Patrick Wildy, Eli Vieira de Souza, Jim Kearns, Aidan Langan, Alice Kinder, Gretta Ballentine, George McGrath, Joan Reilly, May Caher, Harry Walsh

May they rest in peace

Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th March** after morning Mass in St. Bride's Parish Centre. *All are welcome to come along and join.*

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **1st/2nd March 2025**. The food weighed in at 291.90 kgs for February collection. Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis. Thank you for your support.

List of items currently most needed: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Instant potato; Tinned spaghetti; Rice; Lentils; Porridge oats; Coffee; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Toiletries; Toilet roll; Biscuits

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones.

Within Down and Connor, mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY 7th March 2025 in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 1:00pm** to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event.



Ash Wednesday, 5th March

Mass Times: 9.30 am and 7.00pm

Fundraising Bread and Soup lunch - St Brigid's One World Group

The Parish One World Group is holding its Lenten Bread and Soup lunch on Sunday 9th March - 10am to 1pm - in the Parish Hall

All parishioners are most welcome to this lunch - come along and have a bowl of delicious soup or tea/coffee and a scone and a chance to meet other parishioners.

This is a fundraising event - please make a donation to help people living in extreme poverty in developing countries. Donations can be gift aided.

Women of St Brigid's Walking Together

A walk through lent with Jesus and the women of the Gospel.

During Lent our women's prayer group will meet each Wednesday in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. **We will begin on Ash Wednesday, 5th March.** Please don't worry if you can't make all of the weeks as each session will be stand alone.

ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

Ash Wednesday Mass Times, 5th March

9.30am and 7.00pm (*Ashes will be distributed at both masses*)

Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church beginning Ash Wednesday

Understanding the Liturgy of the Mass

Meeting in the parish Centre after Mass on Tuesdays of Lent beginning 11th March. Cup of Tea/Coffee and a talk (30-40minutes) All Welcome

Women Walking Together Through Lent

Each Wednesday, beginning 5th March, at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Ave

Divine Mercy: Each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm in the Church

Jubilee Lenten Reflections

Podcast By Fr Darren Brennan – available on the Down and Connor Facebook Page or YouTube Channel. Each Sunday of Lent at 7pm

One World Group Lenten Lunch

From 10am to 1pm on Sunday 9th March in St Brides Parish Hall

24 Hours for the Lord

St Mary's Chapel Lane, Saturday 29th March, Confessions all day from 11am to 5.30pm (Mass at 1.00pm) Priests available throughout this time.

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes: Available in the Church porch

Parish Penitential Service: Palm Sunday, 13th April, at 4pm

South East Belfast Vicariate

You are invited to join the priests of our parishes in the Vicariate for the praying of Night Prayer on the Sunday's of Lent in this Jubilee of Hope. Night Prayer takes approximately 20 minutes. Let us support each other with our presence and prayer.

1st Sunday of Lent (9th March)	8pm	St Brigid's
2nd Sunday of Lent (16th March)	8pm	St Matthew's
3rd Sunday of Lent (23rd March)	8pm	Holy Rosary
4th Sunday of Lent (30th March)	8pm	St Malachy's
5th Sunday of Lent (6th April)	8pm	Carryduff
6th Sunday of Lent (13th April)	8pm	St Colmcille's