

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 9.30 am 12.00 noon	<u>Weekday Mass Times</u> 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 st & 3 rd Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm Please contact the Parish Office to book <i>(One month's notice required)</i> 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)

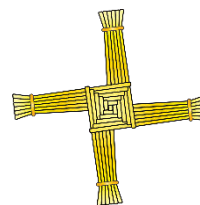
Weekly Collection 6th Sept: £7727.90

Monthly Collection 6th Sept: £4975.46

Mass Intentions for week ahead

Mon 14th Sept 7pm: *Special Intention*
 Tues 15th Sept 9.30am: *Bernard Downey (A)*
 Wed 16th Sept 9.30am: *Patricia Gilligan (A)*
 Fri 18th Sept 7pm: *Special Intention*
 Sat 19th Sept 12 Noon: *Malachy Owens (A)*
 Sat 19th Sept 6pm: *Samuel McShane (A)*

St Brigid's Parent and Toddler Group will start back on Thursday 17th September from 10.00am until 11.45am in St Brides Parish Hall.



Saint Brigid's Parish

24th Sunday in O T
 13th September 2026, Year A

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Sir 27:30-28:7
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4.9-12
The Lord is compassion of love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Reading from the St Paul to the Romans Rm 14:7-9
Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Gospel: According to Matthew Mt 18:21:35
I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Anniversary List

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Joseph Murtagh, Raymund Shearer, Patricia Gilligan, Malachy Owens, Desmond Shearer, Kathleen and Tom Kelly, Maureen Salters, Geraldine Donnelly, Kevin Mulholland, Mary Maguire, Brigid and John McKenna, Barney and Cis McCartan, Charlie Grant;

May they rest in peace

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on **Monday 14 September**, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. Our first Sunday Mass is 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time!

ST BRIGID'S MORNING PRAYER

We are recommencing morning prayer at **7.30am on 14th September 2026** in the **Side Chapel** and each subsequent Monday until the beginning of Advent during which we will meet each weekday morning until just before Christmas.

All parishioners and friends are warmly welcomed

The format follows the Morning Office includes a reading and reflection on the gospel and introduces the rhythm of the daily office and especially the psalms to our daily lives. Why not come along and experience for yourselves?

Women's Prayer Group

*Are you looking to find a closer relationship with God?
If so, St Brigid's Women's Prayer Group may be for you.*

We are a group of women of all ages who come together once a month. It's a very gentle hour in which we study a passage of scripture and pray. It's a community that continues to grow, developing relationship with not only God, but with one another too.

We meet the third Wednesday of each month, for about an hour, in the Parish Office at 7.30pm. We start with a cup of tea and a chat. There is always wisdom, support and good humour to be found amongst us. If you decide to join us you will receive the warmest of welcomes.

The next meetings are 16th September, 21st October, 18th November and 16th December.

Further info from Mary 07718263019

The Men's Morning Prayer group

Recommences on Friday 18th September at 7.30am in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue. This is an opportunity to reflect on the gospel for the following Sunday recite the morning office and build fraternity, as we seek to follow Christ in our daily lives.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

We're back after our summer break!!

You are warmly invited by your local Lay Dominicans to join us as we pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy in St Brigid's church every **FRIDAY** at 3pm.

It's a beautiful way to start the weekend, so please join us.



? LIFE AFTER ALPHA ?

INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY ChristLife 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' course



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.**

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

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.



Please contribute to our Annual Collection this weekend and/or consider making a regular donation by setting up a Standing Order online with your bank or by completing a Standing Order form.

If you are a UK taxpayer and Gift Aid your donations, we can claim a further 25% of the amount from HMRC.

Gift Aid envelopes and Standing Order forms are available at the back of the Church.

Donations may be made electronically or Standing Orders set up online

Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07

Envelopes can also be returned in the collection basket at any Mass over the coming weeks.

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 Brigid's Primary School, and Year 8 pupils. Each class lasts one hour, 5.45pm-6.45pm, on Tuesdays in St. Brigid's Parish Hall. **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.



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. 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.

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 on eco-tips and suggestions for future talks/events — contact through the Parish Office.

Let's rise to the challenge

Pope Frances 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.

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group

Stretch. Breathe. Connect.

The Parish Community Association welcomes you back to our much-loved **Yoga sessions**—designed to refresh your body and lift your spirit.

- Starting:** Monday 14th September 2026
- Time:** 12:30 pm (*doors open at 12:15 pm – come early and settle in!*)
- Venue:** St Brigid's Parish Centre – Main Hall
- Open to:** All ages, all abilities – absolutely everyone is welcome!

Why you'll love it:

- **Expert guidance** – Learn poses safely and at your own pace
- **Just £5** – Quality wellness that won't break the bank
- **Friendly vibes** – A lovely way to meet new people in our community

Please bring your own yoga mat – you'll need it for the full session.

Come as you are. Leave feeling brighter.

Give it a go – your mind (and body) will thank you. We can't wait to see you there!

Set Dancing

The Parish Community Association welcomes you back to our weekly Set Dancing classes with Ronan Eastwood

Have fun, keep fit and get ready for the Fleadh next year!

- Starting:** Wednesday 16th September 2026
- Time:** 11:15am- 12:45pm (*doors open at 11:00am*)
- Venue:** St Brigid's Parish Centre – Downstairs Hall
- Open to:** All ages, all abilities – absolutely everyone is welcome!
- Only £5 per session**

Classes will run every week with a break on 28th October and a pre Christmas party on 16th December in the afternoon from 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Gaeilge agus Cultúr weekly in St Bride's Parish Hall

Tuesday 8th September, 2pm to 3pm. Irish for those with a little.

Thursday 10th September, 10am to 11am Irish for beginners.

Thursday 17th September, 1.30 to 3.30 amateur dramatics, no experience necessary.

Thursday 24th September 6.30 to 8.30 Gaeilge Choir, no fluency required.

Contact Máire for more information 07748482025/ amharcababu@hotmail.com