

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 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

Weekly Collection 8th December: £8125.75

Thank you for your continued support

St Brigid's One World Group Christmas Gift Cards available.

Make a donation to help some of the people in the world living in extreme poverty – exacerbated by rocketing food prices, flooding and other environmental catastrophes instead of a present at Christmas time this year.

Please text or call Kevin on 07525634440

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

Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 16th December at 7.35pm in Parish Centre**. *Reflection: The Jesse Tree*. All newcomers welcome without any commitment!



Saint Brigid's Parish

Third Sunday of Advent

15th December 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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Second 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: Is 12:2-6

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

Second Reading: From the 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 Ann Curran, Kay Bannon and Jim Gallagher recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael McElhenny, Catherine Fleming, Olga Goan, Bridget and John Graham, Margaret McCarthy, Robert Bunting, Vera O'Hara, Carol Walls, Harry Shevlin, James and Bretta Maginn, Arthur Davey Paddy Kerr, John Matthew and Brigid John

May they rest in peace

Parish Penitential Service

Sunday 22nd December from 4pm - 5pm

(A number of confessors available)

Bambinelli Sunday (15th December)

The GIFT Group invite all our children and young people to bring their figures of Baby Jesus from home and join them at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday for a very special blessing.

30th Anniversary Celebration

Last Sunday, St Brigid's Parish celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the new Church. We were joined by Bishop Alan McGuckian who celebrated the two Sunday masses before joining parishioners in the Parish Hall for the One World's Group Annual 'Soup and Bread event'. It was a wonderful occasion and many thanks to those who joined and assisted with the preparations.



(More photos available to view on the Parish Website and Facebook Page)

Youth Faith Group

Our Youth Faith Group have been very busy the last few weeks with collecting items to make Christmas Gift Bags both for Utility Street Hostel and for The Annual Shoebox appeal for St Marys University College, Order of Malta and QUB Chaplaincy in association with the People's Kitchen. Our Young people made up an incredible 59 Gifts for residents in Utility Street Hostel and 30 Gift for the Shoebox Appeal!

Our wonderful young people also joined the Parish SPRED group for their Christmas Party on Monday evening, providing entertainment and helping with the party food.

(More photos available on the Parish Website and Facebook)



Mass Times During The Christmas Season

Christmas Eve **9.30 am** (Morning Mass)
(Tuesday 24th December) **6.00 pm** (Outdoor/Carpark – standing only)
 9.00 pm (Indoor)

Christmas Day **9.30 am** and **12.00 Noon**
(Wednesday 25th December)

St Stephen's Day: 12 Noon
(Thursday 26th December)
Friday 27th Dec: 12 Noon
Saturday 28th Dec: 12 Noon & 6.00pm (vigil)
Sunday 29th Dec: 9.30 am & 12 Noon
Monday 30th Dec: 12 Noon
Tuesday 31st Dec: 12 Noon
New Year's Day: 12 Noon

Normal mass times will resume from Thursday 2nd January



Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year – 29th December

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and the Jubilee of Hope will begin in Rome. The theme the Holy Father has chosen for this year of special graces is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he invites the whole People of God – clergy and laity – to celebrate God's Gift of Grace through their expressions of Deep Faith, Lively Hope and Active Charity. The Holy Year in the Diocese will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this celebration for the Jubilee Year. The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass from home: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

Jubilee Prayer Cards are available in the Church Porch