

# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

17<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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**First Reading:** Reading from the Prophet Daniel Dn 12:1-3

*When that time comes, your own people will be spared.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 15:5.8-11

*R/. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from letter to the Hebrews Heb 10:11-14.18

*By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Mark Mk 13:24-32

*He will gather his chosen from the four winds.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Branney, James and Agatha Smyth, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Irvine, Una Donaghy, Mary and Robert Copeland, Séamus Murphy, Ann-Marie Doherty, Julie McClelland, William Lennon

*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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

**Weekly Collection 17<sup>th</sup> November: £5701.75**



*Thank you for your continued support*



### Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. [stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/the-liturgy/sunday-homilies](http://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/the-liturgy/sunday-homilies)

## Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious will take place:

**On Tuesday 19th November 2024**

**in St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) at 7:30 pm**

The Mass will also be broadcast online at: [www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

### Lay Dominican Meeting

The next meeting of the Lay Dominicans will be on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.35pm in Parish Centre. Reflection: Nano Nagle** (Cork lady who worked for the poor). All newcomers welcome without any commitment!

### GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

**GIFT 2** programme (Year 9) will start back on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.** The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The first week will be an opportunity for our wonderful young people to reconnect with each other. We have a fun-filled evening planned, playing games and enjoying delicious pizza.

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 welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members.



### **ADVENT REFLECTION DAY 2024**

**Title: LOVE WAITING TO BE BORN**

*So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*  
(John 1:14)

On the cusp of Advent 2024, come and reflect with us on the mystery of an infinite, indestructible love, the very heart of God. This Love is past, present and future and comes together in a timeless way at this special season. In that sense we can truly say that Love is waiting to be born in this moment.

**Date: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Venue: St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast**

**Time: 2 – 4.30pm**

**Facilitator: Rev Dr Ruth Patterson**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

### Women's Prayer Group

Calling all Women of St Brigids! Our next meeting is this **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November in No40 Derryvolgie Ave at 7.30pm for one hour.** A cup of tea and an hour of gentle reflection; Connecting with God, and one another.

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



### **Annual Christmas Collection**

**The annual Collection for St Vincent de Paul will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 after all masses.**

Gift Aid will add a significant amount to what you contribute at no cost to you. Gift Aid Envelopes will be available and distributed along with Standing Order forms this weekend and the coming weeks before Christmas. You can also **donate** online through your bank to **SVP St Brigid's Conference. DANSKE BANK** Account No: **41024701** Sort Code: **950132**

### **Toy Voucher Appeal**



We are reaching out to you once again for your support with our Toy Voucher Appeal. We are asking for donations of vouchers such as Smyths, One-for-All vouchers or similar.

We will be distributing these in the coming weeks to families known to us, who are experiencing financial difficulty and the related stress that comes with the pressures of providing at Christmas.

Please leave vouchers with any member of the SVP, drop them in the offertory baskets or leave them into the Parish Office with Lisa (Secretary).

### **Heating Donations**

We have in the past also collected money for Heating and if you wish to provide for this purpose please put your donation, cash or cheques made payable to St Brigid's SVP and placed in an envelope marked Heating, to provide heat for a family over the winter. The rapid increases in cost of heating will leave many families unable to heat their homes, so any amount towards this would be most welcome



*SVP Christmas Cards will be available also*

*Thank you sincerely for your continued support.*

### **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.

## ADVENT PRAYER 2024

For over 7 years we have been gathering together in the side chapel each weekday morning of Advent at 7.30am to pray together using the Psalms and the readings of the Advent season with a short reflection on the gospel.



Over the years many parishioners have found it an excellent way of preparing spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. Many who participate do so for 1-2 days per week, others make it every weekday morning in Advent. Everyone would be very welcome.

**We begin on Monday 2nd December and finish on Friday 20th December.** We finish before 8am and in good time for those on their way to work. Why not give it a try and allow the readings and reflections of Advent to speak to our hearts?

### St Brigid's One World Group

### CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS



Do you find yourself or others saying

*"I don't want anything for Christmas. I already have more than I need and I would prefer to help someone who doesn't even have the basics for life"?*

**St Brigid's One World Group Christmas Gift Cards now 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**


## Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan Guckian

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this month of November, we Catholics turn our hearts to prayer for the faithful departed. Our Irish heritage has blessed us with a profound understanding that death is a natural part of life's journey. We speak of it openly, sharing both laughter and tears as we honour the memories of those who have gone before us. Through our cherished traditions - Requiem Masses, month's minds, anniversaries, and Cemetery Sundays - we find solace and connection with our departed loved ones.


As we pray for those who have died, I feel called to address the crucial matter of death and end-of-life care. Our society faces important decisions about how we care for those nearing the end of their earthly journey. At Westminster MPs will vote on the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill at Second Reading on Friday 29 November 2024, which demands our response as a Christian community. Together with fellow Irish Bishops, I invite you to reflect on the Church's essential teachings regarding end-of-lifecare.

**Full letter is available in the [News Section](#) on the Parish Website**



“What our community needs is not assisted suicide legislation, but rather a renewed commitment to comprehensive care for those who suffer.

Within the darkest moments we need, not death, but hope, love, and the unshakeable conviction that our lives remain precious, meaningful, and valuable, regardless of our circumstances.”

 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful."  
Pastoral letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ  
Diocese of Down and Connor

**Parishioners can take action and oppose this Bill. There are postcards in the church porch to complete and send to your MP in the House of Commons.**