

Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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First Reading: Reading from book of Samuel 1 Sam 3:3-10.19

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2.4.7-10

R/. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading: Reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians 1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20

The Spirit and water and blood.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 1:35-42

They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Maureen Hanna recently deceased, Gary McIlroy and Catherine Fleming whose month's mind it is, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nessie McDonnell, Liam Daly, Lil McDermott, Deirdre and Eileen Smyth, Edward Kelly, Gertrude Kennedy, Arthur Shevlin, Julia McKavanagh, Bernard Jackson, Anna Cleary, Geraldine McAnulty, Ricky Muldoon, Simon Benedict Murphy, Mary O'Gorman, Brian McGurk Snr, Brian McGurk Jnr, Bridget Lawson, Gertie Waters

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

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

Weekly Collection 7th January: £8130.14

Monthly Collection 7th January: £4226.10



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](#)

Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 15th January at 7.45pm in Parish Centre**. All newcomers welcome without any commitment!

GIFT 1 – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 1 programme will start back this Sunday, **14th January** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm** in the **Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 4th 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 have been contacted by email from the parish office.

The theme for GIFT 1 is:

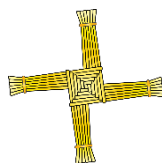
“You are loved and chosen”

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!



Mission Appeal

Fr Pat Colgan (whose home is St Brigid's) will be doing a Mission **Appeal on behalf of the Columban's at the 2 Masses this Sunday (14th January)**. Apart from thanking parishioners for past support, and describing the work the Columban's presently do in 15 countries, he will be encouraging new subscriptions for the “Far East” magazine (£15 annually), by writing your details on an attached envelope, or to use it to make a simple donation. Volunteers will be at the Church doors, to hand out both envelopes and free copies of past editions of the Far East. Thank you for your generosity.



St Brigid's Day Lecture

Date: Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm

Venue: St Bride's Parish Centre

Guest Speaker: Fr Gerry O'Hanlon S.J.

Theme: “Why Synodality? Progress and Challenges on The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church”

Fr Gerry O'Hanlon is a Jesuit priest, theologian and former Provincial of the Irish Jesuits. He has written extensively on Church reform and the role of the Church in the public square. In 2018 he published, what is regarded as a work of seminal importance: The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis – A Synodal Catholic Church in Ireland

Everyone is Welcome!

Parish One World Group Winter Table Quiz



26th January 2024

Parish Hall

7.45 for 8pm start



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.]

Bring your own drinks and snacks!

Raffle prizes gratefully accepted

Women of St Brigid's Walking Together

Our Women's Prayer Group will begin again on **Wednesday 31st January** and we will meet on the last Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in No40 **Derryvolgie Ave.**

These meeting's have proved to be a wonderful and affirming journey for many of us; an hour of gentle “time out “ from hectic lives to sit silently and listen to God.....and to one another. Please do feel free to join us if you haven't been before.

More information from Mary Carson 07718263019

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES

If you are a **Current or New Volunteer** working with children and young people in our parish, you must complete training every three years. New Volunteers must complete at least Level 1. Please see dates below.

Child Safeguarding Level 1

(Please book early as dates fill up fast)

Thursday 25th January at 6.30pm Via Zoom – Click [HERE](#) to register

Thursday 22nd February at 6.30pm Via Zoom – Click [HERE](#) to register

Child Safeguarding Level 2 (Refresher Course)

(For those who have completed Level 2 and need training renewed)

Tuesday 16th January at 1.30pm at 120 Cliftonville Road – Click [HERE](#) to register

Tuesday 6th February at 6.30pm Via Zoom – Click [HERE](#) to register

School Open Days 2024

St Malachy's College

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th January from 7pm – 9.30pm
(Principal's Address: 7.45pm & 8.30pm)

St Joseph's College

Wednesday 17th January from 7pm – 9pm (Principal's address 7pm and 8pm)

Dominican College Fortwilliam

Saturday 20th January from 9.30am – 1pm (Principal's address: 9.30am & 11am)

Assumption Grammar School

Saturday 20th January from 10am – 1pm (Principal's address: 10am & 11am)

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

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 weekly sessions. Course participants will receive a resource pack. The programme requires one hour of study per week.

Venue: **Online via zoom**

Beginning **Wednesday 17th January @7pm online for 8 weeks.**

The program will conclude with a Retreat Day on **Saturday 23rd March 2024 Venue:**

Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast

Facilitators: Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen

The cost of the program is £30 ***Places are limited. Booking early is advised.***

To book your place click on the registration

link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD>

Beginning Experience

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (27th January, 24th February and 23rd March 2024) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or [07519289185](tel:07519289185) or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

ST BRIGID'S GAC BELFAST

Founded 1998

St Brigid's Miscellany

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024 | 7.30PM ~ LATE
MALONE HOUSE, BARNETT DEMESNE

ARTIST LINE UP

Music

Katmandu: Classic Rock Band

James Carson's: Trad Band

Emer Shearer: Harpist

Niall Leonard: Accomplished Cellist

Ulster College of Music: Chamber Music

BelfastTrad: Cross-community arts charity.

Story Telling

Steve Lally: International Storyteller and author.

Micheál Ó Mainnín: 'Place names of County Antrim'

Dr Siobhan Doyle: 'Telling GAA stories and memories through objects.'

Poetry

Michael Longley: A central figure in contemporary poetry.

Art

Rathmore School: Students Art display in Higgins Gallery

Victoria College: Students Art display in Higgins Gallery

St Bride's Primary School: Interpreting St Brigid through colourful eyes.

Patricia Loughran: The art of St Brigid's cross making.

Adan Frew: Artist in Clay

Singing

Marcella Walsh: Award winning Belfast Operatic Soprano

Liam Guitar: Ballad Singer

Dance

Breslin/McLaughlin: World Champion Irish Dancers

Michelle Johnston: School of Highland Dance

Breslin/McLaughlin: Ceilí Dance.

Open Mic

Play a tune, recite a poem, tell a funny story, sing a song.