

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

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 17th August: £3926.50
Diocesan Cathedral Coll 17th August: £2262.50
Weekly Collection 24th August: £4711.50

Ashleigh Group Confirmation Classes 2026

Enrolment for Confirmation in 2026 is now open for children in the parish not attending St Bride's P.S. To register your child please contact the Parish Office at stbrigids@downandconnor.org and a member of the Group will be in touch with a Registration Form. **Classes commence in Tuesday 16th September 2025.**

Ashleigh Group First Communion Preparation 2026

First Holy Communion classes for children of the parish who do not attend St Bride's P.S., will commence in October 2025. Please contact stbrigids@downandconnor.org to register your child's interest.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Twenty-Second Sunday in O T
31st August 2025, Year C

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Twenty-Second Sunday in O T

First Reading: Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Eccles 3:17-20.28-29
Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7.10-11
In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of the Hebrews Heb 12:18-19.22-24
We have come to Mount Zion and the city of the living God.

Gospel: According to Luke Lk 14:1.7-14
Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Daniel O'Connell recently deceased, Sheila McGivern whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time: Bernard Downey, Siobhan McLoughlin, Eveline Walls, Patrick Curran, John McShane, Anne Murphy, Richard Dean, J J Murphy

May they rest in peace

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 4th September. Open as normal the rest of the week.

Jubilee for The Priests of Down and Connor

The Priests of the Diocese will meet from Sunday evening, 31st August until Wednesday afternoon, 3rd September. The Bishop has asked all priests to attend this time of renewal, which will be led by Fr Stephen Wang, the Rector of the English College, Rome.

To facilitate this event, **Masses will be cancelled on 1st – 3rd September**, i.e. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, in parishes in the Diocese, and that includes St Brigid's Parish.

Please note that our Deacon Brett Lockhart will lead a Prayer Service on those three days at 9.30am in St Brigid's Church.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass times will return to normal from Thursday 4th September. Mass on Monday and Friday will move back to 7.00pm

St Brigid's Parent and Toddler Group

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group will **start back on Thursday 25th September** from 10.00am until 11.45am in St Brides Parish Hall.

COFFEE & POEMS

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd September** after morning prayer service in St. Bride's Parish Centre. *All are welcome to come along and join.*

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **6th/7th September 2025**. The food weighed in at 182.3 kgs for August 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

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INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

Friday 5th September 2025

- **Mass in Church 7:00 p.m.**
- **Tea & Coffee in Parish Hall afterwards**
- **With discussion of next steps**



Welcome into the Church and Parish Family:

*Rós O'Sullivan, Louis Carter, Eve Maguire,
Katie Coulter. Connie Li, Annie Kate McCullough,
Ella O'Connor, Emma McKnight,
who were recently Baptised in St Brigid's*

St Brigid's One World Group

Annual Collection and Standing Order Appeal 2025

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 13 and 14 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

G.I.F.T. – Growing In Faith Together

A fun-filled, faith-based programme connecting our young people to one another, to their Parish and to God. A BIG thank you to everyone who took part in the GIFT programmes in 2024/25. It could not have happened without the goodwill of all the volunteers or indeed the young people who took part so enthusiastically.

GIFT DATES 2025/26

GIFT 5 (Year 12) - 5 October, 12 October, 19 October, 26 October 2025

GIFT 2 (Year 9) - 16 November, 23 November, 30 November, 7 December 2025

GIFT 1 (Year 8) - 11 January, 18 January, 25 January, 1 February 2026

GIFT 4 (Year 11) - 8 March, 15 March, 22 March, 29 March 2026

GIFT 3 (Year 10) - 3 May, 10 May, 17 May, 24 May 2026

The programme runs on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch through the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members soon.