



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 1

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Proverbs Prov 31:10-13.19-20.30-31
A perfect wife – who can find her?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5
R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Th 5:1-6
Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Gospel: Gospel according to Matthew Mt 25:14-30
You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Josephine Mallon, Anne Marie Doherty and Dan Slattery recently deceased, Filomena Fusciardi whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Irvine, Tom Branney, Una Donaghy, Mary and Robert Copeland, James and Agatha Smyth, Liam McKenna, Elizabeth Thompson, Liam McKenna, Judith Bergin, Aileen McGeown, Bernie Flanagan, Betty and Tony Bourke, Seamus Murphy, Vincent Jamison, John and Maureen McKiernan, Brendan Matthews, Maura Fitzpatrick and the parents of baby Joseph McDowell

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

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

Weekly Collection 12th November: £4586.83



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](#)*

GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 2 programme (Year 9) will start back this Sunday, **19th November**, from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 10th December.



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.

Irish Language Conversation Class

The Irish Language Class recommences in the **Parish Centre on Wednesday 22 November at 10am**.

Join us for conversation and craic. There is a small charge of £3 per class based on 10 students per class.

The class is organised by the Parish Community Association in partnership with Naomh Brid CLG

Failte roimh gach daoine - all welcome!

Contact Anne Marie for any further details am.duffy@icloud.com

St Brigid's One World Group



Christmas Gift Cards now 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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Annual Christmas Collection

The annual Collection for St Vincent de Paul will be held on 25th/26th November 2023 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 from NEXT WEEKEND

Thank you sincerely for your continued support.

St Brigid's One World Group

Bread and Soup Lunch Sunday 26th November 10am - 1pm

We warmly invite you to join us in the Parish Hall for a simple bread and soup lunch and to make a donation to help people living in abject poverty in developing countries



Tea, coffee and scones served after 9.30am Mass

Christmas Gift cards will be available – see separate notice

We recently sent our annual donation of £9000 to Sr Patricia Speight in Kenya. She responded:

“Greetings from Love and Hope Centre. What great news.

I have just come in from the homes of our people who are struggling to make ends meet. All are suffering from cancer. To listen to their stories would bring tears to one's eyes. Silently I said to myself, “God, answer our Prayer” So I have just returned, opened up my lap top to see that God has intervened. God is surely alive and active.

On behalf of Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa and all our Staff at Love and Hope, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you all. We never forget to pray for you all. May God Bless you in abundance for everything you do to help so many people living on the margins.”

ADVENT PRAYER 2023

During Advent we will be meeting each weekday morning in the side chapel at 7.30am where we say and sing the morning office together and reflect on the gospel. It has proved to be a great way to journey through Advent together and prepare for Christmas. Everyone is very welcome even if you can only attend occasionally!

Advent Day of Reflection

Title: The Moment when 'Before turned into After'
(from the poem BC:AD by Ursula Fanthorpe)

Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 1-14

Facilitator: Rev Ruth Patterson

Venue: St Bride's Parish hall, Derryvolgie Ave

Date: Saturday 2nd December from 2pm – 4.30pm



ST BRIDE'S PARISH HALL

38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast



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- Snack Bar/Games Room – great for children's parties
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For all enquires or to book please contact 07964265294 or email at stbrideshall@btinternet.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH ACCORD NI?

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is seeking applications for a 2- year part-time Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship)). You will need weekend availability for our funded residential training courses in Crossgar, Co. Down and a commitment to complete the course over 2 years, beginning in April 2024. You do not need previous counselling experience or qualifications, academic qualifications or to pay academic rates.

Whilst there is no charge to trainees for the training itself, there is a one-off non-refundable deposit of £200 to secure your place. Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by Accord NI.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 20th December 2023. If you would like further information, please contact Brenda at 02890233002 or info@accordni.com.