

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

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 16th February: £4378.74

Sick and Retired Priests Collection: £2140.10

Thank you for your continued support

South East Belfast Vicariate

You are invited to join the priests of our parishes in the Vicariate for the praying of Night Prayer on the Sunday's of Lent in this Jubilee of Hope. Night Prayer takes approximately 20 minutes.

Let us support each other with our presence and prayer.

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| 1st Sunday of Lent (9th March) | 8pm | St Brigid's |
| 2nd Sunday of Lent (16th March) | 8pm | St Matthew's |
| 3rd Sunday of Lent (23rd March) | 8pm | Holy Rosary |
| 4th Sunday of Lent (30th March) | 8pm | St Malachy's |
| 5th Sunday of Lent (6th April) | 8pm | Carryduff |
| 6th Sunday of Lent (13th April) | 8pm | St Colmcille's |



Saint Brigid's Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd February 2025, Year C, Psalter Week 3

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the book of Samuel 1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4.8.10.12-13

R/. The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: From the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:45-49

We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the
heavenly man

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:27-38

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate

Anniversary List

Please pray for Jack McCullough and Dolores McCann who died recently; Gerry Lee whose month's mind it is; also, those whose anniversaries are at this time: Brendan Kerr, Jimmy Doran, Charles Edward Waters, Veronica Tohill, Mattie, Carrie and Noel Byrne, Rose Murphy, Brigid Heagney, Mary and Thomas Heagney, Mary McMahon

May they rest in peace

Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed Friday 21st and Monday 24th February.

Lenten Morning Prayer

A warm invitation to all parishioners to attend morning prayer using the Divine Office each Monday to Friday of Lent. We begin on Ash Wednesday **5th March at 7.30 am** in the Church. This has proved over many years to be an excellent opportunity to journey together through Lent preparing for Easter and growing in our own faith and understanding. For those proceeding to their work we are invariably finished before 8am. Why not give it a try?

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **1st/2nd March 2025**. The food weighed in at 291.90 kgs for February 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; Instant potato; Tinned spaghetti; Rice; Lentils; Porridge oats; Coffee; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Toiletries; Toilet roll; Biscuits*

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery.

This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones.

Within Down and Connor, mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY 7th March 2025 in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 1:00pm** to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event.

Offertory Envelopes and Standing Orders

Next month we will be distributing our Parish Offertory Envelopes for the new tax year. If you are not already receiving a box of Offertory Envelopes and would like to, please let Lisa know in the Parish Office.

Many parishioners have availed of our **Standing Order option** to donate to the parish. If you would like to set this up instead, please contact the Parish Office for a form.

ROME, Italy — Pope Francis remains in the hospital this week, with a respiratory tract infection that doctors are describing as a "complex clinical situation." Despite this, the Pope has kept in touch from his hospital bed with the Catholic parish in the Gaza Strip. Sometimes he reaches them by video call, according to the Vatican, and sometimes by text message.

In an interview with *Vatican News*, the Fr Gabriel Romanelli, the parish priest of the Church of the Holy Family, the only Roman Catholic church in Gaza, says Pope Francis has called from the hospital at 8 p.m. Gaza time every night. The pope has maintained near-daily contact with this church throughout the war between Israel and Hamas, which began in October 2023.

Romanelli says that in these calls, Pope Francis asks how he and his Palestinian parishioners are and sends them his blessing. "Although we had a blackout in the whole area of Gaza City, he insisted and managed to contact us with a video call," he said, according to the Vatican media outlet.

Creative Writing for Absolute Beginners 🍷

Interested in exploring creative writing? The Parish Community Association with Naomh Bríd GAA is offering a **six-week course** just for absolute beginners—no experience needed!



Dates: Thursdays, 6 March – 10 April



Time: 7:30–9:30 PM



Location: Parish Centre



Max Participants: 10



Cost: £40 for the full course



Facilitator: Niall Conway

Limited spots available—email stbrigidstra@gmail.com or text 07711353671 to express an interest!

Our Lenten Day of Reflection

Title : Questions on our Lenten Journey

Date: Saturday 1st March 2025

Time: 2pm – 4.30pm

Venue: St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast. BT9 6FP

Facilitator: Rev Dr Ruth Patterson

ALL ARE WELCOME