

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

Weekday Mass

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

Weekly Collection 22nd December: £4794.59

Weekly Collection 29th December: £4948.67

Christmas Special Collection: £12,435.02

Thank you for your continued support

Pioneer Association's 125th Anniversary

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate Mass in St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast at 5.30pm on Saturday 11th January 2025 to mark the 125th anniversary of the Pioneer Association. Pioneers and friends of the PTAA are all welcome to attend.

Bishop Alan's Jubilee Message

Copies of Bishop Alan's Pastoral Letter (Jubilee 2025) are available in the Church porch, from the Parish office or can be downloaded online on the Parish Website (News Section).



Saint Brigid's Parish

Second Sunday of Christmas

5th January 2025, Year C, Psalter Week 2

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Second Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Eccl (Sir) 24:1-2.8-12
The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

Responsorial Psalm: 147:12-15.19-20

R/. The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Second Reading: From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 1:3-6.15-18
He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn1:1-18

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Anniversary List

Please pray for Jim McGovern and Sean Kieran recently deceased and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Gregory, Denis and Pearl Moloney, Patricia Boyle, Gretta McCambridge, Arthur Newell, Michael Durkin, Stephen Wilson, Edward and Michael Murton, Florence McFerran, Moya Cushinan, Kathleen Brennan, Anna Cleary, Jim Nicholl, Teresa Meenan

May they rest in peace

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 20th February in Parish Centre

For more information about ALPHA go to

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNWwW_Ps1Hk



Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January 2025

Mass Times: 9.30am and 7.00pm

Mass - Friday 10th January

The Parish Pastoral Council are going on an overnight training session on Friday 10th to Saturday, 11th January. Fr O'Donnell will accompany them. **Please note that mass on Friday 10th January will be at 9.30am** - rather than at the usual time of 7.00pm. Masses on Saturday as usual.

Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th January after morning Mass in St. Bride's Parish Centre.** All are welcome to come along and join.



Children's Liturgy Classes will restart again on Sunday 12th January 2025 at the 9.30am mass. Children from primary 3 to primary 7 are most welcome.

Food Bank Collection

A big **Thank you** to the parishioners of St. Brigid's Parish for supporting South Belfast foodbank with food collections and donations throughout 2024.

The number of people referred are on the rise. The Food bank relies on donations of food to help support people facing a crisis within communities.

There are families struggling to put food on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis - redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill - can mean going hungry.

Without your goodwill, the food bank would really struggle to operate.

This is your chance to make a difference in your local community.

Thank you for your support which is needed more than ever.

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **4th/5th January 2025**. The food weighed in at 306.95 kgs for December collection.

List of **items currently most needed**: *Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Instant potato; Tinned spaghetti; Porridge oats; Coffee; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Toiletries; Toilet roll; Biscuits.*

GIFT 1 – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 1 programme will start back on **Sunday 12th January** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 2nd February 2025. GIFT 1 is for Children in Year 8. If you would like your child to join please contact the parish office for a consent form.

Parents who have already signed up have been contacted by email from the parish office.

If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch with the Parish Office. We look forward to meeting our new GIFT members and parents in the new year!



The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday 10th December 2024. Among the items discussed were:

- Chapter 1 of 'Divine Renovation; From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish', inviting us to examine what appears to be an identity crisis in the Church and determine what we are called to do as a parish;
- Being more creative in communicating the Christian message;
- Planning the forthcoming Alpha Course, scheduled for February until the end of May 2025, which has attracted 10 volunteers from the parish to assist the Council in its development;
- Confirming arrangements for the overnight for the PPC on 10th January at Tobar Mhuire Retreat and Conference Centre, Crossgar;
- Establishing the profile and accountability of the Pastoral Council;
- Mounting an AV Screen in the church porch;
- The logistics of the New Parish Bulletin format and increasing the number of online recipients;
- The Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope which will take place in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm with Mass presided by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ. St. Brigid's Parishioners are encouraged to attend;
- The Opening of the Jubilee Year in St. Brigid's with Mass at 12pm on Wednesday 1st January 2025.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will resume each Monday morning from **Monday 13th January** in the Side Chapel at 7.30am. We say the Morning Office and reflect on the Gospel for the Sunday following.