

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

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)

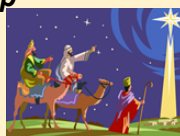
Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior
to date of Marriage.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

WHAT CAN YOU BUY FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING?

A Christmas Gift Card from St Brigid's One World Group

Make a donation in lieu of a present to help people
living in extreme poverty in developing countries
Phone Kevin on 07525634440



St Brides PS - Job Vacancy

St. Bride's PS & NU have a vacancy for an Assistant Building Supervisor
30 Hours Per Week

Applications are live via the Education Authority Website and close on 31st
December 2025 www.eani.org.uk

THE CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year
with Mass at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Sunday 4th January 2026. He
would like to invite as many as possible, from across the Diocese, to join him for the
Mass and some refreshments afterwards in St Comgall's Centre. While the Jubilee Year
of Hope will formally close, the task ahead will be to carry it's Message of Hope with us
into the New Year 2026.



Saint Brigid's Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent
21st December 2025, Year A

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

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: 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 Fiona Gribben and Kathleen Kirrane recently deceased; and for those
whose anniversaries are at this time: Betty O'Neill, Mona McDonnell, Noleen
McLoughlin, John Gibbons, Emmie Delaney, Dick and Mollie Herbert, Marie Nicholas,
Jack Lavery, Declan O'Neill, Sarah, Edward & Michael Murton, Annette McCourt, Carol
Walls, Imelda Kennedy, Philip O'Brien, John Campbell, Bridget Monahan, George
Kinder, Mike O'Brien, Arthur Davey, Margery Gilligan, Maire Brennan, Maureen Falls,
Mary Rose Heatherington

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions for week ahead:

Mon 22nd Dec 7pm: *Marie Nicholas (A)*

Wed 24th Dec 9.30am: *Mike O'Brien (A)*

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Weekly Collection 14th December: £4900.45

Penitential Service

Sunday 21st December from 4pm – 5pm
(A number of Confessors will be available)

Youth Faith Group

Annual Christmas appeal for Utility Street Hostel.

Some members of our parish Youth Faith Group visited Utility Street Men's Hostel last Saturday morning and delivered Christmas gifts for its residents. Over the last few weeks they have been putting gift bags together, one for each of the 59 residents.

A request from the manager at the hostel for a replacement washing machine had also been made so the group took up a collection and were able to supply and deliver a new machine.

As most of these young people who made the visit have chosen to take part in the Pope John II award within the parish, this act of kindness will count towards the 'social awareness activities' that form part of the award.

May we take this opportunity to thank all of our young people who helped make this a success and may we also thank all of the parents/guardians who offer great support and encouragement to all our group leaders and volunteers.

This just wouldn't be possible without your help.

Wishing all of you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

The Youth Faith Group Team 🌈



Mass Times During The Christmas Season

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

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

St Stephen's Day: 12 Noon
(Friday 26th December)

Saturday 27th Dec: 12 Noon & 6.00pm (vigil)

Sunday 28th Dec: 9.30 am & 12 Noon

Monday 29th Dec: 12 Noon

Tuesday 30th Dec: 12 Noon

Wednesday 31st Dec: 12 Noon

New Year's Day: 12 Noon

Friday 2nd January: 12 Noon



Normal mass times will resume from Monday 5th January

Feast of the Epiphany: 7pm Vigil (Monday 5th January)
9.30am (Tuesday 6th January)

Outdoor Christmas Eve Mass

In St. Brigid's there will be one outdoor family Mass in the Church Carpark on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm. There will be no cars permitted in the Carpark. There will be no seating - come expecting to stand and come prepared for the weather. Our Youth Faith Group in hi-vis jackets will act as stewards. Mass will be last approximately 35 minutes. Family groups, particularly with children, are encouraged to come to this Mass. A sound system will be installed in the grounds. There will be non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies available after, provided by the Youth Faith Group at the Crib.



Parish Office Closures over Christmas

The Parish office will be closed from 1pm on Tuesday 23rd December and reopen Monday 5th January. *Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas!*

Fr Edward O'Donnell, Fr Dominic McGrattan and

Deacon Brett Lockhart would like to wish all the

Parishioners of St Brigid's all the Blessings

of the Christmas Season and

a very Happy New Year!

