

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

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 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

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Weekly Collection 7th December: £7445.97

Monthly Collection 7th December: £5231.02

24 Hours for the Lord

24 hours for the Lord will be celebrated in **St Mary's Chapel Lane, on Saturday 13th December**. Confessions all day from 11am to 5.30pm, and Mass will be at 1pm.

Priests available throughout this time for confession.

Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 15th November at 7.35pm in Parish Centre**. There will be a Reflection on ADVENT and the true meaning of the 12 days of Christmas.

All newcomers welcome, without any commitment!



Saint Brigid's Parish

Third Sunday of Advent
14th December 2025, Year A

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Third Sunday of Advent

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
Come, Lord, and save us.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St James Jm 5:7-10
Christ is the saviour of all.

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 Kathleen O'Neill recently deceased; Maura Doherty whose month's mind it is and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Kevin Sharkey, Michael McElhenny, Bridget and John Graham, Carmel McGuckian, Vera O'Neill, Olga Goan, Kieran Dynan, Annie Patton, Brendan McCrory, Annette McCourt, Margaret and Jim Jeffers, Mary Jo Doran, Paddy Kerr, Joseph Houghton, Vera O'Hara

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 15th Dec 7pm: *Vera O'Hara (A)*

Tues 16th Dec 9.30am: *(Special Intention)*

Wed 17th Dec 9.30am: *Maura Doherty (MM)*

Thurs 18th Dec 9.30am: *Margaret and Jim Jeffers (A)*

Fri 19th Dec 7pm: *Emmie Delaney (A)*

Sat 20th Dec 12noon: *Annette McCourt (A)*

Sat 20th Dec 6pm: *Betty O'Neill (A)*

Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity Crib for a special blessing on Sunday 14th December at 9.30am Mass

At 9.30am Mass on Sunday 14th December, we are having our very own Bambinelli 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.

Bambinelli Sunday was a tradition started by St John Paul II. Bambinelli 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 Bambinelli that you have brought from your home. Following the blessing, take your Bambinelli 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 14th DECEMBER!

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

St Brigid's Parish Advent Programme

Advent Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday beginning 1st December at 7.30am in the Side Chapel.

Woman Walking through Advent together:

Wednesdays of Advent, 26th November 3rd, 10th, 17th December at 7.30pm in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue

3rd Sunday of Advent (14th December)

- Bambinelli Sunday (Blessing of Christ Child Crib Figures) at the 9.30am Mass

4th Sunday of Advent (21st December)

Penitential Service: 4pm – 5pm



Mass Times During The Christmas Season

Christmas Eve
(Wed 24th December)

9.30 am (Morning Mass)
6.00 pm (Outdoor/Carpark – standing only)
9.00 pm (Indoor)

Christmas Day
(Thurs 25th December)

9.30 am and 12.00 Noon

St Stephen's Day:
(Friday 26th December)

12 Noon

Saturday 27th Dec:

12 Noon & 6.00pm (vigil)

Sunday 28th Dec:

9.30 am & 12 Noon

Monday 29th Dec:

12 Noon

Tuesday 30th Dec:

12 Noon

Wednesday 31st Dec:

12 Noon

New Year's Day:

12 Noon

Friday 2nd January:

12 Noon



Normal mass times will resume from Monday 5th January

Outdoor Christmas Eve Mass

In St. Brigid's there will be one outdoor family Mass in the Church Carpark on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm. There will be no cars permitted in the Carpark. There will be no seating - come expecting to stand and come prepared for the weather. Our Youth Faith Group in hi-vis jackets will act as stewards. 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 be non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies available after, provided by the Youth Faith Group at the Crib.

