



# Saint Brigid's Parish

*Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast*

## The Baptism of The Lord

8<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Year A, Psalter Week 2

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## The Baptism of The Lord

**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 42:1-4.6-7

*Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 28:1-4.9-10

*R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34-38

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 3:13-17

*As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Stephen Wilson recently deceased, Maria Moloney whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Smyth, Denis and Pearl Moloney, Tony Doran, Liam Daly, Patricia Boyle, Cathal Mooney, Nessie McDonnell, Gretta McCambridge, Arthur Newell, Rosemary Giffen, Martin Davey, Fiona Harkin, Teresa Meenan, Joe and Sally McGrath, Brian and Mary Lynn, Peter Nicholl, Glenna McCarthy, Charles Sharratt

*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

**Weekly Collection 25<sup>th</sup> December:** £6142.87

**Christmas Collection 25<sup>th</sup> December:** £4445.75

**Weekly Collection 1<sup>st</sup> January:** £2207.27

**Monthly Collection 1<sup>st</sup> January:** £4006.00



*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](#)

### Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January after morning Mass in St. Bride's Parish Centre.** *All are welcome to come along and join.*



### Youth Faith Group

Huge thanks to our young people for all their help with the Youth Faith Group Christmas appeals for Utility Street Men's Hostel - *delivering Christmas Gift Bags for the 59 residents* - and the collection of items for The Order of Malta QUB and the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB Shoebox Appeal in support of Belfast Homeless Services - *The Young people also helped to serve mulled wine after the Chaplaincy's Carol Service.*

Special thanks also for the assistance of Youth Faith at our outdoor Mass on Christmas Eve also which was well turned out and a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

**Youth Faith Group will recommence again on Sunday 15th January from 6.30pm - 8pm in the Parish Hall.**

### GIFT 1 – Growing in Faith Together

**GIFT 1** programme will start back this Sunday, **15<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.** The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023. 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 with be contacted in the new year.

**The theme for GIFT 1 is:**

*"You are loved and chosen"*



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!

### One World Group

The Parish One World Group is delighted to announce a **Table Quiz on Friday 27th January in the Parish Hall**

**7.45 for 8pm start.**

**Bring your own drinks and snacks!**

**To book a table or find out more, please phone Kevin on 07525634440**

**[Even if you haven't got enough people for a team, please come along and we will link you up with others to make up a table.]**

**Raffle prizes gratefully accepted**



### St Brigid's Day Lecture

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm

**Venue:** St Bride's Parish Centre

**Guest Speaker:** Michael Kelly

(Editor of The Irish Catholic)

**Theme:** "When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?  
– the future of Irish Catholicism"

*All Welcome!*

### Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If you have a relative or neighbour who is unable to come out for Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Office. Fr. O'Donnell visits the housebound monthly, and Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to visit weekly.

## St Brigid's GAA

Our parish GAA club, is looking to raise funds to help with our continued growth. The National GAA are running a countrywide draw and 100 % of all ticket proceeds are retained here in St Brigid's.

*There are some fantastic prizes including a Car, Cash Prizes, Tickets and accommodation in Croke Park Hotel.*

**We will be selling tickets outside all masses next weekend** (14th/15th January). Your help and support is as ever greatly appreciated. We are continually recruiting across all age groups. Club members will be on hand to answer any questions if you or a family member have any interest in joining. You would be most welcome.

## Safeguarding Compulsory Training 19 Jan 2023

**A Level 1 Child Safeguarding Training Session** for parish volunteers working with children in parish groups is arranged for **7pm on Thursday 19th January 2023** at **Parish Hall** Derryvolgie Avenue Belfast. All volunteers working with children must complete a Level 1 training session.

Booking registration form is located on [www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com](http://www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com)

Please complete the form and email to the address provided on the form.

## Living Church – Faith Development Conference

The Living Church Office is hosting a Faith Development Conference in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This course will equip you with the skills and resources to lead faith development programmes in your parish, with your prayer group or organisation. Five excellent Programmes are being showcased and there will be an opportunity to meet with the developers and presenters of the programmes in taster sessions that they will run.

For more information, or to book online, go to: [www.livingchurchevents.com](http://www.livingchurchevents.com). Or to request an application form, contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 02890690920 or [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

## School Open Days 2023

### ***St Louise's Comprehensive College***

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Principal's Address 4.30pm & 6.30pm)  
(all Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome)

### ***St Malachy's College***

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Principal's Address: 7.00 pm both evenings

### ***St Genevieve's High School***

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm  
(all Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome)

### ***St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School***

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
Principal's Address: 8.30pm

### ***Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School***

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 9.00am – 1.00pm  
Principal's Address: 9.30am & 11.30am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

### ***St Dominic's Grammar School***

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 9.30am – 1.00pm  
Principal's Address: 9.30am & 11.00am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

### ***Dominican College Fortwilliam***

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm  
Principal's Address: 9.30 am & 11.00 am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

### ***Rathmore Grammar School***

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 9.30am – 1.00pm  
(Principal's Address at 9.30am & 11.15am)

*For additional information on Open Days please contact the School or College*