



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Third Sunday of Advent

11th December 2022, Year A, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 35:1-6.10
God himself is coming to save you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10
R/. Come, Lord, and save us.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St James Jm 5:7-10
Do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 11:2-11
Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

Anniversary List

Please pray for Maria Moloney, Elizabeth McFadden, Sarah Anne Smyth and Ashraf Farag recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Vera O'Neill, Mary Moore, Michael McElhenny, Vera O'Hara, Olga Goan, Robert Bunting, Mary Jo Doran, David Peace, George Kinder, Thomas Coyle, John and Kathleen Megahey, Roseann McVeigh, Kevin Sharkey, Patrick Francis Copeland, Jean Rutter, Sheila Pulliccino, Lilian Carty, Deirdre Lavery, Michael Vaughan, Margaret McIlhatton, Margaret Yoong, Mary and Matthew Neil, Bridget and John Graham, Rita Lehane, Gareth Wilson, Margaret McCarthy

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

1st & 3rd 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 4th December: £5500.36

Monthly Collection 4th December: £3888.00



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](#)*

Day for Life Schedule

Day for Life will begin at 12 Noon Mass on Saturday 10th December and end with 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 11th December

Saturday 10th December

12 Noon: Mass

12.30pm: Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1pm & 2pm: Rosary on the hour

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary

4pm & 5pm: Rosary on the hour

6pm: Mass, focussed homily, prayers of intercession & Speaker for Life



Sunday 11th December

9.30am: Mass, focussed homily, prayers of intercession & Speaker for Life

10.30am – 12 Noon: Silent Prayer and Reflection

12Noon: Mass, focussed homily, prayers of intercession & Speaker for Life

St Brigid's One World Group



Christmas Gift Cards now available

Make a donation in lieu of a present to a friend or relation at Christmas time this year.

Your gift will provide food for some of the poorest people in the world whose suffering has been made even worse as a result of the rocketing prices of basic commodities

Please text/ring Kevin on 07525634440

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

Short Book Club

Our next face to face session has been brought forward by one week to avoid being too close to Christmas. It will now take place on **Wednesday 14 December** in **St Bride's Hall** at **10:10 am** after morning Mass. The book for this month is **The Human Factor** by **Graham Greene**. All are welcome to come and join the craic. To join our circulation list please email mmmikemoran@aol.com

Advent Programme

3rd Sunday of Advent

- Day for Life (*see notice opposite for Schedule*)
- Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – Chaplaincy QUB (*see notice below*)

4th Sunday of Advent

- Bambinelli Sunday (Blessing of Christ Child Crib Figures) at the 12 Noon Mass (*See bulletin notice*)
- Penitential Service: 4pm – 5pm (*Bulletin Notice below*)



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols –Catholic Chaplaincy QUB

The students of Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy warmly invite you to join them for their annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with music and song provided by the Chaplaincy Choir, Canticle. The service takes place in the **Catholic Chaplaincy QUB**, 28 Elmwood Avenue, on **Sunday 11 December at 5pm**. Retiring collection in aid of the Order of Malta's Appeal for the Holy Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem. Festive refreshments to follow.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2022

The Order of Malta QUB and the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB invite you to support this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal in support of Belfast Homeless Services.

Suggested items for male and female include: **Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo, Body wash, Sanitary products, Sweets, Chocolate, Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Deodorant**

Please place your items in a wrapped box or in a bag and leave it under the Christmas tree in the Catholic Chaplaincy **by Monday 12th December**. Thank you for your kindness and support. For more info, contact QUB@orderofmalta.ie



St Brides Primary School Enrolment Day

Come and join us for our **P1 Open Enrolment Day** on Friday 16th December at 2.15pm in the Ashleigh Hall (Windsor Avenue)

For more information please contact the School or visit www.stbridesps.org.uk

**Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity Crib for a special blessing on
Sunday 18 December at 12 Noon Mass**

At 12 noon Mass on Sunday 18th 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 12 noon 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 18th DECEMBER!

A limited number of baby Jesus' figurines will be available to buy from the GIFT group before 12 noon Mass at £5.00 each



Parish Penitential Service

Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm

Eight Confessors available

"Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace".

Pope Francis

Day for Life

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..."
Jeremiah 1:5

The Parish Pastoral Council have organised a **"Day for Life" in St Brigid's Church, beginning at the noon Mass on Saturday 10th December and ending at the noon Mass on Sunday 11th December.**

It is a day of prayer that our society will respect, protect, love and serve life from the moment of conception until its natural end.

Everyone in the parish is invited to make a special effort to play a part in this day.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Joseph, Saint John Paul II, Saint Maximilian Kolbe and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta intercede for us.

"The innocent victim of abortion, children who die of hunger or from bombings, immigrants who drown in the search for a better tomorrow, the elderly or the sick who are considered a burden, the victims of terrorism, wars, violence and drug trafficking, the environment devastated by man's predatory relationship with nature: At stake in all of this is the gift of God, of which we are noble stewards but not masters."

Pope Francis

*"...inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"
"abortion and euthanasia are crimes which no human law can claim to legitimise"*

Saint John Paul II

According to World Health Organisation, **every year in the world there are an estimated 40-50 million abortions.** This corresponds to approximately **125,000 abortions per day.**

Since **the introduction of abortion in 1967**, a staggering **9,900,961 preborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales, and Scotland.** In **2020**, more than **one baby was lost to abortion every two and a half minutes; 25 lives were ended every hour.**

Over 1 in 4 pregnancies in England and Wales now end in abortion.

By the end of **2021**, the number displaced by war, violence, persecution and human rights abuses stood at **89.3 million.**

49.6 million people were living in **modern slavery in 2021**, of which **27.6 million** were in **forced labour** and **22 million** in **forced marriage.**

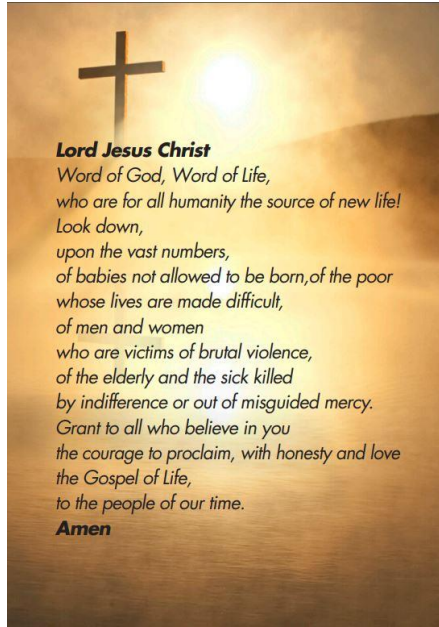
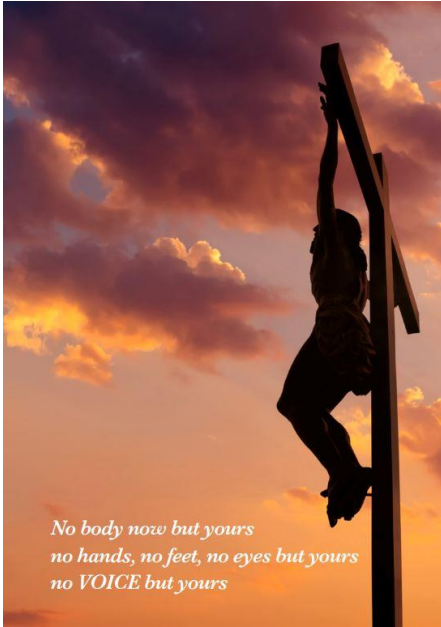
Legal **abortions** in the **Republic of Ireland: 15 in 2017, 32 in 2018, 6,666 in 2019, 6577 in 2020, 4,577 in 2021.**

In **Northern Ireland**, 4th May 2022: **2,550 abortions** since March 2020.

More than **350 million people** around the world have a **legal right to die.**

Bills which aim to legalise assisted dying have been introduced both in Westminster and the Dail.

Day for Life Prayer Card



Mass Times During The Christmas Season

Christmas Eve **6.00 pm** (Outdoor/Carpark)
 9.00 pm (Indoor)

Christmas Day **9.30 am** and **12.00 Noon**



St Stephen's Day 12 noon
(Monday 26th December)

Tues 27th – Fri 30th Dec: 12 Noon (Daily)

New Year's Eve 12 noon and 6.00 pm

New Year's Day 9.30 am and 12 Noon

All indoor Masses will be livestreamed over Christmas to our YouTube Channel.

