

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 5th April: £8532.55

(Easter Collection Total will be included next week)

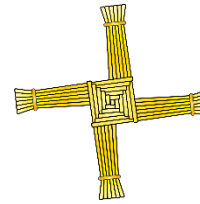
The Care for Our Common Home Group
invites you to attend 'An Economy of Enough' - half day conference in
QUB on Wednesday 22 April 2026.

Earth Day Conference

Wednesday 22nd April 9.30am – 1pm
The Canada Room (Queens University Belfast)
Book your ticket at

<https://www.ticketsource.com/qubseca/t-dkvyeve>

Featuring Dr Lorna Gold (Laudato Si movement)



Saint Brigid's Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday
12th April 2026, Year A

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Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:42-47
The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4.13-15.22-24
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: Reading from the St Peter 1 Pt 1:3-9
In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.

Gospel: According to John Jn 20:19-31
Eight days later, Jesus came.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Michael Campbell recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Thomas Heagney, Mary Heagney, Colin Meir, Harry Reid, Seamus Hillan, Elizabeth Hillan, Leo Mooney, Bill Lowry, Mary McGahan, Colette Doyle;

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 13th April 7pm: *Mary McGahan (A)*

Fri 17th April 7pm: *Colette Doyle (A)*

Sat 18th April 12noon: *Josie Cassidy (A)*

Sat 18th April 6pm: *Mary & Brendan Murtagh (A)*

St Thomas the Apostle

The proverbial scene of the doubting Thomas that occurred eight days after Easter is very well known. At first he did not believe that Jesus had appeared in his absence and said: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20: 25). Basically, from these words emerges the conviction that Jesus can now be recognized by his wounds rather than by his face. Thomas holds that the signs that confirm Jesus' identity are now above all his wounds, in which he reveals to us how much he loved us. In this the Apostle is not mistaken.

As we know, Jesus reappeared among his disciples eight days later and this time Thomas was present. Jesus summons him: "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing" (Jn 20: 27). Thomas reacts with the most splendid profession of faith in the whole of the New Testament: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20: 28). St Augustine comments on this: Thomas "saw and touched the man, and acknowledged the God whom he neither saw nor touched; but by the means of what he saw and touched, he now put far away from him every doubt, and believed the other" (*In ev. Jo.* 121, 5).

The Evangelist continues with Jesus' last words to Thomas: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn 20: 29). This sentence can also be put into the present: "Blessed are those who do not see and yet believe". Here Jesus spells out a fundamental principle for Christians who will come after Thomas, hence, for all of us.

The Apostle Thomas' case is important to us for at least three reasons: first, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adhesion to him.

May Thomas' example never fail to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Our God.

Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus,
Good Shepherd and companion on the journey,
today we place in your hands all priests,
especially those going through moments of crisis,
when loneliness weighs heavily,
when doubt clouds their hearts,
and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope.

You who know their struggles and wounds,
renew in them the certainty of your unconditional love.
Let them feel they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes,
but beloved sons, humble and cherished disciples,
and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people.

Good Father,
teach us as a community to care for our priests:
to listen without judging,
to give thanks without demanding perfection,
to share with them the baptismal mission
of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed,
and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer.
May we support those who so often support us.

Holy Spirit,
rekindle in our priests the joy of the Gospel.
Grant them healthy friendships, networks of fraternal support,
a sense of humour when things don't go as expected,
and the grace to always rediscover the beauty of their vocation.
May they never lose trust in You,
nor the joy of serving your Church with a humble and generous heart.
Amen.

St Brigid's Parish Gift Aid Scheme (2025/26)

Parishioners who may require a certificate of payments made from 6 April 2025 to 5 April 2026 please contact the parish office and a certificate will be prepared on request. Telephone: 028 9066 5409 or email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org