



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th January 2022, Year A, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 49:3.5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2.4.7-10

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

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 1:1-3

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 1:29-34

Look, there is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Fr David O'Kane and Kathleen McGurk recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret McDonnell, Edward Kelly, James Donnelly, Gertie Kennedy, Kathleen Crowne, Brigid Dolan, Bernard Jackson, Gertrude Waters Kennedy, Richard Sadlier, Patrick Wildy, Geraldine McAnulty, Ricky Muldoon, Bridget Lawson, Simon Murphy, Brendan and Patricia McBrien, Arthur Shevlin, Mary O'Gorman, Brian McGurk Snr, Brian McGurk Jnr, Anna Clearly, Lil McDermott, Fionntan McGarvey, Bebe Graham Suttle, Margaret and Matthew Graham, John McShannon

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 8th January: £6730.36



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 16th January in the Parish Centre at 7.45 pm.** (Reflection: Indulgences) *New members welcome!*

GIFT 1 – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 1 programme will start back this Sunday, **15th January** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 5th 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 will be contacted in the new year.

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!

St Brigid’s GAA

Our parish GAA club, is looking to raise funds to help with our continued growth. The National GAA are running a countrywide draw and 100 % of all ticket proceeds are retained here in St Brigid’s.

There are some fantastic prizes including a Car, Cash Prizes, Tickets and accommodation in Croke Park Hotel.

We will be selling tickets outside **all masses THIS weekend** (14th/15th January). Your help and support is as ever greatly appreciated. We are continually recruiting across all age groups.

Club members will be on hand to answer any questions if you or a family member have any interest in joining. You would be most welcome.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

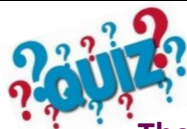
If you have a relative or neighbour who is unable to come out for Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Office. Fr. O’Donnell visits the housebound monthly, and Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to visit weekly.

Conversation Irish – The Beginners Class

Conversation Irish, in partnership with Naomh Brid CLG, recommences on **Friday 13th January at 10am in St Brides Hall** and will run each Friday morning. All those returning and new students are most welcome. Cost per class is £3.

Youth Faith Group

The Parish Youth Faith Group will recommence again **this Sunday 15th January from 6.30pm - 8pm in the Parish Hall**. Everyone over the age of 16 is welcome!



One World Group

The Parish One World Group is delighted to announce a Table Quiz on **Friday 27th January in the Parish Hall** 7.45 for **8pm** start.

Bring your own drinks and snacks!

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.]

Raffle prizes gratefully accepted

St Brigid’s Day Lecture

Date: Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm

Venue: St Bride’s Parish Centre

Guest Speaker: Michael Kelly
(Editor of The Irish Catholic)

Theme: “When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?
– the future of Irish Catholicism”

All Welcome!

Safeguarding Compulsory Training Online Safeguarding Children Level 1

All Parish volunteers working children are required to attend Level 1 Safeguarding training. Online training can be accessed at the Diocesan Safeguarding website <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training/>

The following training is available and should be attended by new parish volunteers (**GIFT, Children's Liturgy** etc.) and returning volunteers who have attended this training more than 3 years ago.

CHILD LEVEL 1 Information Session – 19th Jan 2023 Online 7pm *Please note this has been changed from St Brigids Parish Centre to an online session.*

CHILD LEVEL 1 Information Session – 31st Jan 2023 Online 7pm

St Brigids Parish Safeguarding Committee

School Open Days 2023

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School

Saturday 14th January 2023 from 9.00am – 1.00pm

Principal's Address: 9.30am & 11.30am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

St Dominic's Grammar School

Saturday 14th January 2023 from 9.30am – 1.00pm

Principal's Address: 9.30am & 11.00am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

Dominican College Fortwilliam

Saturday 14th January 2023 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Principal's Address: 9.30 am & 11.00 am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

St Joseph's College

Open Night Thursday 19th January. Principal's address 7pm.

P6 and P7 pupils & parents welcome

Rathmore Grammar School

Saturday 21st January 2023 from 9.30am – 1.00pm

(Principal's Address at 9.30am & 11.15am)

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock

Saturday, 21st January 2023 from 9.15 am – 12.30 pm

Principal's Address 9.15 am and 11.00 am.

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

Christian Unity Week (18th January – 25th January 2023)

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society.

Through this resource, we join with other Christians around the world for this year's Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Download Prayer booklet: stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/news/christian-unity-week

THE ALPHA PROGRAMME AT ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH

Alpha starts in ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH HALL, 191 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3JB, beginning on WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY, from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Each session begins with a meal. The programme is free.

To register your interest or make enquiries please contact Noeleen at 07879498131 or n.dunn@downandconnor.org

VACANCY – DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICE 'PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER'

An opportunity has arisen within the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, where we seek to recruit into the role of Parish Safeguarding Support Officer. This role will be based within the Safeguarding Office at 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast and will work as part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, to ensure that the Diocesan Trust fulfils its statutory duties with regards to the Safeguarding of Children and Adults.

The post holder will work 21 hours over 3 days per week, where a blend of working within the Safeguarding Office and Parish on-site visits will be a requirement.

For more details please visit: www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/

The 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 (**January 21st; February 18th and March 18th 2023**) Booking essential. Residential weekend in Drumalis, Larne, 10/12th March. To find out more, please contact Phil: [02890 207645](tel:02890207645) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or by email to belfastbe@yahoo.com