

## The Liturgy

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am  
12.00 noon

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> February:** £4144.40

**Monthly Collection 1<sup>st</sup> February:** £5457.15

### Lenten Day of Reflection

**Title:** Come and See

*Epiphany leaves us with gift and challenge. The wonder of revelation, if received, starts us on another journey, taking us through Lent, to Easter and beyond.*

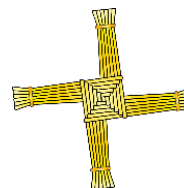
**Date:** Saturday 28th February **Time:** 2pm - 4.30pm

**Venue:** St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie, Belfast.

**Facilitator:** Rev Ruth Patterson

### JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

All Parishioners and friends are warmly welcomed to our Lenten morning prayer at 7.30 am each weekday morning, commencing on Ash Wednesday and finishing on Good Friday in the Side Chapel. The format follows the Morning office and introduces the rhythm of Lenten readings and psalms to our daily lives. Many of us traditionally "give up" things for Lent. This is an opportunity to pray with the Church and discover the richness of the bible readings for the penitential season. Why not come along and experience for yourselves?



## Saint Brigid's Parish

**5th Sunday in O T**  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Year A

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### 5th Sunday in O T

**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Eccles(Sir) 24: 1-8-12  
*The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 147:12-15.19-20  
*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us..*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the St Paul to the Ephesians Ep 1:3.15-18  
*He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus.*

**Gospel:** According to John Jn 1:1-18  
*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** John Tumelty recently deceased; Oliver Camplisson and Ann Sullivan whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: William McBurney, William Joseph Creen, Fiona O'Hare, Kevin Ballentine, Aidan Gallagher, Brian Shevlin, Paul McFadden, Bessie Keating, Archie McFerran, Desmond & Margaret Mooney, Sean Gribben, Stephen Muldoon, Ricky Muldoon, Thomas O'Rourke, Liam Cleary, Joseph Greystone, James Murphy, Daniel MacRandal;

*May they rest in peace*

### Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 9th Feb 7pm: *Kevin Ballentine (A)*

Fri 13th Feb 7pm: *Daniel MacRandal (A)*

Sat 14th Feb 12noon: *Patsy McKeever (MM)*

Sat 14th Feb 6pm Vigil: *Naoise Moriarty (A)*

## ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

### **Ash Wednesday Mass Times, 18<sup>th</sup> February**

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 Sacrament of Penance**

Meeting in the parish Centre after Mass on Tuesdays of Lent beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
Cup of Tea/Coffee and a talk (30-40minutes) All Welcome

### **Women Walking Together Through Lent**

Each Wednesday, beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Ave

### **Divine Mercy**

Each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm in the Church

### **One World Group Lenten Lunch**

From 10am to 1pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in St Brides Parish Hall

### **Lenten Day of Reflection**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in St Bride's Hall

**Facilitator:** Rev Ruth Patterson, **Title:** 'Come and See'

**Parish Penitential Service:** Palm Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 4pm

**Trócaire Family Fast Boxes:** Available in the Church porch

**Daily Prayer:** Download 'Lecto 356' from the App store

### **South East Belfast Vicariate**

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

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (22nd February)</b>	7.30pm	Carryduff
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (1st March)</b>	7.30pm	Holy Rosary
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (8th March)</b>	7.30pm	St Brigid's
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (15th March)</b>	7.30pm	St Matthew's
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (22nd March)</b>	7.30pm	St Malachy's
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (29th March)</b>	7.30pm	St Colmcille's

## **St Brigid's Day Lecture 2026**

As part of the celebration to mark the 1700<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> February, at 4.00pm.**  
**All welcome.**

## **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.

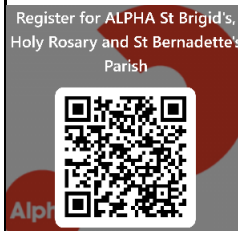
Parishioners Olivia Earley and Katherine McGinity, who helped train doctors there last year, highlight the urgent need - cataracts are a major cause of blindness, with only two dedicated eye hospitals serving a population of 14 million in Rwanda.

**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**



## **ALPHA**

*With St. Brigid's, Holy Rosary and St. Bernadettes Parish*  
**Continues this Tuesday 10th February at 7.00pm**  
in HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE

**The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, 13th January 2026. These are the main points covered:**

- The outdoor Christmas Mass attracted over 2,000 people;
- Syrian Priest, Fr. Fouad SJ will be visiting us from 22nd to 26th January;
- The 4-Corners Festival are using the church and hall on 1st February to accommodate the Bishop of Dover, Rt. Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin;
- Fr. Tom Layden SJ will deliver the St. Brigid's Day lecture at 4pm on Sunday 8th February. His lecture will be based on a recent address by Pope Leo XIV on the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed;
- The One-World Group Bread & Soup Lunch will be on 22nd February;
- Fr. O'Donnell will continue his Lenten Reflections, beginning Tuesday 24th February following 9.30am Mass. His reflections will centre on Confession and Penance;
- Following the recent *Jubilee For Choirs* Workshop, we are discussing a liturgical calendar which involves generally standardising church hymns and music across the diocese in a uniform manner;
- We hope soon to invite lay parishioners to welcome the congregation before Mass and make announcements after Holy Communion;
- We are expanding the Alpha Programme to link with Holy Rosary Parish, for a 7-week course beginning mid-February;
- We will be holding a Prayer and Reflection event on Holy Thursday, beginning after Mass, with each hour presenting a different aspect of the Passion, and including time for reflection, silence and music;
- We hope to celebrate with the First Communicants at a Coffee Morning on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th May.

**The Council will meet again on Tuesday, 17th February 2026.**