



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Third Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021, Year C, Psalter Week 3

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Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah Zeph 3:14-18
The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 12:2-6

R/. Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Philippians Ph 4:4-7
The Lord is very near.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 3:10-18
What must we do?.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Rita Gunning, Margaret Yoong and David Peace recently deceased and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Moore, Canon Hugh Starkey, Olga Goan, Robert Bunting, Kevin Sharkey, Margaret McIlhatton, Deirdre Lavery, Vera O'Hara, George Kinder, Patrick Francis Copeland, Vera O'Neill, Mary and Matthew Neil, Bridget and John Graham, Margery Gilligan, Arthur Davey, Paddy Kerr, Cel Fay, Deidre Coburn, Margaret McCarthy

May they rest in peace

Bulletin Notices

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

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

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month
Please contact the Parish Office

Marriages

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

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 5th December: £5494.99

Monthly Collection 5th December: £2945.00

Thank you for your continued support.

In the Parish today – Sunday 12th December

Bambellini Sunday: Figures of baby Jesus will be blessed at all masses today, please bring along your baby Jesus from your crib for a blessing.



St Vincent de Paul Annual collection will take place after all Masses.

Donations can also be made through online banking to **SVP St Brigid's Conference**
DANSKE BANK Account No: **41024701** Sort Code: **95-01-32**

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is today at 5pm, those who could not get tickets can watch live on the Chaplaincy Facebook and Church Services.

www.facebook.com/CatholicChaplaincyQUB / www.churchservices.tv/queensbelfast

Mass Times During The Christmas Season

St Brigid's Church

Christmas Eve 7.00 pm (Outdoors/Carpark)
9.00 pm (Indoors/Livestream)

Christmas Day 9.30 am (Indoors & Livestream)
12.00 Noon (Indoors & Livestream)



Chaplaincy QUB

Christmas Eve 5.00 pm (Indoors & Livestream)

(Not suitable for children, TICKETS ONLY via Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/223293194957)

Please read the information opposite if attending any of the masses and for further details, or if you need assistance with booking mass at the Chaplaincy, please contact the parish office: 02890 665409 (Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm)

St Stephen's Day 9.30 am and 12.00 noon
And the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday 26th December)

(N.B: There will be no public mass in St Brigid's on Monday 27th December)

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, & Thursday 30th December

Mass will be held at 9.30 am daily

New Year's Eve 6.00 pm **New Year's Day** 12 noon
Friday 31st December *Saturday 1st January 2022*

Links to Watch Mass on Live Stream

St Brigid's Parish: [youtube.com/channel/UCECKga_N93kdxngxRJMuvUw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCECKga_N93kdxngxRJMuvUw)
(or search 'St Brigid's Parish Belfast' on YouTube)

Chaplaincy: [facebook.com/CatholicChaplaincyQUB](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChaplaincyQUB) / [churchservices.tv/queensbelfast](https://www.churchservices.tv/queensbelfast)



Christmas Masses in St Brigid's Parish

Christmas 2021 will be a quite different Christmas! To avoid the real possibility of increased transmission of Covid-19 this Christmas, please note the following:

- **There will be five Masses in the Parish for Christmas:** four in St Brigid's, and one in the Catholic Chaplaincy. Those attending Mass **must wear face-coverings** while in the Church. This is to be scrupulously observed (with legitimate exceptions).
- **Indoor Masses will be Live streamed** at: 5.00pm and 9.00 pm on Christmas Eve and 9.30 am and 12 noon on Christmas Day.
- **The Catholic Chaplaincy will have mass at 5.00 pm on Christmas Eve,** There is convenient car parking. These Masses are very suitable for older parishioners and those attending Mass on their own. **This is not suitable for family groups and children are not permitted in the Chaplaincy.** The capacity of the Chaplaincy is 120. **Tickets only for this Mass through Eventbrite:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/223293194957> (Tickets available to book from 2pm on Sunday 19th December)
- **In St. Brigid's there will be one outdoor family Mass in the Church Carpark on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm.** There will be no cars permitted in the Carpark. There will be no seating - come expecting to stand and come prepared for the weather. Stewards will guide parishioners to a safe place, please co-operate with the stewards. **Although this mass is outdoors, it is recommended that face coverings are worn.** Mass will be last approximately 35 minutes. Family groups, particularly with children, are encouraged to come to this Mass. A sound system will be installed in the grounds.
- There will also be Mass in **St Brigid's Church at 9.00 pm on Christmas Eve, and at 9.30 am and 12 noon on Christmas Day** – the capacity of the Church is 275. Those unable to get into the Church can follow Mass, on their devices from outside. *There will be no tickets or bookings for these masses.*

In the present difficult circumstances, every effort has been made to do what is possible to ensure that the beautiful Feast of Christmas is celebrated in our parish. A risk assessment has been professionally carried out to ensure that the parish adheres to the guidance issued by the Public Health Agency and the NI Executive Directives. With the cooperation of everyone, we can celebrate Christmas safely.

AS ANOTHER CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, HUNGER AND POVERTY CONTINUE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ...

**PLEASE HELP BY SUPPORTING
THE PARISH THIRD WORLD GROUP**



This year, again, we cannot hold the Advent Bread and Soup lunch in the Parish Hall.

We need to raise funds to support our beneficiaries in Africa, Asia and South America where the spread of Covid 19 has made the survival of the poor more difficult than ever.

You can donate by electronic transfer to Bank of Ireland - Account Number 68825172, Sort Code 90-22-07 (If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your donation, please insert your name, house number and post code in the Reference Box when making the payment.)

If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please phone or text Kevin on 07525634440.

If you would like to set up a new Standing Order or amend the amount of an existing one, you can do it directly online with your bank using our account details above or phone or text Kevin on 07525634440 to arrange this.

Religious **Christmas cards** and **Christmas Gift Cards*** are available. We can deliver these to you.
Please phone Kevin on 07525634440

**Proceeds from our Christmas Gift Cards will support the work of the Daughters of Charity providing food and a small income for poor families in Kenya - live chickens for eggs and seeds for planting vegetables.*



**All of the money we receive goes directly to the beneficiaries we support.
None of it is used for administrative expenses.**

Sunday 12th December 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

The Synod on Synodality: Preparing to speak boldly and listen humbly

On this Gaudete Sunday as we pray with the Gospel we are reminded of our Baptism – a Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the same Holy Spirit that came upon the apostles at Pentecost. As we consider the synodal journey we are embarking on we do so with the courage and joy of the Holy Spirit.

Parrhesia refers to the boldness that the coming of the Holy Spirit brought about in the hearts of the apostles at Pentecost. It is the inner courage that sent them out to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is Lord without fear in the days of the Early Church. The Spirit offers us this same boldness to carry out the mission of the Church today. Parrhesia is required in the Synodal Process so that we can speak boldly and listen humbly. This week we encourage you to pray with this prayer:

Heavenly Father we ask that we become attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. May we be faithful witnesses to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. May the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control be evident in our lives and in the Church's synodal journey. Amen



Guidelines for attending Mass in St Brigid's

- **Face Coverings must be worn when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services.**
- Current seating occupancy of the church is **275**
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- Take a seat and remain there until the end of Mass; children must remain with their parents, and in the seat, at all times;
- Do not sit beside anyone who is not a member of your household;
- To receive Holy Communion, remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you; Holy Communion is to be received in the hand;
- When leaving the Church follow the instructions and leave according to the indicated "One-way" system;
- **Anyone with cold-like symptoms or coughs must not enter the Church;**
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;