

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

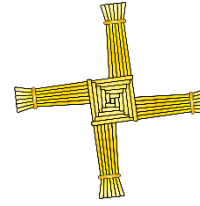
PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

Weekly Collection 10th May: £6026.50

Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 18th May 7pm: *Exam Mass*
Tues 19th May 9.30am: *Charles Copeland (A)*
& *Requiem Mass for Terry Owens RIP*
Wed 20th May 9.30am: *Mark Copeland (A)*
Thurs 21st May 9.30am: *Anne Haughey (A)*
Fri 22nd May 7pm: *Tony Curran (MM)*
Sat 23rd May 12noon: *Rosarie Heatherington (A)*
Sat 23rd May 6pm: *Joan McGeough (A)*



Saint Brigid's Parish

The Ascension of the Lord
17th May 2026, Year A

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The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11
He was lifted up while they looked on.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3.6-7.8-9
God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading: Reading from the St Paul to the Ephesians Ep 1:17-23
He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: According to Matthews Mt 28:16-20
All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Terry Owens recently deceased; Tony Curran whose month's mind it is; and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Maura Thompson, Charlie Monahan, Aideen McAlinden, Charles Copeland, Mark Copeland, Anne Haughey, Ann McGivern, Gerry O'Hara, Bridget Corrigan, John McHugh, Marese Finnegan;

May they rest in peace

Women's Prayer Group

Are you looking to find a closer relationship with God ?

If so, St Brigid's Women's Prayer Group may be for you.

We are a group of women of all ages who come together once a month. It's a very gentle hour in which we study a passage of scripture and pray. It's a community that continues to grow, developing relationship with not only God, but with one another too.

We meet the third Wednesday of each month, for about an hour, in the Parish Office at 7.30pm. We start with a cup of tea and a chat. There is always wisdom, support and good humour to be found amongst us. If you decide to join us you will receive the warmest of welcomes .

The next meetings are May 20th, June 17th, July 15th, August 19th

Further info from Mary 07718263019

Volunteers Needed for St Brigid's Coffee Mornings

The Parish Pastoral Council has recently been running occasional coffee mornings just outside the church on a Sunday morning. They have become a lovely space for conversation, connection, and community spirit and have received very positive feedback.

We now want to form a pool of volunteers to help organise and run the coffee mornings as and when required.

We would welcome your input at whatever level you think you can best help. It doesn't have to be every coffee morning. We will need individuals to organise and co-ordinate coffee mornings and others to volunteer to help on the day. This will include setting up, welcoming people, serving tea and coffee, and tidying up afterwards. (This may suit organisations and groups within the parish who would like to promote what they are doing.)

If you enjoy meeting people and helping build community, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please leave your name and number with Lisa in the Parish Office. Thank you.

EXAM MASS

The Annual Mass for everyone sitting exams of one kind or another takes place on:

Monday 18th May at 7pm in St Brigid's Church

Take time out from your study schedule to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance. All the students from Schools and Universities and their families are warmly invited and encouraged to attend. Your prayer and presence will give all those sitting exams great encouragement.

Men's Morning Prayer

The Men's Morning Prayer group recommences **each Friday from 15th May at 7.30am in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue**. This is an opportunity to reflect on the gospel for the following Sunday recite the morning office and build fraternity, as we seek to follow Christ in our daily lives.

Lay Dominicans

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 18th May at 7.35pm in the Parish Centre**. All newcomers welcome, without any commitment.

Laudato Si' week 2026 (May 17 – May 24) 'From Hope to Action' Join us...

The theme for this year's Laudato Si week is 'From Hope to Action'. What action will we take in this week to show care for our planet, our common home?



Action an Eco - Tip

- Plant butterfly and bee friendly plants in containers and gardens
- Buy locally sourced food
- Make one journey on foot or use public transport
- Turn off all non- essential lights



Start the conversation with family and friends – what can we do to care for our common home? Involve young people in our conversations – their voice matters.

Read and consider what others are saying

David Attenborough who recently celebrated his 100th birthday urges us to take action:

'We have all the tools we need, the thoughts and ideas of billions of remarkable minds and the immeasurable energies of nature to help us in our work. And we have one more thing – an ability, perhaps unique among the living creatures on the planet – to imagine a future and work towards achieving it' (Attenborough, D. 2020)

Pope Francis who published the encyclical Laudato Si'(LS)- On Care for Our Common Home, has every confidence that we can make change happen.

'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).

Let's rise to the challenge

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group

We are currently considering the advantages of moving to solar panels as an action to reduce parish building carbon emissions.