

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

(suspended in July & August Mon-Fri)

~~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

(suspended in July & August)

~~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)

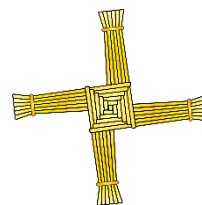
Weekly Collection 12th July: £3482.50

Weekly Collection 19th July: £4128.50

Pastoral Services Collection: £1919.42

Mass Intentions for week ahead

Mon 20th July 9.30am: *Susan Mulholland (A)*
Tues 21st July 9.30am: *Maureen McCallion (A)*
Wed 22nd July 9.30am: *Rose Donnelly (A)*
Fri 24th July 9.30am: *Win Jordan (A)*
Sat 25th July 12noon: *Hugh McAlinney (A)*
Sat 25th July 6pm Vigil: *Rory Mulholland (A)*



Saint Brigid's Parish

17th Sunday in O T
26th July 2026, Year A

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the first book of the Kings 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12
You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130
Lord, how I love your law!

Second Reading: Reading from the St Paul to the Romans Rm 8:28-30
God intended us to become true images of his son.

Gospel: According to Matthew Mt 13:44-52
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Baby Alice Lockhart and Clare Mary McCartney recently deceased; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Rory Mulholland, Sheila McGivern, Gerry Moore, Hugh McAlinney, Eilish Doyle, Paula Ranaghan, Danny McGivern, Mary Brennan, Geraldine Mohan, Michael Tierney, Adelina Fusciardi, Catherine Carty, Mary and Malachy Cultra, John Larkin, Mary and Thomas Heaney, Therese Kelly, and Rosaleen Rocks;

May they rest in peace

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 **1st/2nd August 2026**. The July collection weighed in at 225.9kgs.

Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned tomatoes; Rice; Rice pudding and Custard; Coffee; Tea; Cooking sauces; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Biscuits; Large sized nappies(5+); Detergent; Toilet roll; Toiletries



Youth Faith Group

Congratulations to members of our parish Youth Faith Group who recently joined the Down and Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes Youth Team.

Magnifica Humanitas

"With the same faith as Mary, let us become "weavers of hope" in our world, sharing who we are and what we have, so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives. Indeed, the Lord continues to make all things new and offers every era the possibility of becoming part of salvation history in the light of the Incarnation. I entrust our desire to the Mother of Christ, to the Woman of the *Magnificat*, that she may guide our steps through this time of change and preserve in each of us true faith in the Gospel, so that we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made his dwelling"

(Pope Leo X1V, Magnifica Humanitas, para 245).

The Welsh poet, R.S. Thomas was an Anglican priest His poem, "The Bright Field", is full of profound wisdom, as profound as the wisdom of Solomon.

*I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the
pearl of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realise now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying*

*on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
asides like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but it is the eternity that awaits you.*

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES

If you are a **Current or New Volunteer** working with children and young people in our parish, you must complete training every three years. New Volunteers must complete at least Level 1 to volunteer with our parish youth groups. Please see dates below and visit downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training/ to book:

Child Level 1 – Information Sessions

[Virtual Evening Session- 20 August 2026- 6:30pm](#)

[Virtual Evening Session 21 September 2026- 6:30pm](#)

Child Level 2 – Full Day/2 Eve Sessions

[Virtual Evening Session- 24 & 25 August 2026- 6:30pm](#)

[Face to Face Session- Newcastle- Sat 19 Sept 2026](#)

[Face to Face Session- All Saint's Ballymena- Sat 12 Sept 2026](#)

[Face to Face Eve Sessions – St John's, Belfast- 9 & 16 Sept 2026](#)

Child Level 2 – Refresher Sessions

[Face to Face Eve Session- Newcastle- 17 Sept 2026](#)