

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

Weekday Mass Times

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 Sheehan

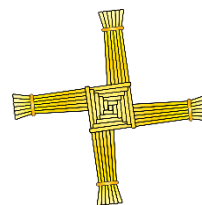
PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Weekly Collection 30th August: £6048.47

Mass Intentions for week ahead

Mon 7th Sept 11am: *Funeral - Patricia Boyle*
Mon 7th Sept 7pm: *John & Christopher Cushinan (A)*
Tues 8th Sept 9.30am: *Michael Connolly (A)*
Wed 9th Sept 9.30am: *Special Intention*
Thurs 10th Sept 9.30am: *Michael Lynch (MM)*
Fri 11th Sept 7pm: *Michael McKeever (A)*
Sat 12th Sept 12 Noon: *Rosaleen McBurney (MM)*
Sat 12th Sept 6pm: *Joseph Murtagh (A)*



Saint Brigid's Parish

23rd Sunday in O T
6th September 2026, Year A

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Sheehan **Tel:** 028 9066 5409

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Ezekiel Ezk 33:7-9
If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for this death.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2.6-9
O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Reading from the St Paul to the Romans Rm 13:8-10
Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel: According to Matthew Mt 18:15-20
If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Breige McKeating recently deceased; Rosaleen McBurney and Michael Lynch whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Charles and Elizabeth Sheil, Sally Giles, John Cushinan, Christopher Cushinan, Mary Elinor Waters, Terry and Clare McGuinness, James Millar, Patrick Curran, Patrick McAnulty, Frances Donnelly, Mary Larkin, Arthur McDonnell, Michael Connolly, Michael McKeever;

May they rest in peace

St Brigid's Parent and Toddler Group will start back on Thursday 17th September from 10.00am until 11.45am in St Brides Parish Hall.

Food Bank Collection

St Brigid's support to the South Belfast foodbank makes a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **5th/6th September 2026**. The August collection weighed in at 273.95kgs.

Thank you for your support.

*List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned tomatoes; Rice; Rice pudding and Custard; Coffee; Tea; Cooking sauces; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Biscuits; Large sized nappies(5+); Detergent; Toilet roll; Toiletries*

? LIFE AFTER ALPHA ? INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY ChristLife 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' course



When Jesus called his first Disciples he said, "Come Follow Me." He still makes that call to us today. The 'ChristLife' series is an opportunity for you to respond to that call and continue that journey you embarked upon with Alpha.

FOLLOWING CHRIST is a 7-week course with a one day Retreat to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus. The course will commence on **TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:00pm in HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE, 503 Ormeau Road, BT7 3GR.**

Each evening will follow a format similar to the Alpha Course and include a video presentation and small group discussions each evening. We will also have time for tea and coffee and a little something to eat! The evening should last no more than a couple of hours.

To register for 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' course, please send your full name, your e-mail address and mobile telephone number to stbrigids@downandconnor.org

ST BRIGID'S MORNING PRAYER

We are recommencing morning prayer at **7.30am on 14th September 2026 in the Side Chapel** and each subsequent Monday until the beginning of Advent during which we will meet each weekday morning until just before Christmas.

All parishioners and friends are warmly welcomed

The format follows the Morning Office includes a reading and reflection on the gospel and introduces the rhythm of the daily office and especially the psalms to our daily lives. Why not come along and experience for yourselves?

G.I.F.T - Growing In Faith Together

A fun-filled , faith-based programme connecting our young people to one another, to their Parish and to God.

GIFT DATES 2026/27

GIFT 5 (Year 12) - 27 September, 4 October, 11 October, 18 October 2026

GIFT 2 (Year 9) - 15 November, 22 November, 29 November, 6 December 2026

GIFT 1 (Year 8) - 10 January, 17 January, 24 January, 31 January 2027

GIFT 4 (Year 11) - 28 February, 7 March, 14 March, 21 March 2027

GIFT 3 (Year 10) - 25 April, 2 May, 9 May, 16 May 2027

St Brigid's One World Group Annual Collection and Standing Order Appeal 2026

Please help people suffering from extreme poverty in developing countries whose needs are growing every year because of:

- the spiralling costs of food and other basic commodities
- devastating floods and droughts caused by climate change
- the impacts of war
- growing inequalities between rich and poor
- the significant reduction of aid from Governments.



We will hold our Annual Collection and Standing Order Appeal next weekend on 12 and 13 September. Gift Aid envelopes & Standing Order forms will be distributed this weekend.

Please contribute to our Annual Collection and/or consider making a regular donation by setting up a Standing Order online with your bank or by completing a Standing Order form.

If you are a UK taxpayer and Gift Aid your donations, we can claim a further 25% of the amount from HMRC.

Donations may be made electronically or Standing Orders set up online

Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07

For information, email stbrigids1wg@gmail.com or phone Kevin on 07525634440

Ashleigh group sacramental preparation classes for Primary 4 children will commence in October. These classes are for children who live in the parish but do not attend St Bride's P.S. Classes will take place on a Tuesday evening. Please contact kathrynmorrissey1@gmail.com by September 22nd to register your interest. **SPACES ARE LIMITED.**



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Season of Creation 2026 (1 September – 4 October). Join us ...

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration which invites us to respond in hope and commit to positive action meeting the challenge and responsibility to care for creation - our common home. The challenge has been underlined by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* (2015) *Laudato Deum* (2023) and Pope Leo XIV in his message for World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2025 .

As we journey through the Season of Creation from 1 September through to the feast-day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, let us each take one action to care for our planet, our common home.

The theme for this season is 'Living Water' symbolised by a small stream flowing from the Temple of God - growing into a deep and powerful river. *Every act of care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope* (Living Water Season of Creation 2026).

What action will we take in this season to show care for our planet, our common home?

Action an Eco - tip

- Endeavour to buy locally sourced food on one shopping visit
- Make one journey on foot or use public transport
- Select one day and turn off all non- essential lights

Start the conversation with family and friends – what can we do to care for our common home? Involve young people in our conversations – their voice matters - they will inherit the planet that we create.

Read and consider what others are saying

Keep informed and join wider discussions by visiting info@joinedtogether.org
Read My Appeal (paragraphs 13 - 16) *Laudato Si'* - On Care for Our Common Home - visit www.vatican.va

Contribute your ideas and talents

Join our parish 'Care for Common Home' group to share ideas on eco-tips and suggestions for future talks/events — contact through the Parish Office.

Let's rise to the challenge

Pope Francis had every confidence that we can make change happen.

'All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents' (LS14).

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group

We are continuing our discussions around moving to solar panels - an action to reduce parish building carbon emissions.

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group

Stretch. Breathe. Connect.

The Parish Community Association welcomes you back to our much-loved **Yoga sessions**—designed to refresh your body and lift your spirit.



Starting: Monday 14th September 2026



Time: 12:30 pm (*doors open at 12:15 pm – come early and settle in!*)



Venue: St Brigid's Parish Centre – Main Hall



Open to: All ages, all abilities – absolutely everyone is welcome!

Why you'll love it:

- **Expert guidance** – Learn poses safely and at your own pace
- **Just £5** – Quality wellness that won't break the bank
- **Friendly vibes** – A lovely way to meet new people in our community

Please bring your own yoga mat – you'll need it for the full session.

Come as you are. Leave feeling brighter.

Give it a go – your mind (and body) will thank you.

We can't wait to see you there!

Gaeilge agus Cultúr weekly in St Bride's Parish Hall

Tuesday 8th September, 2pm to 3pm. Irish for those with a little.

Thursday 10th September, 10am to 11am Irish for beginners.

Thursday 17th September, 1.30 to 3.30 amateur dramatics, no experience necessary.

Thursday 24th September 6.30 to 8.30 Gaeilge Choir, no fluency required.

Contact Máire for more information 07748482025/ amharcababu@hotmail.com

68th Belfast Scout Group

For Boys and Girls aged 6 to 14 yrs

Weekly meetings of fun and adventure in St John's Malone Parish Halls every Monday night starting on Monday 7th September. Places available in all sections

For more information contact Gavan Duffy glv.68thbelfast@gmail.com