

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

Weekday Mass Times

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 Sheehan

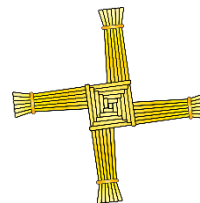
PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

Weekly Collection 23rd August: £4342.50

Mass Intentions for week ahead

Mon 31st Aug 10am: *Funeral – Christina Dargan*
Mon 31st Aug 7pm: *Frank McGivern (A)*
Tues 1st Sept 9.30am: *Mairead Walsh (A)*
Wed 2nd Sept 9.30am: *Bernard Downey (A)*
Thurs 3rd Sept 9.30am: *Richard Dean (A)*
Fri 4th Sept 7pm: *Ted Hickey (A)*
Sat 5th Sept 12 Noon: *Berga Nolan (MM)*
Sat 5th Sept 6pm Vigil: *Charles & Elizabeth Sheil (A)*



Saint Brigid's Parish

22nd Sunday in O T
30th August 2026, Year A

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Sheehan **Tel:** 028 9066 5409

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jr 20:7-9
The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6.8-9
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Reading from the St Paul to the Romans Rm 12:1-2
Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel: According to Matthew Mt 16:21:27
If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Patrick McCrudden, Patricia Boyle and Christina Dargan recently deceased; Baby Alice Lockhart and Berga Nolan whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Brian Trainor, Richard Dean, James Purvis, Brian and Noreen Graham, Janette Lagan, Edward Devlin, Bernard Downey, Brian Enright Snr, Betty Murphy, Mollie Lavery, Rosaleen Wells, Ted Hickey, Sr Kathleen McCullough, Siobhan McLoughlin, Paul McRandal, Maureen Caraher;

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 **5th/6th September 2026**. The August collection weighed in at 273.95kgs.

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

St Brigid's One World Group Annual Collection and Standing Order Appeal 2026

Please help people suffering from extreme poverty in developing countries whose needs are growing every year because of:

- the spiralling costs of food and other basic commodities
- devastating floods and droughts caused by climate change
- the impacts of war
- growing inequalities between rich and poor
- the significant reduction of aid from Governments.



We will hold our Annual Collection and Standing Order Appeal on 12 and 13 September.

Gift Aid envelopes and Standing Order forms will be distributed next weekend.

**Donations may be made electronically or Standing Orders set up online
Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07**

For information, email stbrigids1wg@gmail.com or phone Kevin on 07525634440

Confirmation Preparation Classes 2026/2027

Enrolment for St Brigid's Parish Confirmation Preparation Classes 2026/27 is now open to Year 7 pupils, who are not attending St Bride's Primary School, and Year 8 pupils. Each class lasts one hour, 5.45pm-6.45pm, on Tuesdays in St. Bride's Hall.

Each pupil intending to enroll in the preparation classes must have received their First Holy Communion and be able to attend all the one hour sessions. **The limited places available** will be awarded on the first come first served basis. Please contact the Parish Office stbrigids@downandconnor.org or 90665409 for further enrolment details.

? LIFE AFTER ALPHA ?

INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY ChristLife 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' course



When Jesus called his first Disciples he said, "Come Follow Me." He still makes that call to us today. The 'ChristLife' series is an opportunity for you to respond to that call and continue that journey you embarked upon with Alpha.

FOLLOWING CHRIST is a 7-week course with a one day Retreat to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus. The course will commence on **TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:00pm in HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE, 503 Ormeau Road, BT7 3GR.**

Each evening will follow a format similar to the Alpha Course and include a video presentation and small group discussions each evening. We will also have time for tea and coffee and a little something to eat! The evening should last no more than a couple of hours.

To register for 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' course, please send your full name, your e-mail address and mobile telephone number to stbrigids@downandconnor.org

A short information video can be found here: christlife.org/about/christlife-process/following-christ/

Coffee and Poems

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

Diocesan RCIA Programme

The Diocesan RCIA (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith.

The 2026–2027 programme begins on **Wednesday 23rd September** and runs weekly from 6.30pm to 8pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants.

All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away.

To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Season of Creation 2026 (1 September – 4 October). Join us ...

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration which invites us to respond in hope and commit to positive action meeting the challenge and responsibility to care for creation - our common home. The challenge has been underlined by Pope Francis in Laudato Si' (2015) Laudato Deum (2023) and Pope Leo XIV in his message for World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2025.

As we journey through the Season of Creation from 1 September through to the feast-day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, let us each take one action to care for our planet, our common home.

The theme for this season is 'Living Water' symbolised by a small stream flowing from the Temple of God - growing into a deep and powerful river. *Every act of care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope*" (Living Water Season of Creation 2026).

What action will we take in this season to show care for our planet, our common home?

Action an Eco - tip

- Endeavour to buy locally sourced food on one shopping visit
- Make one journey on foot or use public transport
- Select one day and turn off all non- essential lights

Start the conversation with family and friends – what can we do to care for our common home? Involve young people in our conversations – their voice matters - they will inherit the planet that we create.

Read and consider what others are saying

Keep informed and join wider discussions by visiting

info@jointhedotstogether.org

Read My Appeal (paragraphs 13 - 16) Laudato Si'- On Care for Our Common Home - visit www.vatican.va

Contribute your ideas and talents

Join our parish 'Care for Common Home' group to share ideas – Meet up Thursday 3 September 10am (after morning Mass) foyer of St Brigid's Church.

Let's rise to the challenge

Pope Francis had every confidence that we can make change happen. *'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).

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group

We are continuing our discussions around moving to solar panels - an action to reduce parish building carbon emissions.

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