



Celebrating the Liturgy

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm.

Sunday

9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am

Saturday: 12 noon

Evening Masses

Mon Wed & Fri; 7.00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12.30 – 1.0 pm.

Confession, 5.30pm – 6pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30pm – 8.00pm

Friday 10.00am – 12.00 Noon

Marriages

6 months notice required.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Parish Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 2pm

One month's notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish G.I.F.T. 4 Advent Meetings

The G.I.F.T. programme is beginning this weekend with our first meeting THIS Sunday at 7pm in Saint Bride's Hall.

There are two more weeks to follow for G.I.F.T. 4 in Advent Sunday 10th and 17th December, 7pm in Saint Bride's Hall.

G.I.F.T. 4 will meet again in Lent 2018. We hope to see you there!

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Annual Christmas Collection

The Annual collection of St. Vincent De Paul will be held on

Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th December 2017 after all Masses.

Christmas Toy/Gift Appeal:

Today cards with ages of boys & girls will be available in the Church Porch. Parishioners are asked to bring home a card, purchase a toy suitable for a child of the age indicated, Gift Vouchers for teenagers are particularly welcome, and **bring it back to the Church next weekend** to allow for distribution in the days before Christmas. Cards are also available marked "For Heating" to provide heat for a family over the winter months. SVP Christmas cards will also be available for sale in the porch after all Masses this weekend.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

03 December 2017. Year A, Psalter Week I

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17.64:1.3-8

The prophet has words of hope and promises of a glorious future.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3.5-6

R/. God of hosts, bring us back:

Let you face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul is convinced that God in Christ has given those 'in Christ' everything they need in order to wait well for 'the day of our Lord Jesus Christ'.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Be alert, stay awake, and be ready for the day of the Lord's coming.

That call of the evangelist in today's Gospel is made to use today.

Be alert; be awake because the Lord is very near.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Jim & Anne Kelly, Tim McCall, Colette Mullin, Tim & Charlotte Mullin, Paud Toner, James Patrick Byrne, Mary & John McKay, Carmel & Jimmy Denny, Mary Murphy, Teddy Brennan, Maurice Hale, Frank Bryan, Hugh Kennedy, Gerry Downey, Frank Donaghy, Henrietta McMullan, Brigid Ramsey, Michael & Rita Lavery, Seamus Carberry, Desmond Canavan and Marie Louise Lavery.

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

St Brigid's Penitential Service

Sunday 17th December 2017 at 4pm

To help prepare, a leaflet is available in the church porch.

“Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace.”

Pope Francis.

St Brigid's Mother and Toddler

We meet every Thursday in the parish hall (downstairs) between 10.00-11.45am. All babies and children from newborn to pre school are welcome.

St Brides School Carol Service

Friday 15th December
11.00am in the Church

Come home for Christmas

This Advent, let us remember non-church going Catholics in our parish and family circle. People drift away from the practice of their faith for all kinds of reasons. We all know family members and friends who have lost touch with us. We must not judge. All parishioners are God's beloved children, churchgoing or not, that we must never forget. However, this Advent we say this with great respect; “we are your family; you are part of us, you belong with us; we need you; the door of welcome is open; it is not the same without you. The Church made up of saints and sinners, often resembles a broken family; give us another chance! **Come home for Christmas.**”

What can I do?

- Pray for those who are non church-going every day between now and Christmas. A prayer leaflet is available for this purpose.
- Perhaps if the moment is right, gently suggest to a non-churchgoing catholic to take a fresh look and give it another go.
- Pass on to a non-churchgoing catholic the leaflet, “Catholic and have lost touch”

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses today.
The food weighed in at 325kg for November collection.
Thank you for your support.

COFFEE AND POEMS

Wednesday 6th December

After morning Mass in the Parish hall
All are welcome

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Thursday, 14th December at 7pm in the Church

Bulletin Notices

Bulletin notices must be with the Parish Office by **12.00 noon Wednesday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. If you leave a message on the answer machine or email after this time the name will be included the following weekend. *Thank you.*

Offertory Collection: 26th November £ 5,003

Bishops Commission Collection £1,408

Thank you for your support.

DAY FOR LIFE

The Parish Pastoral Council have organised a “Day for Life” **8th December.**

It is a day of prayer that our society will respect, protect, love and serve life from the moment of conception until its natural end.

The 8th December has been deliberately chosen for this day of prayer as it is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. Everyone in the parish is invited to make a special effort to play a part in this day. Leaflets and prayer cards available.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December

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Friday: 9.30am; 1pm; 7pm