

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 2nd March: £5737.90

Monthly Collection 2nd March: £4921.10

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.

Lenten Pledge

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during the season of Lent. You can do likewise. Please consider taking the short-term Pioneer Lenten pledge and say the prayer daily.

"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."



Saint Brigid's Parish

First Sunday of Lent

9th March 2025, Year C, Psalter Week 1

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First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Deuteronomy Dt 26:4-10

The creed of the chosen people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:1-2.10-15

R/. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Second Reading: From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 10:8-13

The creed of the Christian.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 4:1-13

Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Kathleen Doran recently deceased, Delia McCarron whose month's mind it is; and also for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sheila Waters, Pat Magee, Mary Conlon, Patrick and Anna Breslin, Francis McMullan, Patricia Webster, David McKenna, Elizabeth Jamison, John Walsh, Maire Macauley, Frederick McBride, Breige Wilson, Maureen Brady, Maura Lavery, Ursula Elliott, Anne O'Connell, Mary Ellen and Frank Houston

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.*

ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

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

St Luke's Neocatechumenal Youth Pilgrimage

Shamrocks will be available at Masses on **Saturday 15th March and Sunday 16th March** in support of St Luke's Youth Pilgrimage to meet Pope Francis in Rome this year.

Donation of £1.50 per pot

We truly appreciate your generosity.
Thank you in advance for your support!



St Patrick's Day

Monday 17th March

Mass Times: 9.30am and 7.00pm

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, 4th February 2025. The following points have been noted:

- Based on Chapter 5 of '*Divine Renovation; From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish*', we are looking at ways of transforming the culture of the Parish Community with a focus on hospitality & welcome;
- We intend to involve other sub-groups in our discussions and plans;
- It is hoped that the author of *Divine Renovation*, Fr. James Mallon will visit the diocese in June;
- At each of the weekend Masses on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February, a speaker will address
- St. Brigid's congregation promoting the Alpha Experience; Cards will then be handed out inviting parishioners to participate in the programme by registering through a QR code on the card or by a similar QR code on a banner in the front porch;
- Interested parishioners will be encouraged to invite a friend to the sessions;
- The Alpha Experience sessions will begin on Thursday, 20th February;
- Leaderships skills are being successfully developed through the various parish groups, for example, the Women's Prayer Group and the Monday and the Friday morning Men's Prayer Groups;
- The St. Brigid's Day Lecture, delivered by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, in the parish hall, was attended by almost 300;
- Photographs of the Pastoral Council are on the parish website at:
<https://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/parish-info/ppc-report-to-parishioners>