



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th January 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 2

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First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 62:1-5
The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3.7-10
R/. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 12:4-11
One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 2:1-11
This was the first of signs given by Jesus; it was given at Cana in Galilee.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Margaret Fitzgerald, Nessie McDonnell, Eileen Smyth, Charles Sharratt recently deceased, Sarah Murton and Michael McElhenny whose Month's Mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Monica Gormley, Edward Kelly, Annie McCann, Thomas McCambridge, Joseph Woods, Babs Huston, Dolores McKenna, Gary Martin, Conor Delargy, Bernard Jackson, Simon Benedict Murphy, Bebe Graham Suttle, Garry Mulholland, Brendan and Patricia McBrien, Gertrude Waters, Geraldine McAnulty, Ricky Muldoon, John and Mary Hopkins, John McShannon, Lil McDermott, John and Kathleen Taylor, Eugene McMullan, John Campbell

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
Please contact the Parish Office

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 9th January: £5579.99

Thank you for your continued support.

Bulletin Notices

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

Lay Dominicans

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 17th January at 7.45pm** in **St Bride's Hall**. New members welcome!

Youth Faith Group

Our Youth Faith Group starts back **this Sunday** (16th January) from **6.30 pm – 8.00 pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Everyone over the age of 16 will be very welcome!

St Bride's Primary School

Open Enrolment for Nursery & Year 1 September 2021

The Online Portal for admissions to St Bride's Primary School (Nursery & Year One) opened on Monday 10th January and will close at 12 noon on Friday 28th January. Please visit the Education Authority website <https://www.eani.org.uk/> and search for Admissions Portal where you can make your online application for your child.

As it is not possible to hold an Open Day, further information, including the Admissions Criteria for Nursery & Year One, a map of the Parish boundary, the school Prospectus and short video are available on the school website www.stbridesps.org.uk under 'Open Day'.

Safeguarding Training Dates

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has released new dates for **Level 1 Child Safeguarding Training for 2022**. These courses are suited for volunteers who have not completed Safeguarding Training in the parish to work with young people and children in our various parish groups (i.e. GIFT, Youth Faith, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers).

Please see the link below for dates for courses and to download the booking form: <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training/>

For further information please contact the Safeguarding Office at office@soddc.org

New to the Parish? Welcome!

If you are new to the Parish, welcome! Please register online through our parish website: www.stbrigidparishbelfast.org link to: '[About the Parish](#)'

Moved Home?

If you have changed your address or contact information within the last few years please contact the Parish office to update your records on 02890 665409 or by email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Thank -you.

Electronic Mailing List – [Click HERE to Sign up](#)

Join our Mailing List to receive the Parish Bulletin and be kept up to date on news and events in St Brigid's!



G.I.F.T. – Growing In Faith Together

Wishing all involved in GIFT a belated very happy new year. We are delighted to have been able to get the GIFT programme back up and running since September 2021 and will continue through 2022 with GIFTS 1, 3 and 4.

However we cannot continue this without YOUR help. We are looking for new volunteers to be involved with the GIFT programme. A strong foundation has been established and it would be great to see it continued. We have the most amazing young people in our Parish.

Would you be interested in helping with this? Do you have an hour and half to give to our young people on a Sunday night? They need us more than ever to support them in their Faith journey. All the necessary help and materials will be provided. If you think you have something to give and would like to know what is involved please come to a meeting **on Thursday 20th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

Many thanks to all who have been so committed in establishing and delivering the GIFT over the last 10 years. It's been a real team effort. Let's see that continue as we all Grow In Faith Together.

Mary Carson and Breige Kinney (mary-carson@hotmail.com / 07718263019)

Catholic Chaplaincy at Queens

Revised Opening Hours and Mass Schedule for QUB Catholic Chaplaincy

Please note Chaplaincy's revised opening hours and Mass schedule, launching this Monday, 17 January.

We hope the new **lunchtime Mass** offering at **1.05pm** on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** works better for students, staff and visitors. Evening Mass on **Sundays at 8pm** continues, as does Mass at **5.15pm** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Mosaic Cafe opens weekdays from 10am to 3pm.

Thank you from the Parish Third World Group

On behalf of our 18 beneficiaries, we are most grateful for the generosity of those who contributed to the Advent and Christmas appeal.

£8,862 was raised from donations, sale of Christmas cards and Gift Cards plus gift aid.

Here are just 2 of the messages of thanks we have had from our beneficiaries recently.

Sister Mary O'Malley in Kenya who tries all the time to help poor people into education so they can avoid the perils of human trafficking writes:-

Dear All in St Brigid's

Many Greetings and wishing you Peace & Joy in this Holy Season. You have worked very hard all year and especially in this Christmas season.

I know your reward will be great, I am a mere go-between in the fund raising you do. The bit I find hard is to say No to someone who asks for help to go to school because in that moment the life of another person is determined. I can only rescue a few who represent a 'drop in the ocean'

I wish each of you Peace & Joy with many rich Blessings in 2022.

Love & Prayers

Mary, MMM

Sister Geraldine Henry who supports projects in a number of African countries says

Unfortunately the pandemic has had severe effects on many people especially women and children who were surviving on the proceeds from petty trading etc. They were unable to leave home to go to the market and this in turn led to hunger. One of the sisters told me that some people said they were more afraid of dying of hunger than Covid! During this time through your help we have been able to support many people with food and other essential items to curb the spread of the virus.

These are difficult times in our projects. In Ethiopia Tigray where we have many projects is under siege by government forces and communication is very difficult and the people are suffering so much. Many people including sisters, priests and others who are from the Tigray region and living in Addis Ababa have been thrown into prison. 6 are Daughters of Charity. The sisters in Burkina Faso just endured a harrowing 6 hour armed robbery during which they were subjected to sustained gunfire and total looting of their house. They even destroyed the chapel

broke open the tabernacle and scattered the consecrated hosts. Stole the freezer with the children's food, 2 motorbikes and also because they could not start the 2 vehicles they broke all the windows. All this time the sisters hid under a bed and locked themselves in a small room. Thank God they were not found as there was no light, they spent the time praying and thank God they sustained no physical injuries but I'm sure they will be psychologically effected for some time to come.

Thank you again for your support.

Have a truly blessed Christmas and hopefully a Covid free 2022.

Take Care and God bless

Geraldine

Preparing for Marriage?

Catholic Engaged Encounter

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry.

This 2-day **non-residential** course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

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;