

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 23rd March: £6038.95

Thank you for your continued support

Alpha

Alpha continues to run each Thursday evening from 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to come to any of the sessions. We ask those not taking part in Alpha to please accompany Alpha with your Prayers. A prayer Card is available in the church Porch.

For those attending Alpha and would like to order the **New Revised Jerusalem Bible Reader's Edition (Hardback)**. This can be done through the Parish Office. The price is £16.99. This version is available on Amazon also (Lisa can send the link if needed).



Saint Brigid's Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025, Year C, Psalter Week 4

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Reading from the book of Joshua Jos 5:9-12

The People of God keep the Passover on their entry into the promised land.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-7

R/. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 15:1-3.11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Claire Finegan and Brige McBrearty who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Charlotte Miskelly, Vera Smyth, Mary Murtagh, Phil O'Sullivan, George Farrell, Michaela Murphy, Colette Kennedy, Vera McDonnell, Sarah Crossey, James and Kathleen Tohill, James and Nan McAleenan, Sarah Keyland, Maura Keenan, Grainne Walls

May they rest in peace

Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd April after morning Mass** in **St. Bride's Parish Centre**. *All are welcome to come along and join.*



ST BRIGID'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church

Understanding the Liturgy of the Mass

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

Women Walking Together Through Lent

Each Wednesday, beginning 5th March, at 7.30pm in No 40 Derryvolgie Ave

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

Jubilee Lenten Reflections

Podcast By Fr Darren Brennan – available on the Down and Connor Facebook Page or YouTube Channel. Each Sunday of Lent at 7pm

24 Hours for the Lord

St Mary's Chapel Lane, Saturday 29th March, Confessions all day from 11am to 5.30pm (Mass at 1.00pm) Priests available throughout this time.

Parish Penitential Service: Palm Sunday, 13th April, at 4pm

South East Belfast Vicariate

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.

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

Rathmore Grammar School

Grand Sale for Trócaire - Wednesday 9 April 2025 (6.30 pm– 9.00 pm)

Rathmore Grammar School warmly welcomes you to join us for an evening of fun and games in our Grand Sale for Trócaire on **Wednesday 9 April from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.**

Please join us for amazing prizes on our Rickety Wheel and Tombola or pick yourself up a bargain in our various stalls including easter eggs, children's books and toys, cakes and buns and bottles galore. All proceeds in aid of Trócaire. If you or your business are in a position to donate or contribute prizes to such a worthy cause, please contact the school info@rathmoregs.belfast.ni.sch.uk (all donations will be acknowledged on the evening).

Mother's Day, Sunday 30th March

Wishing all mother's a very happy and blessed mother's day!

Pilgrims of Hope - 24 Hours for the Lord

A key moment in this Jubilee Year 2025 is the celebration of **"24 hours for the Lord"**. This is an initiative of Pope Francis who writes, "special care should be taken to prepare priests and faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form" (SNC 5).

In Down and Connor "24 Hours for the Lord" will be celebrated on Saturday, 29th March, in three centres:

St Mary's Church, Belfast, from 11.00am until 5.30pm;

All Saints Church, Ballymena, from 12 noon until 5.30pm;

St Patrick's, Church Downpatrick. 10.30am until 4.00pm.

Priests will be available for confession throughout those times indicated.

"24 Hours for the Lord" well presented, and promoted, in our parishes, will be welcomed by the faithful – particularly by those for whom the habit of Confession has been broken by the recent pandemic. Those who journey to one or other of the churches mentioned, are participating in the Holy Year as **"pilgrims of hope"** seeking a "genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation" (SNC 1). To facilitate 24 Hours for the Lord". the midday station of Confession, traditional in most parishes, is cancelled for that day, as our priests will be assisting with confessions in the three centres mentioned.

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **5th/6th April 2025.** The food weighed in at 243.4 kgs for March collection.

Presently, we have sufficient supplies of pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, and porridge oats. Without your goodwill, the food bank would really struggle to operate.

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; Coffee; Tea; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Toiletries; Toilet roll; Biscuits