

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> October:** £8237.22

**Monthly Collection 5<sup>th</sup> October:** £4928.94

### ? LIFE AFTER ALPHA ?

#### INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

#### FOLLOWING CHRIST

**7-week course to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus**

**Commencing Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in Parish Hall**

- Information Video [christlife.org/about/christlife-process/following-christ/](http://christlife.org/about/christlife-process/following-christ/)

To register for course, send Name, e-mail address, to [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)

### World Mission Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Please call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035 or go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) for further information.



## Saint Brigid's Parish

**Twenty-Eight Sunday in O T**  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2025, Year C

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### Twenty-Eight Sunday in O T

**First Reading:** Reading from the second book of the Kings 2 Kg 5:14-17  
*Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 97:1-4

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 2:8-13  
*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

**Gospel:** According to Luke Lk 17:11:19

*No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** those whose anniversaries are at this time: Alice McLaverty, James Johnston, Francis Miskelly, Jim Lavery, Francis O'Brien, Dympna O'Brien, Angela Brennan, Joanna Lavery, Marie Shearer, Kathy O'Kane, Tess Stafford, Sarah Madden, Michael Madden Jnr, Michael Madden Snr, Marie McBride, Brendan Lynn, John and Una Donaghy, John J Conlon, Kevin Duffy, Eileen McGrenera, Martin Caher

**May they rest in peace**

### Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 13th Oct 7pm: *John and Una Donaghy (A)*

Tues 14th Oct 9.30am: *John J Conlon (A)*

Thurs 16th Oct 9.30am: *Kevin Duffy (A)*

Fri 17th Oct 7pm: *Eileen McGrenera (A)*

Sat 18th Oct 12noon: *Michael Campbell (A)*

## St. Brigid's Apostolic Work Annual Collection

The Apostolic Work has celebrated over **100 years** and St Brigid's as part of the Diocese of Down and Connor has supported missionaries and their work overseas. Its objectives are to share in the Missionary Apostolate of the Church by prayer, supplying material requirements and financial aid in the developing world. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America it is Missionaries who are on the front line. These women and men do so much with poor communities long before and long after any emergencies. They desperately need your help. Last year St Brigid's donated £15,033.06.

**A collection** will take place after each Mass on the weekend of the **18th and 19th October**. Envelopes will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of **11th and 12th October**.

If you are in a position to help you can **donate** by a single payment or set up a **standing order** and credit Apostolic Work, **Account no:00067017 at A.I.B Sort code: 93-80-92** If you are a tax payer and wish to **gift aid** your donation please insert your name house number and post code in the reference box when making your payment.

Cheques made payable to Apostolic Work.

Further information available from Thérèse O'Reilly through the parish office.

We are appealing for your generous support.

The mission to love one another continues.



## Women of St Brigid's Walking Together

Would you like some peaceful time away from the hustle and bustle, particularly at this time of the year? It is easy to lose sight of our little Lord and the true meaning of Christmas.

In true preparation our womens prayer group will meet the 4 Fridays below to make our Advent journey, to the manger, together.

*And is it true? And is it true,  
This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,  
A Baby in an ox's stall?  
The Maker of the stars and sea  
Become a Child on earth for me ?*

(John Betjeman " Christmas ")



We will meet as usual for our **October date 15th and then 26th Nov, 3rd, 10th, 17th Dec for Advent**. Where: **40 Derryvolgie Avenue** Time: **7.30pm**

Please do join us. Everyone is most welcome and if you already attend why not bring a friend!

## A Message from Bishop McGuckian

During the Prisons Week, I warmly invite all the faithful across our Diocese to join in prayer for the Prison Parishes of Hydebank, Maghaberry and Magilligan. These communities, though behind walls, are very much part of our Church family.

On Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, I will visit Hydebank Women's Prison and Young Offenders College to spend time in prayer with the residents and staff. It is my hope that through our shared prayer, we may bring light, hope, and the healing presence of Christ to those who carry heavy burdens.

Let us remember that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy, and that in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to be instruments of compassion and reconciliation.

**Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ**

## "Dilexi te" Pope Leo XIV

***Peter reminds us that the poor are the heart of the Gospel***

In his first Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi te" Pope Leo XIV sets out the foundations of Christian Revelation and of the tradition of the Church.

It is not a text about the Church's social doctrine, nor does it analyze specific issues. Rather, it sets forth the very foundations of Revelation, highlighting the powerful bond between the love of Christ and His call for us to draw near to the poor.

The centrality of love for the poor is, in fact, at the very heart of the Gospel itself, and therefore cannot be dismissed as a "pet concern" of certain Popes or theological currents, nor be presented as a merely social or humanitarian consequence extrinsic to the Christian faith and its proclamation.

"Love for the Lord... is one with love for the poor," writes Pope Leo. They are therefore inseparable: Jesus says, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me". Hence, the Pope continues, "this is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history".

Dilexi te was originally begun by Francis. Pope Leo XIV — who, as a religious and later a missionary bishop, has shared so much of his life with the poor, allowing himself to be evangelized by them — has made it his own.

[www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html)