

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
(Resumes 5th May)

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 4th May: £6643.05

Monthly Collection 4th May: £4751.10

BAPTISM SUNDAY, 18th May, at 3pm

Any parents who have had a child baptised in St Brigid's, between Oct 2023 and Dec 2024, will have received an invitation to Baptism Sunday on 18th May at 3pm. Parents and families of the children who were baptised are invited. Grandparents and Godparents are especially welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.



**Children's Liturgy Classes will start back on Sunday
11th May at the 9.30am Mass and we will finish on
Sunday 22nd June.**



Saint Brigid's Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Vocations)

11th May 2025, Year C

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 13:14.43-52

We must turn to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:1-3.5

R/. We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Second Reading: Reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 7:9.14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel: According to John Jn 10:27-30

I give eternal life to the sheep that belongs to me.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Nora Lagan, Juliana Cardoza, Sr Alicia Mooney, and Fr Michael Dempsey recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary Killen, Jack Loughins, Brian Lockhart, Rita Fahey, Gerry Donaghy, Joe and Sally McGrath, Brian and May Lynn, Benny Smith, John Mervick, Michael and Elizabeth McGuigan, Kathleen Farrell, Vincent Brannigan, Tom Donnelly, Tom Donnelly Jnr, May and Bill Caffrey, Anne McShane, James Bennett, Frank Duffin, Danny Agnew, Owen O'Gorman, Elizabeth McGurk, Fr Joseph Houston, Leo Dolan

May they rest in peace

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the boys and girls of the parish who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this week. Pupils in our Ashleigh Group will be making their sacraments next week.

Statement by Bishop Alan McGuckian on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

With joy and gratitude, I welcome the news of the election of Pope Leo XIV as the Bishop of Rome and successor to Saint Peter. On behalf of the Diocese of Down and Connor, I pledge our prayer and heartfelt support for this 'Son of St. Augustine' entrusted with the apostolic mission to shepherd and serve the Church.

Addressing the crowds gathered in Rome earlier this evening, Pope Leo XIV reminded everyone of the universality of the Church and that "God loves us, all of us". In a world torn apart by conflict, war and confusion, he encourages us to be heralds of peace and unity.

I invite all the clergy, religious and laity across the Diocese of Down and Connor to offer prayers of thanksgiving. May God's blessing be upon Pope Leo XIV that he may bring the light of faith to those who are searching and be an instrument of God's peace in the world.

+Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ
Bishop of Down and Connor

A concert for Fouad

An evening of music and poetry for Syria

St Brides Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue

Friday 30th May 2025 at 7.30pm



Lynda Barrett	Soprano
Jenny Bourke	Contralto
Niall Leonard	Cello
Gareth Lewis	Piano



Entrance free (retiring collection)

Tickets are available from the Parish Office

40 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP (Office open 9am – 1pm Mon-Fri)

There will be no evening mass on Friday 30th May, mass will be at 9.30am on this day.



St Brigid's One World Group

TRAINING EYE SURGERY DOCTORS IN RWANDA



Dr Olivia Earley and Dr Katherine McGinnity will come along to tell us about their recent visit to Kabgayi Hospital in Rwanda to train doctors in sight restoring surgery.

- St Bride's Parish Hall
- Monday 12th May
- 7.40pm (Tea and coffee available from 7.15pm)

All parishioners and family and friends are warmly invited to come along and hear this inspiring presentation!

Celebrating Laudato Si' week – Dates for your diary

Laudato Si' week (May 24 – May 31) 'Raising Hope'- Join us

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Laudato Si', an encyclical letter written by Pope Francis 'on care for our common home'. The messages within the encyclical call upon us, as people of faith, to care for the environment and to gain confidence in our ability to make change happen.

The week commences on Saturday 24 May and concludes on Saturday 31 May. Let us each take action, individually and collectively to care for our planet, our common home - sharing ideas with others.

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group invite you to join us

- **On Saturday 24 May at 10.00am** - for a cup of coffee and chat at our 'World Café' coffee morning - an opportunity to share ideas and listen to others on the theme of 'Raising Hope and Caring for Our Common Home'. The event will take place in St Brigid's Parish Centre;
- **On Wednesday 28 May at 10.00am** with pupils from P5, St Bride's school as they share their hopes and views on 'calls to action' from the encyclical. Come along read a poem or share a short message of hope with the young people. The event will take place in St Brigid's Parish Centre.
- **On Sunday 25 May at 2.30pm** - in furthering our discussion around 'Raising Hope – Living Laudato Si' . The event will take place in Clonard Monastery (Key note John Barry, Professor of Green Political Economy & Co Director of the Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action; with contributions from Eco Congregation Ireland, Laudato Si' animator, Trócaire and Arocha) – see Down and Connor website for further details.

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). Together – we can make change happen.