

## 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

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

*This weekend our Parish Pastoral Council will be encouraging Parishioners to Sign up to our Parish online and Emailing List - Cards will be available from members of the council in the church entrance or alternatively Parishioners can sign up through the Parish Office or the Parish Website*

### PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Weekly Collection 1st December:** £4508.45

**Monthly Collection 1st December:** £4431.60

*Thank you for your continued support*

### **30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the New Church of St Brigid's**

To mark the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of our church of St Brigid, our Bishop will celebrate both 9.30am and 12 noon mass on Sunday 8th December.

At the 9.30 am mass the Bishop will formally install our new Parish Pastoral Council. After both masses there will be an opportunity to meet Bishop McGuckian in the Parish Centre at the "Bread and Soup" event.



# Saint Brigid's Parish

## Second Sunday of Advent

8<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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### First Sunday of Advent

**First Reading: Reading from the prophet Baruch Bar 5:1-9**  
God means to show splendour to every nation.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125**

R/. What marvels the Lord worked us! Indeed we were glad

**Second Reading: From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Ph1:4-6.8-11**  
Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

**Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 3:1-6**  
All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

### **Anniversary List**

*Please pray for* Margaret Dorman recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ray McAreavey, Rita Marshall, Joseph Houghton, Una Merrick, Mary Moore, Kevin Sharkey, Thomas Coyle, Margaret Yoong, Kathleen MacAllister, Vera O'Neill, Ashraf Farag, John and Kathleen Megahey, Roseann McVeigh, David Peace, Mary-Jo Doran, Rita Laverty, Kieran Dynan, Marie-Louise Lavery, Patrick Copeland, Mary and Matthew Neill, Elizabeth McFadden, Patrick Mullaney, Susan Martin, Maureen Falls

*May they rest in peace*

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday 9th December

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

St Brigid's One World Group  
**ADVENT BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH**



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10am – 1pm**  
**Parish Hall**

*We warmly invite you to  
join us for a simple bread and soup lunch; and  
make a donation to help people living in abject poverty in developing countries  
(donations may be gift aided)  
Tea, coffee and scones also available*



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR MISSIONARIES TO  
WORK IN ST BRIGID'S PARISH**

The Parish Pastoral Council are planning to run an Alpha Course in the Parish starting in February 2025.

We are looking for "missionary type" people to be part of our team to organise this. If you are interested in joining us, you will be most welcome at our next planning meeting **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> December at 7:30 in the Parsh Office, St Brides Parish Hall.**

No previous missionary experiences necessary. Training will be provided!  
For more information about ALPHA go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNWsw\\_Ps1Hk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNWsw_Ps1Hk)

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH ONE WORLD GROUP**  
**CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS**

**Do you find yourself or others saying:**

*"I don't want anything for Christmas. I already have more than I need and I would prefer to help someone who doesn't even have the basics for life"?*

**St Brigid's One World Group Christmas Gift Cards now available.**

Make a donation to help some of the people in the world living in extreme poverty – exacerbated by rocketing food prices, flooding and other environmental catastrophes instead of a present at Christmas time this year.

**Please text or call Kevin on 07525634440**

**Donations can be made to Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07**

**Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity Crib for a special blessing on**  
**Sunday 15th December at 9.30am Mass**

At 9.30am Mass on Sunday 15th December, we are having our very own Baminelli 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.

Baminelli Sunday was a tradition started by St John Paul II. Baminelli 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 Baminelli that you have brought from your home. Following the blessing, take your Baminelli 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 15th DECEMBER!***

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



**The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday 12th November 2024.**

Amongst the items on the agenda were:

- Discussion of a document from Fr. O'Donnell on "Vision for a Pastoral Council."
- Reflections on an Alpha Day held on Saturday, 19th October at St. Colmcille's Parish.
- Plans to run the Alpha Programme in the new year. Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of Christian Faith.
- An overnight for the PPC in January at Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar.
- Council Members are reading and discussing 'Divine Renovation; From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish' by Fr. James Mallon which provides inspiration and guidance in creating vibrant parish communities.
- Discussion of update to online Parish Bulletin. We plan to encourage more people to receive this by collecting email addresses on December 8th. We will also make copies available after Mass on Sundays.