

## 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 22nd March: £5004.50**

### Food Bank Collection Easter Appeal

*Please note the change of date for April Foodbank 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/29th March 2026**. The March collection weighed in at 307.1kgs.

Thank you for your support.

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



HOLY WEEK

# Saint Brigid's Parish

**Palm Sunday**  
29th March 2026, Year A

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## Palm Sunday

**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 50:4-7  
*I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 21:8-9.17-20.23-24  
*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the St Paul to the Philippians Ph 2:6-11  
*The Spirit from of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.*

**Gospel:** The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Bernadette O'Neill recently deceased; Peter Murray whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Margaret Hazzard, Phil O'Sullivan, Christina and Gerard Dogherty, Maura Keenan, Mary Murtagh, Alice Scullion, Vanessa Crummie, Aoife Crummie, Tom Walls, Catherine Walls, Bridget Cullen, Kieran McMullan;

*May they rest in peace*

### Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 30th March 7pm: *Phil O'Sullivan (A)*

Tues 31st March 9.30am: *Christina & Gerard Dougherty (A)*

Wed 1st April 9.30am: *Maura Keenan (A)*

## Holy Week and Easter 2026

**Palm Sunday 29th March:** 6 pm (Vigil)  
9.30 am and 12 noon  
**Parish Penitential Service:** 4 pm



**Monday 28th March Mass:** 7.00 pm  
**Tuesday 31st March Mass:** 9.30 am  
**Wednesday 1st April Mass:** 9.30 am

*There will be an opportunity for confessions after all masses*

**Chrism Mass (1st April):** 12 noon at St Peter's Cathedral

### **Holy Thursday (2nd April)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: **7.00 pm**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be no 9.30am mass on Holy Thursday*

**Vigil of Prayer:** after Mass until 7.00am on Good Friday (*see separate notice*)

### **Good Friday (3rd April):**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: **3.00 pm**

Keeping Station at the Cross: **7.30 pm**

### **Holy Saturday (4th April):**

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection: **9.00 pm**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be no 12noon or 6 pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday*

**Easter Sunday (5th April):** 9.30 am and 12 noon

**Easter Monday (6th April):** 12 Noon

**Rest of Easter week:** normal mass times



## **FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

Sunday, 12th April 2026

**St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (2:30pm); and  
Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast (2:15pm)**  
*(Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Holy Mass)*

## Parish Office Easter break

**The Parish Office will be closed over Easter from Holy Thursday and reopen on Monday 13th April. Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!**

### Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 1st April after morning Mass in St. Bride's Parish Centre.** *All are welcome to come along and join.*

### School Confirmation

*Congratulations to all the boys and girls of St Bride's PS and our Ashleigh Group programme who made the sacrament of Confirmation this week.*

### **Children's Liturgy Registration Sunday (No Classes)**

Registration for Children wishing to attend Children Liturgy will be held at all masses on **28th/29th March 2026.**

## **HOLY WEEK – VIGIL OF PRAYER**

### **Holy Thursday into Good Friday**

Parishioners are warmly invited to commit to **just one hour of prayer** during our **12-hour Vigil of Prayer**, beginning after the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (7.00pm)** and continuing through the night until **7.00am on Good Friday.**

Inspired by the words of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane — *"Stay here and keep watch with me"* (Matthew 26:38) — this Vigil offers an opportunity to accompany Christ during the sacred hours of His Passion.

Each hour will be led by different parish groups and will include **guided reflections, the Rosary, Prayer of the Faithful, silent prayer and Taizé chants.**

**Flyers with the full vigil schedule will be available in the church porch.**

Please consider offering **one hour of your time** to keep watch with the Lord during this most sacred time of the Church's year.

**All are welcome.**