

## The Liturgy

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am  
12.00 noon

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<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

**Weekly Collection 30th November:** £5308.90

### The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

These are the main points: Five areas were identified as priorities for the Pastoral Council to work on with the help of parishioners;

1. LITURGY; Singing Team, Choirs, Music, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Announcements at Mass.
2. HOSPITALITY; Welcome Team, Welcome & After Mass Coffee.
3. SPIRITUALITY; Scripture Study, Prayer, Morning Prayer, Adoration, Women's Prayer.
4. EVANGELISATION; Alpha, ChristLife, Home Groups, Youth Ministry.
5. COMMUNICATION; Newcomers, Young Families, Asylum Seekers, Social Media.

The recent Coffee After Masses weekend was very successful.

The Children's Liturgy Group is canvassing for volunteers to assist at the Sunday 9.30am Mass; On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate the 12-noon Mass which will include choirs from across the diocese.

Around forty-seven young people participate in the Sunday Evening Youth Faith programme; Syrian Priest, Fr. Fouad SJ will visit us in early January, and it is hoped to organise something special to mark this.

The Council will meet again on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



## Saint Brigid's Parish

### Second Sunday of Advent

7<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Year A

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### Second Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 11:1-10

*The judges the wretched with integrity.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 71:1-2.7-8.12-13-17

*In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 15:4-9

*Christ is the saviour of all.*

**Gospel:** According to Matthew Mt 3:1-12

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Nuala Canavan and Betty Marray recently deceased; Brendan Murphy whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Raymond McAreavey, Ann Curran, Elizabeth McFadden, Rita Marshall, Anne Smyth, Mary Moore, May Eastwood, Roseann McVeigh, John and Kathleen Megahey, Maurice Hale, Kathleen MacAllister, Hugh Kennedy, David Peace, Marie Louise Lavery, Rita Lavery, Ashraf Farag, Brigid Ramsey, Mary and Matthew Neill, Patrick Mullaney

*May they rest in peace*

### Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 8th Dec 7pm: *Anne Curran (A)*

Tues 9th Dec 9.30am: *Funeral Betty Marray*

Thurs 11th Dec 9.30am: *Mary Moore (A)*

Fri 12th Dec 7pm: *Brendan Murphy (MM)*

Sat 6th Dec 12noon: *Joseph Houghton (A)*

Sat 6th Dec 6pm: *Kevin Sharkey (A)*



## ONE WORLD GROUP

### Advent Bread and Soup Fundraising Event

**Sunday 7 December 10am–1pm St Brigid's Parish Hall**

Please join us for a simple bread and soup lunch. This is a fund-raising event so we invite you to make a donation, or even set up a Standing Order to help people living in abject poverty in developing countries. All donations may be gift aided.

Tea, coffee and scones will also be served and Christmas Gift Cards will be available to purchase allowing you to make a donation in lieu of a Christmas present.

**Fr Raymond MacQuarrie, who worked among the poor in South Africa for many years and was a former beneficiary of the Parish One World Group, will be saying the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday and will be at the Bread and Soup afterwards to meet parishioners.**

*Live Simply So That Others May Simply Live*



### Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity Crib for a special blessing on Sunday 14th December at 9.30am Mass

*At 9.30am Mass on Sunday 14th December, we are having our very own Bambinelli Sunday at St. Brigid's. Fr O'Donnell along with the Gift Group are inviting all our wonderful children and young people with their families to bring their figures of Baby Jesus to Mass from their home crib for a very special blessing.*

*Bambinelli Sunday was a tradition started by St John Paul II. Bambinelli is the Italian word that means, "Little Baby Jesus". Pope John Paul II invited all the Romans to come to St Peter's Square with the Christ Jesus from their home crib, everyone held up their baby Jesus and he blessed them. The children especially enjoy this tradition, which both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have continued.*

*During 9.30am Mass, Fr O'Donnell will bless the Bambinelli that you have brought from your home. Following the blessing, take your Bambinelli home, gift wrap it, place it under your tree and save it for Christmas Day. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, then you place your Baby Jesus in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas. The celebration will be especially enjoyable for the children of the Parish, young and old!*

*We hope that you can join us for this beautiful tradition.*

***DON'T FORGET YOUR BABY JESUS ON 14th DECEMBER!***

*A limited number of baby Jesus' figurines will be available to buy from the GIFT group before Mass at £5.00 each.*

## St Brigid's Parish Advent Programme



**Advent Morning Prayer:** Monday – Friday beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30am in the Side Chapel.

### **Woman Walking through Advent together:**

Wednesdays of Advent, 26<sup>th</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue

**Shoebox Christmas Appeal:** During Advent our Youth Faith Group will be preparing Christmas Shoeboxes for the Homeless

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (7<sup>th</sup> December)**

- Dedication of Young Parishioners participating in Pope John Paul II Award at 6pm Vigil Mass
- One World Group Soup and Bread Event after 9.30am and 12 Noon mass

**24 hours for the Lord:** St Mary's Chapel Lane, Saturday 13th December, Confessions all day from 11am to 5.30pm (Mass at 1.00pm) Priests available throughout this time for confession.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (14<sup>th</sup> December)**

- Bambinelli Sunday (Blessing of Christ Child Crib Figures) at the 9.30am Mass



### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (21st December)**

- Penitential Service: 4pm – 5pm

## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday 8th December

**Mass Times:** 9.30am and 7.00pm

### **24 Hours for the Lord**

24 hours for the Lord will be celebrated in **St Mary's Chapel Lane, on Saturday 13th December**. Confessions all day from 11am to 5.30pm, and Mass will be at 1pm.

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