



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.

Date for your Diary: Saturday 9th December '17 @ 2 – 5pm

Advent Reflection Title – 'Restoration Through Friendship'

Venue: St Brigid's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast.

Facilitator: Rev Ruth Patterson

All are Welcome

Mahler's Resurrection Symphony

Members of St, Brigid's Choir will be performing with the European Doctor's Orchestra and Irish Doctor's Choir in Mahler's Resurrection Symphony, in

The Ulster Hall on Sunday the 26th November 2017 at 7:30pm.

This concert is in aid of Artscare NI and the Pushkin Trust.

This is the first time that the European Doctor's Orchestra will perform in Ireland.

Some Tickets for this unique event are still available from the Ulster Hall Box Office: boxoffice@ulsterhall.co.uk telephone 028 9033 4566



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 November 2017. Year A, Psalter Week I

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

This Reading depicts a Home Life that is pleasing to the Lord; Where spouses honor each other and where children learn the values of faith, hard work, and mutual respect.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5

R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells of the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Elizabeth Irvine, Elizabeth Thompson, William Lennon, Charlie McLaverty, Angela Walsh, Murty Toolan, Donal McGettigan, Liam McKenna, James & Agatha Smyth, George & Elizabeth McGrath, Sarah McAnallen, William McCaffrey, Kathleen Duffy, John & Una Donaghy, Vincent Jamison, Deirdre Kennedy

whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who are remembered in the November Lists of the Dead.

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the parents and family of Baby Joseph McDowell, whose anniversary is at this time.

**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.

Gift Aid will add a significant amount to what you contribute at no cost to you. Gift aid envelopes will be available and distributed on **2nd/3rd December** and will also be available in the Church Porch.

Christmas Toy/Gift Appeal:

St. Brigid's conference of SVP will be holding their annual toy/gift appeal in two weeks in December 2017.

On Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd cards with ages of boys and girls will be available in the porch. Parishioners are asked to bring home a card, purchase a toy suitable for a child of the age indicated and bring it back to the church on Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th December 2017 for distribution in the days before Christmas.

Gift Vouchers for teenagers are especially welcome. Cards with "Heating" on them will also be available to provide heat for a family over the winter. Oil costs in the region of £250 per 500 litres and any amount towards this would be most welcome. Gift aid envelopes can also be marked "For Heating."

SVP Christmas cards will also be available for sale in the porch after all Masses from Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December 2017.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT

Fr. Niccolo Steiner S.J., a Jesuit tertian, is coming to St Brigid's Parish for pastoral experience. Fr Niccolo comes from Frankfurt, Germany, and lectures in a Catholic faculty coaching seminarians. We look forward to the contribution he will make to life in St Brigid's and hope he will be happy throughout his stay with us. Fr. Niccolo is coming on 18th January and will be with us until 2nd April 2018.

Offertory Collection: 12th November £4,580

Thank you for your support.

DAY FOR LIFE

The Parish Pastoral Council have organised a "Day for Life" for **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.

St Brigid's Third World Group

The Parish Third World Group is holding a Bread and Soup lunch in the Parish Hall after all 3 Masses **next Sunday - 26th November**. Tea, coffee and scones will be available as alternatives. Christmas Cards and Christmas Gift Cards will also be available. Why not help people who have so little by having this simple meal and donating the cost of your usual Sunday lunch.

COFFEE MORNING

St Brigid's SPRED Group are hosting a coffee morning on **19th November after 10.30am Mass.**

Why not call in and find out what we do! All Welcome.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Malachy Chapter

will meet on Monday 20th November, at 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre.
New members welcome.

St Bride's Primary School

An Open Day for prospective parents of Nursery & Year 1 children due to start school September 2018, will take place on **Thursday 30th November 2017 starting at 2.30pm**

Scientists tell us that the dinosaurs died out because they developed in the wrong direction: a lot of armour plating and not much brain, a lot of muscles and not much understanding. Are not we too, developing in the wrong direction: a lot of technology, but not much soul? A thick armor plating of material know-how, but a heart that has become empty? Have we not lost the ability to perceive the voice of God in us and to reorganize and acknowledge the good, the beautiful, and the true?

Joseph Ratzinger.