



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 3

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### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Malachi MI 1:14-2:2.8-10

*You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 130

*R/. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Th 2:7-9.13

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 23:1-12

*They do not practise what they preach.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Rachel Boyle, Kevin Cassidy, and Dermot O'Reilly recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine McGeown, Monsignor Ambrose Macaulay, Hugh O'Neill, Donal McGettigan, Michael Anthony Haughey, Denise Moyes, Mary Dynan, Joseph and Gerard Caher, Francis Hamilton, Noel Eastwood, Vincent D'Agostino, Olive Finnegan, Kathleen Kearns, Ann Murray

**May they rest in peace**

## 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

### Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm

Please contact the Parish Office to book

### Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)*

**Weekly Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** £4334.00

**Weekly Collection 29<sup>th</sup> October:** £4062.40

**Missions Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** £1987.60



*Thank you for your continued support*

## Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office **by 12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin.



### Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)

### Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND 4th /5th November 2023**. The food weighed in at 217.7 kgs for October collection. Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned tomatoes; Instant potato; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Jam; Coffee; Tea; Rice; Long life fruit juice; UHT milk; Cooking Sauces; Biscuits; Household cleaning items.

### **Annual Mass for Recently Departed Parishioners**

(November 2022 – November 2023)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm**



Relatives and friends of those who have died since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 are particularly invited to this Mass. Also remembered are all the departed Priests and parishioners of the parish, as well as relatives of parishioners who have died in other parishes during the year. Candles will be available for those who wish to bring a lighted candle to the altar in memory of a loved one.

### November - Month of the Holy Souls

During November, Masses will be offered for those whose names are included in the November lists of the dead. Envelopes and lists are available in the porch. Please leave completed envelopes in the box provided. All envelopes are opened and gratefully acknowledged.

### **Memorial Notice Board**

*There will also be a Memorial Notice Board in the entrance hall of the church for the month of November for parishioners to add memoriam cards.*

### ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MASS FOR THE DECEASED TEACHERS OF THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm**

All Saints' Church, Broughshane Road, Ballymena  
AND

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm**

Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast

**Please forward the name and school of the deceased by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
to: Fr Colin Grant, Director at [dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org](mailto:dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org)**

### "Laudate Deum": the Pope's cry for a response to the climate crisis

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation building on his 2015 encyclical. We're not reacting enough, he says, we're close to breaking point. He criticises climate change deniers, saying that the human origin of global warming is now beyond doubt. And he describes how care for our common home flows from the Christian faith.

"'Praise God' is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies."

**In St Brigid's Parish Centre, on 9<sup>th</sup> November next, beginning at 7.30pm, Fr Timothy Barlett will give a presentation on Pope Francis' letter, Laudate Deum. Everyone welcome to attend.**

### Coffee Morning



Coffee available after the 9.30 am and 12 Noon Masses on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** in the **Parish Centre**. Please decide to take a little time after Mass to meet some fellow parishioners.

### Women Walking Together

Just a reminder that the women's prayer group will be meeting this coming **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and again on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm to 8.30pm in No40 Derryvolgie Ave.**

It's a quiet hour away from the busyness of life to spend with God...and with one another. *Everyone most welcome!*

During Advent we will meet on a weekly basis. More on this to follow.

### GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

**GIFT 2** programme (Year 9) will start back this Sunday, **19<sup>th</sup> November**, from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The first week will be an opportunity for our wonderful young people to reconnect with each other. We have a fun-filled evening planned, playing games and enjoying delicious pizza.



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 welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members.