

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> February:** £4513.50

**Sick & Retired Priests Collection:** £2406.71

### Food Bank Collection

St Brigid's support to the South Belfast foodbank makes a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **28th February and 1st March 2026**. The January collection weighed in at 241.1kgs. Thank you for your support.

*List of items currently most needed: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned fruit; Tinned soup; Rice; Cooking sauces; Tea; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Biscuits; Detergent; Toilet roll; Toiletries*



## Saint Brigid's Parish

**First Sunday of Lent**  
22nd February 2026, Year A

**Parish Priest:** Fr Edward O'Donnell **Tel:** 028 9066 5409

**Parish Office:** 028 9066 5409; (9 am - 1 pm Weekdays)

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**Livestream/Webcam:** [youtube.com/@stbrigidsparishbelfast](https://youtube.com/@stbrigidsparishbelfast)



### First Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Genesis Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
*The creation and the sin of our first parents.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 50:3-6.12-14.17  
*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the St Paul to the Romans Rm 5:12-19  
*However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.*

**Gospel:** According to Matthew Mt 4:1-11  
*Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Marie O'Kane, Henry Ritchie and Teresa Mills recently deceased; Bronach Hamilton whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Veronica Tohill, John Cassidy, Charles Waters, Sarah Keane, Patricia Devlin, Frank McErlean, William and Teresa Glover, Hugh Niblock, Rose Murphy, Jim McVeigh;

*May they rest in peace*

### Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 23rd Feb 7pm: *Patricia Devlin (A)*

Thurs 26th Feb 9.30am: *Special Intention*

Fri 27th Feb 7pm: *Frank McErlean (A)*

Sat 28th Feb 6pm Vigil: *George McGrath (A)*

## ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

**Morning Prayer:** Monday - Friday at 7.30am in the Church beginning Ash Wednesday

**Pray the Rosary:** 20 Minutes before each Weekday Mass

### **Understanding the Sacrament of Penance**

Meeting in the parish Centre after Mass on Tuesdays of Lent beginning 24th February.  
Cup of Tea/Coffee and a talk (30-40minutes) All Welcome

### **Women Walking Together Through Lent**

Each Wednesday, beginning 18th February at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Ave

**Divine Mercy:** Each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm in the Church

### **One World Group Lenten Lunch**

From 10am to 1pm on Sunday 22nd February in St Brides Parish Hall

### **Lenten Day of Reflection**

Saturday 28th February at 2pm in St Bride's Hall

**Facilitator:** Rev Ruth Patterson, **Title:** 'Come and See'

**Parish Penitential Service:** Palm Sunday, 29th March, at 4pm

**Trócaire Family Fast Boxes:** Available in the Church porch

**Daily Prayer:** Download 'Lectio 356' from the App store

### South East Belfast Vicariate

You are invited to join the priests of our parishes in the Vicariate for the praying of Evening Prayer on the Sunday's of Lent in this Jubilee of Hope. Evening Prayer takes approximately 20 minutes. Let us support each other with our presence and prayer.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (22nd February)</b>	7.30pm	Carryduff
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (1st March)</b>	7.30pm	Holy Rosary
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (8th March)</b>	7.30pm	St Brigid's
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (15th March)</b>	7.30pm	St Matthew's
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (22nd March)</b>	7.30pm	St Malachy's
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (29th March)</b>	7.30pm	St Colmcille's



## **ALPHA**

*With St. Brigid's, Holy Rosary and St. Bernadettes Parish*

**Continues Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**In St Bride's Parish Hall at 7pm**



**St Brigid's One World Group**

[www.stbrigidsowg.com](http://www.stbrigidsowg.com)

## **LENTEN BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH and RAFFLE!!**

**Sunday 22nd February 2026, 10am – 1pm, Parish Hall**

*We warmly invite you to join us for  
a simple bread and soup lunch  
and to make a donation or set up a Standing Order  
to help people living in abject poverty in developing countries*

*Donations may be gift aided*

*Tea, coffee and scones also available*

**Tickets on sale for raffle for 2 silver collectors coins – see separate notice. Raffle will be drawn at the lunch!!**

### Hospital, Rwanda

Two chances to win a limited-edition silver Saint Brigid collector coin **issued by the Central Bank of Ireland** to mark 1,500 years since the death of Saint Brigid. **Only 2,000 proof coins were minted, making this a truly special prize.**

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a modern cataract surgery machine for Kabgayi Hospital, Rwanda.

Tickets £1 each can be purchased

- by phoning or texting Kevin on 07525 634440
- at the One World Group Bread and Soup Lunch on 22 February

[Electronic payments: *St Brigid's One World Group* Account No 68825172  
Sort Code 90-22-07]

Draw will take place **at the Bread and Soup Lunch on 22 February 2026!!**

### Parish Volunteering

It is our Parish Policy to rotate volunteers from time-to-time; this allows for a greater involvement of parishioners in parish life, and allows present volunteers to have a break from service.

If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Word or Minister of Holy Communion please forward your name and contact details to Lisa in the Parish Office on 02890 665409 or by email to [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)