

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: £6060.83

Holy Family Parish

Celebrating 100 Years of the Canonization of St Therese

You are invited to a special centenary celebration of the canonization of St Thérèse of Lisieux. St Thérèse is a beloved saint known for her little way of love and spiritual simplicity. We are honoured to welcome **Fr Paul Murray OP**, renowned speaker and spiritual director of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who will offer a reflection on how to live and pray like St Thérèse. The event will take place on 22 May at 19:00 at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AP). All are welcome.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter
18th May 2025, Year C

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13

R/. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading: Reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 21:1-5

God will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: According to John Jn 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Cathal Ramsey whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Charles Copeland, James McGauran, Mark Cassidy, Mark Copeland, Aideen McAlinden, Bridget Corrigan, Anne McGivern, Gerry O'Hara, Maureen Kearns, Julie and Edward Collins, Lucia D'Agostino, Brigid Mulholland, John McHugh, Maura Thompson, David Brennan

May they rest in peace

GIFT Programme

GIFT 3 is now FULL.

We have no more additional spaces available this term.

Coffee & Poems

The award-winning Fermanagh-based poet John D Kelly will read from his second collection "ABOUT BLOOD". Signed copies of his books will be available for purchase at the event and all profits that John makes from the sales will be donated to a charity supporting orphaned and maimed children suffering in war-torn areas of the Middle East.

Wednesday 4th June, after Morning Mass in the Parish Centre.

A concert for Fouad

An evening of music and poetry for Syria

St Brides Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue

Friday 30th May 2025 at 7.30pm



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| 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.

Food Bank Collection

*****Change of date for June collection*****

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **24th/25th May 2025**. The food weighed in at 197.25 kgs for May collection.

Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis.

Thank you for your support.

List of items currently most needed: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Tinned soup; Rice; Lentils; Coffee; Tea; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Biscuits; Instant potato; Toiletries



The **Parish Financial Report for 2024** is now available to view under Parish Finance on the Website or download here: [Parish Financial Report2024](#)

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.

Not the End of the World: Being Pilgrims of Hope in a Polycrisis

Join us for a half-day of reflection and inspiration at Ulster University, Belfast, on **Saturday, 31st May, from 9.30am to 1.30pm**, hosted by the Belfast Jesuit Centre. Inspired by our late Pope Francis' vision for a Jubilee Year of Hope, we'll explore how our Catholic faith calls us to embody hope in these challenging times. **Speakers include Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Dr Austen Ivereigh, and Julieann Moran.** All are welcome.

Registration is required and a registration link can be found by visiting belfastjesuitcentre.org or the BJC Facebook page.