

## 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

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 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

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Weekly Collection 15<sup>th</sup> December: £8354.73**

*Thank you for your continued support*

## Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year – 29th December

All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this celebration for the Jubilee Year. The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass from home: [www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

*Jubilee Prayer Cards are available in the Church Porch*

**Children's Liturgy Classes** conclude on Sunday, 22nd December 2024 and the new term restarts on Sunday 12th January 2025 at the 9.30am mass. Children from primary 3 to primary 7 are most welcome.

We take this opportunity to wish all the children and their families a wonderful family Christmas and sincerest thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers for all their help throughout the year. **Happy Christmas.** 🎄



# Saint Brigid's Parish

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, Year C, Psalter Week 4

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**First Reading: Reading from the prophet Micah M i5:1-4**

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel

**Responsorial Psalm: 79:2-3.15-16.18-19**

R/. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading: From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 10:5-10**

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

**Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 1:39-45**

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

## Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Brendan McCrory and Frances Creighton (née Smyth) recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mona McDonnell, Karen and James Kane, Paul Trainor, Noleen McLoughlin, Mary Rose Heatherington, Florence McGeown, Michael O'Brien, Betty O'Neill, Jack Lavery, Margaret Hanna, Declan O'Neill, Sarah Murton, Sheila and Michael Pullicino, Marie Nicholas, Annette McCourt, Margaret and Jim Jeffers, John Gibbons, Margery Gilligan, Rose and Patrick Doran, Philip O'Brien, Claire O'Hare, John Campbell, Cathal Mooney, Eamon Gilleece

*May they rest in peace*

## Parish Penitential Service

Sunday 22nd December from 4pm - 5pm

*(A number of confessors available)*

## Mass Times During The Christmas Season

**Christmas Eve**            **9.30 am** (Morning Mass)  
(Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December) **6.00 pm** (Outdoor/Carpark – standing only)  
   **9.00 pm** (Indoor)

**Christmas Day**            **9.30 am** and **12.00 Noon**  
(Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December)



**St Stephen's Day:**            12 Noon  
(Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec:**            12 Noon

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec:**            12 Noon & 6.00pm (vigil)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec:**            9.30 am & 12 Noon

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec:**            12 Noon

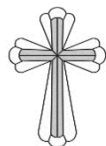
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:**            12 Noon

**New Year's Day:**            12 Noon

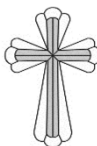
*Normal mass times will resume from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January*

**Feast of the Epiphany:**    9.30am and 7.00pm  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Welcome into the Church and Parish Family:



Shea Chimes, Cillian Chimes, Kate Martha Growcott,  
Rose Madden, Donal Leonard Hobbs, Lana McGranaghan



*who were Baptised in St Brigid's this month.*



### Office Closures over Christmas

*The Parish office will be closed from 1pm on Monday 23rd December and reopen Thursday 2nd 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!



### Christmas Message from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I send heartfelt greetings to all the faithful of our diocese, embracing the hope that Christ brings into our world. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may the tender love of God shown by the birth of Jesus guide us, inspiring renewal and deepening our faith. I extend my deep gratitude to the clergy and our dedicated parish volunteers whose selfless service brings the warmth of God's love to life in our community. May God's abundant blessing be with you and your loved ones this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

## School Open Days 2024

### **St Louise's Comprehensive College**

Thursday 9th January (Principal's address 4pm and 6.30pm)

### **St Dominic's Grammar School**

Saturday 11th January from 9am - 1pm

### **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**

Saturday, 11th January from 9am – 12.30pm

### **St Malachy's College**

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th January 2025 from 7pm- 9.30pm

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