



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December 2022, Year A, Psalter Week 4

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First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 7:10-14
The maiden is with child.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6
RI. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 1:1-7
Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 1:18-24
Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Paul Connolly recently deceased, Eamon Phoenix whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Karen Kane, James Kane, Paul Trainor, Mona McDonnell, Emie Delaney, Betty O'Neill, Sarah Murton, Annette McCourt, Jack Lavery, Brigid Monaghan, John Gibbons, Vera O'Hara, Carol Walls, Brigid Carty, Michael Pullicino, The Lane Family, Arthur Davey, Annie Patton, Deirdre O'Kane, Paddy Kerr, Bretta Maginn, James Maginn, John Campbell, Margery Gilligan, Philip O'Brien and Cathal Mooney

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 11th December: £4044.37



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.



Parish Office Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed from 1.00pm on Friday 23rd December and reopen Tuesday 3rd January at 9.00am

Wishing everyone a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mass Times During The Christmas Season

Christmas Eve **12 Noon**
 6.00 pm (Outdoor/Carpark)
 9.00 pm (Indoor)

Christmas Day **9.30 am** and **12.00 Noon**



St Stephen's Day: 12 Noon
(Monday 26th December)
Tues 27th – Fri 30th Dec: 12 Noon (Daily)
New Year's Eve: 12 Noon and 6.00 pm
New Year's Day: 9.30 am and 12 Noon

All indoor Masses will be livestreamed over Christmas to our YouTube Channel.



St Brigid's One World Group



Christmas Gift Cards are available

Make a donation in lieu of a present to a friend or relation at Christmas time this year.

Your gift will provide food for some of the poorest people in the world whose suffering has been made even worse as a result of the rocketing prices of basic commodities

Please text/ring Kevin on 07525634440

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

Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity Crib for a special blessing on at 12 Noon Mass this Sunday (18th December)

At 12 noon Mass on Sunday 18th 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 12 noon 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 18th DECEMBER!

A limited number of baby Jesus' figurines will be available to buy from the GIFT group before 12 noon Mass at £5.00 each



Parish Penitential Service

Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm

Eight Confessors available

"Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace".

Pope Francis

Morning Advent Prayer

Advent Morning Prayer will be finishing on **Wednesday 21st December** in the church. All are welcome to come along. (**Time:** 7.30am each morning)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Friday 6th January

Mass Times: 7.00pm Vigil (*Thursday*)
9.30am

School Open Days 2023

St Louise's Comprehensive College

Wednesday 11th January 2023 (Principal's Address 4.30pm & 6.30pm)
(all Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome)

St Genevieve's High School

Thursday 12th January 2023 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

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)

Rathmore Grammar School

Saturday 20th January 2023 from 9.30am – 1.00pm
(Principal's Address at 9.30am & 11.15am)

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

Christmas Holidays at the Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy at QUB will close from Friday 16th December and reopen on Monday 9th January. During the holiday season, students remaining on campus are welcome to join St Brigid's Parish for Mass and other liturgies. Fr Dominic will be assisting in St Brigid's and be available to offer faith and pastoral support to members of the University community.

The Chaplaincy wishes all our students, staff, alumni, and friends every blessing for Christmas and the New Year

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 sessions (6 weekly online sessions and concluding with a retreat day in Belfast which will incorporate the final 2 sessions.) The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather together online each week for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

Beginning **Monday 9th January @7pm for 6 weeks online via zoom**. The Retreat Day will take place on **Saturday 18th February**. The cost of the program is £30.

This Course will also be available **in person at Tobar Mhuire Retreat and Conference Centre**, Crossgar, Co. Down. **Beginning Tuesday 10th January @7pm**. The cost of the program is £30. (*Limited spaces available*)

For more information or to book please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Telephone: 02890690920

After School Enrichment Programme

After school enrichment programme from 9th January 2023 at St Bride's Hall for children aged 9-14. Visit www.educationbydesign.co.uk to learn more.

The 12 Days of Christmas

For each of the 12 days of Christmas and the Epiphany there will be a short *Thought for the Day* video available from 8am on the Living Church Facebook page.

The videos have been filmed in St Patrick's Donegall Street and the Belfast Jesuit Centre and feature a short reflection delivered by Clergy, Religious and Staff from the Diocese.