

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 30th March: £5790.52

Thank you for your continued support

Alpha

Alpha continues to run each Thursday evening from 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to come to any of the sessions. We ask those not taking part in Alpha to please accompany Alpha with your Prayers. A prayer Card is available in the church Porch.

For those attending Alpha and would like to order the **New Revised Jerusalem Bible Reader's Edition (Hardback)**. This can be done through the Parish Office. The price is £16.99. This version is available on Amazon also (Lisa can send the link if needed).



Saint Brigid's Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent
6th April 2025, Year C, Psalter Week 4

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Isaiah Is 43:16-21

See, I am doing a new deal and I will give my chosen people drink,

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

R/. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 3:8-14

Reproducing the pattern of this death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Jn 8:1-11

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Mavis O'Connor who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Niall Parkhill, Kathleen Smyth, Mairead and Bernard Brannigan, John McHugh, Anne Hanratty, Kevin O'Hare, Helen Jordan, Tom and Catherine Walls, Sean Dynan, Sean Patrick Graham, Charles Lavery, Tom Connolly, Colm Meir, Catherine and Michael Ward, Sarah McPhillips

May they rest in peace

Offertory Envelopes 2025/26

Parish Offertory envelopes have been delivered. Many thanks again to our volunteers who delivered these. Some boxes couldn't be delivered and have been returned to the office. If you have not received yours, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church

Understanding the Liturgy of the Mass: after Mass on Tuesday's (Parish Centre)

Women Walking Together Through Lent: Wednesday at 7.30pm in No 40

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

South East Belfast Vicariate

Night Prayer on the Sunday's of Lent in this Jubilee of Hope.

5th Sunday of Lent (6th April)	8pm	Carryduff
6th Sunday of Lent (13th April)	8pm	St Colmcille's

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, 11th February 2025.

Based on Chapter 5 of 'Divine Renovation; From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish', we are looking at hospitality and how we might make our parish more welcoming. Council noted the following:

- Rethinking the layout and usage of the church-porch and ante-room;
- Encouraging young people, newcomers and people from different backgrounds and nationalities to participate in the various ministries;
- Making full use of and expanding the role of our Welcoming Teams;
- The formation of sub-groups to implement our goals;
- An AV Screen in the porch as a source of information for parishioners;
- Consultation concerning four AV screens inside the church;
- Coffee mornings in Hall showcasing the various parish groups;
- The "Understanding the Liturgy of the Mass" meetings after Mass on Tuesday mornings is well-attended;
- The Vicariate for the Praying of Night Prayer on the Sundays of Lent has been a great success with large numbers attending;
- Alpha is playing a key role in moving from Maintenance to Mission;
- Newcomers and the growing number of young people attending have been two significant bonuses;
- The power of the Holy Spirit was very much apparent in the "Prisoner's Story" in that the Alpha Experience had completely changed his life;
- An Alpha Training Session will take place on Wednesday, 9th April;
- An "Alpha Day-Away" will take place on Saturday, 12th April in the Parish Centre.

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **5th/6th April 2025**. The food weighed in at 243.4 kgs for March collection.

Presently, we have sufficient supplies of pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, and porridge oats. Without your goodwill, the food bank would really struggle to operate.

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; Coffee; Tea; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Toiletries; Toilet roll; Biscuits*

Holy Week & Easter 2025

Palm Sunday 13th April: 6 pm (Vigil)
9.30 am and 12 noon

Parish Penitential Service: 4 pm

Monday 14th April: 7.00 pm

Tuesday 15th April: 9.30 am

Wednesday 16th April: 9.30 am



There will be an opportunity for confessions after all masses

Chrism Mass (16th April): 12 noon at St Peter's Cathedral

Holy Thursday (17th April)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: **7.00 pm**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 9.30am mass on Holy Thursday

Good Friday (18th April):

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: **3.00 pm**

Keeping Station at the Cross: **7.30 pm**

Holy Saturday (19th April):

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection: **9.00 pm**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 12noon or 6 pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday (20th April): 9.30 am and 12 noon