

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

SUMMER MASS TIMES

Monday: 9.30 am
Tuesday: 9.30 am
Wednesday: 9.30 am
Thursday: 9.30 am
Friday: 9.30 am
Saturday: 12 noon

Confession (Summer times)

~~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 August: £5837.63

Ashleigh Group Confirmation Classes 2026

Enrolment for Confirmation in 2026 is now open for children in the parish not attending St Bride's P.S. To register your child please contact the Parish Office at stbrigids@downandconnor.org and a member of the Group will be in touch with a Registration Form. **Classes commence in Tuesday 16th September 2025.**

Ashleigh Group First Communion Preparation 2026

First Holy Communion classes for children of the parish who do not attend St Bride's P.S, will commence in October 2025. Please contact stbrigids@downandconnor.org to register your child's interest.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Twentieth Sunday in O T
17th August 2025, Year C

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Twentieth Sunday in O T

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer 38:4-6.8-10
You have borne me to be a man of dissension for all the land.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4.18
Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of the Hebrews Heb 12:1-4
We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started.

Gospel: According to Luke Lk 12:49-53
I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Eileen McGartland recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Pat Gormley, Anne Logan, Edgar Lawson, Brian Trainor

May they rest in peace

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 18th until Tuesday 26th August.

(Please note: There will be no bulletin for 24th August)

Jubilee for The Priests of Down and Connor

The Priests of the Diocese will meet from Sunday evening, 31st August until Wednesday afternoon, 3rd September. The Bishop has asked all priests to attend this time of renewal, which will be led by Fr Stephen Wang, the Rector of the English College, Rome.

To facilitate this event, Masses will be cancelled on 1st – 3rd September, i.e. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, in parishes in the Diocese, and that includes St Brigid's Parish.

Please note that our Deacon Brett Lockhart will lead a Prayer Service on those three days at 9.30am in St Brigid's Church.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

Carpark resurfacing work and re-marking will be carried out, beginning on Monday 18th August and will be completed by Thursday 21st August.

Both Church and Parish Centre Carparks will be closed during this period.

This will cause parishioners some inconvenience but we are confident of patient understanding.

Women of St Brigid's Walking Together

Our women's Prayer Group will meet on **Wednesday 20th August in No40 Derryvolgie Ave from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.** This gentle hour of prayer offers time out from the busyness of life...it has proved itself to be a positive and restorative experience for many of us. Come and See!



Pastoral Letter

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday, 24 August 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

Ten weeks ago, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza.

Sadly, since June, the situation in Gaza has become steadily worse. The people there continue to be cruelly crushed by hunger, violence, death and destruction.

The Irish Bishops made it clear in June that genocidal actions sanctioned by the government in Israel are resulting in the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. "This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity."

I know that people in parishes across the country are deeply troubled by stark and horrific images from Gaza of starving children and helpless, hungry families. The cruel actions of Hamas in continuing to keep hostages, and the bodies of hostages, away from their families is also to be unreservedly condemned.

All across Ireland dioceses are encouraging people to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

And so, I ask everyone: please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in your parishes and homes on Sunday, 24 August. Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

Additionally, I encourage to reach out to your elected representatives, urging them to support humanitarian aid and peace efforts, and support Trócaire and other trusted agencies working on the ground.

With every blessing and good wish.
I gCroí fosa,

+ Alan W. Lockhart SJ