

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

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 1st March: £5671.40

Monthly Collection 1st March: £5254.52

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

VACANCY

'PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER'

- The Parish Support Officer will provide confidential, efficient, and effective administration support to the Parish Priest, and assistance to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact with the Parish office.
- Ensuring the effective day-to-day running of the Parish Office by supporting parish life, communications, and the parish leadership structure. This role is parish-facing, office-based, and operational.

For more info or to apply please visit:

downandconnor.org/blog/2026/03/05/parish-support-officer-holy-rosary-parish/

Closing date will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 19 March 2026



Saint Brigid's Parish

Third Sunday of Lent
8th March 2026, Year A

Parish Priest: Fr Edward O'Donnell **Tel:** 028 9066 5409

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Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Exodus Ex 17:3-7
Give us water to drink.

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 5:1-2.5-8
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel: According to John Jn 4:5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

Anniversary List

Please pray for Bernard Donaghy recently deceased; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sheila Waters, Harry Walsh, Seamus Conlon, Pat Magee, Mary Conlon, Eileen Burns, Patrick and Anna Rose Breslin, John Walsh, Patricia Webster, Mary Ellen and Frank Houston, Maureen Brady, Noreen and Brian Graham, Janette Lagan, Aidan Langan, Patrick McSwiggan, Frederick C McBride, Mary Caher, Sarah Wildy, Felix and Gloria O'Kane;

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 9th March 7pm: *Pat Magee (A)*

Tues 10th March 9.30am: *Mary Conlon (A)*

Wed 11th March 9.30am: *Mary Ellen & Frank Houston (A)*

Thurs 12th March 9.30am: *Bernard Donaghy (Funeral)*

Fri 13th March 7pm: *Frances Connor (A)*

ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

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

Pray the Rosary: 20 Minutes before each Weekday Mass

Understanding the Sacrament of Penance

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

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Ave

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

Parish Penitential Service: Palm Sunday, 29th March, at 4pm

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes: Available in the Church porch

Daily Prayer: Download 'Lectio 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.

3rd Sunday of Lent (8th March)	7.30pm	St Brigid's
4th Sunday of Lent (15th March)	7.30pm	St Matthew's
5th Sunday of Lent (22nd March)	7.30pm	St Malachy's
6th Sunday of Lent (29th March)	7.30pm	St Colmcille's

'Baptised and Sent'

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

The season of Lent invites us to rediscover this truth. Over forty days, the Church asks us to remember who we are as God's children and how we can live out this identity. We do this as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil.

When we gather at Easter to renew our baptismal promises, I pray that all of us, throughout the diocese, will do so with hearts on fire. The world needs our witness. It needs each one of us to live out the call of our Baptism. Our Christian witness — lived authentically and joyfully — is the gift the world is waiting for.

Read the Full Pastoral Letter on our **Parish Website** – [News Section](#)

GIFT 4– Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 4 programme will start back **Sunday 8th March** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 29th March 2026. GIFT 4 is for Children in Year 11.

Parents who have already signed up have been contacted by email through the parish office. If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch with the Parish Office. **GIFT 4 Programme is currently full**

THANKS FROM ST BRIGID'S ONE WORLD GROUP

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the recent **Bread and Soup lunch** which raised an amazing £5194, including gift aid, to support people living in poverty in Africa, Asia and South America.

And thanks to all who bought tickets for the **raffle** which raised £590 towards the purchase of a modern cataract removal machine for Kagbayi Hospital in Rwanda. The winners were Gerry Crawford, Catherine Larkin and Kathleen Breslin.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025-2026

The **Parish Offertory Envelopes** for 2025/26 will be distributed in the coming weeks for the new year.

If you would like to avail of our **Standing Order option**, our standing order form can be downloaded from our parish website under Parish Finance or email the parish office for a form.

For new residents in St Brigid's, or those who have not been receiving a box and wish to, please email the Parish Office as soon as possible: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Please note: if you have moved address within the last year please make sure you have advised the office to update your details even if you are not receiving offertory envelopes. Thank you.

We will be in touch with our volunteers who assisted last year with distribution of envelopes but if any new helpers are able to assist in their area please get in touch with Lisa in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

