

## 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

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 18th May:** £4311.50  
**Education of Students to Priesthood:** £1855.10

### 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](http://belfastjesuitcentre.org) or the BJC Facebook page.**

### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

**Sunday 8th June 2025**

Coach departs from St Anne's carpark at 8.00am on Sunday 8th June. Pick ups at St Michael's and St Agnes's. **Cost is £60 pp** which covers return trip on coach, morning tea and scones and 2 course evening meal in The Killyhevlin Hotel. For bookings please contact Frank Donnelly ( St Anne's SVP ) 07852583086



## Saint Brigid's Parish

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
25th May 2025, Year C

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading: Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 15:1-2.22-29**

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps66:2-3.5-6.8**

R/. Let the people praise, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Second Reading: Reading from the book of the Apocalypse Apo 21:10-14.22-23**

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

**Gospel: According to John Jn 14:23-29**

The Holy Spirit will remind you all I have said to you.

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary Anne Haughey, Rosarie Heatherington, Annie McShane, Angela Thompson, Marie Finnegan, Mary O'Rourke, Charles and Ellie Mooney, Aidan and Maura Clancy, Eilish Murphy, Rosemary McHugh, Edwin Webster, John Carty, Robert McCarthy, Maura Thompson, Julie and Edward Collins, Kevin Barrett

*May they rest in peace*

### Down and Connor Three Day Pilgrimage

The Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for pilgrimage and renewal. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Date: 4th – 6th July 2025. The bus will depart from St Patrick's Church Donegall Street. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 02890690920 or email [pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org](mailto:pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org)

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm**



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

## Celebrating Laudato Si' Week

### **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 and supporting 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.
- **Thursday 29 May at 9.30am Mass** in St Bride's Church – listen to the insights of three young people from Rathmore Grammar School on para 11,13 L.Si' (LS 11,13) and Pope Francis 4<sup>th</sup> beatitude '*Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home*'.
- **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.***

### **Eco Tips**

- Plant butterfly and bee friendly plants in containers and gardens
- Buy locally sourced food
- Boil only the amount of water needed in your kettle

