



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, Year A, Psalter Week 2

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### Mass Times

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30am & 12 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 months' notice required

Please contact the Parish Office

### Marriages

6 months' notice required.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### Bulletin Notices

Bulletin Notices must be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on**

**Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

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### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Bernie Flanagan and Mary Rafferty recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Judith Bergin, James Hatfield, Aileen McGeown, Dermot Byrnes, Rory Gormley, Phil Campbell, Patrick Agnew, Maureen McKiernan, John McKiernan, Hugh and Annie McCullough, Sister Kathleen McCullough, Deidre Kennedy, Vincent Jamison, Joseph Anthony Shevlin, Maura Fitzpatrick

*May they rest in peace*

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Ezekiel Ezk 34:11-12.15-17  
*As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22:1-3.5-6

*R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading:** First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:20-26.28  
*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 25:31-46

*He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another*

### PARISH OFFERINGS

**Weekly Offering 15<sup>th</sup> November:** £5985.50

**Bishops Commission Collection:** £2013.50

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

### PUBLIC MASSES

Please note that due to the "circuit Breaker" as decided by the Northern Ireland Executive there will be no public masses in St Brigid's Church **from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

We hope that public mass will resume on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Weddings and Funerals are still permitted with the current guidelines in place (max of 25 persons).



## Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal



The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's, together with the University's Order of Malta branch, is supporting this year's Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal. Every year, individuals and families experiencing homelessness face the festive season alone. QUB students want to reach out and offer concrete supports. We appeal to you to give a small gift and some hope to a homeless person (or someone struggling and at risk of becoming homeless).

**We ask that you decorate a shoebox or gift bag for either a male or female (adult) and include items such as:**

**Gloves, Socks, Toothpaste/brush, Sanitary items, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Sweets, Tinned food, Christmas card** and anything else you can think of that might be helpful.

Boxes can be left securely at the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast during opening hours (see [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org)) **before 5 December** in time for distribution before Christmas. We thank you for your support of this worthwhile initiative.

*\*(Remember to wrap the box and lid separately so we can add extra items to boxes) \**



### No Third World Advent Bread and Soup this year - but hunger and poverty continue in developing countries...

The Parish Third World Group would normally be getting the pots of delicious soup ready for the Advent Bread and Soup lunch this Sunday!

We are sorry that this Parish event cannot take place in 2020. It has always been very enjoyable and has raised much needed funding.

Despite, and because of, the pandemic, we continue to try to support our beneficiaries in Africa, Asia and South America where the spread of Covid-19 has made the task of helping the very poor to even survive much more difficult than ever.

If you would like to make a donation, set up a Standing Order or buy religious Christmas cards or Christmas Gift Cards\* (we can deliver to you) please see our **website [www.stbrigid3wg.com](http://www.stbrigid3wg.com)** or phone Kevin on 07525634440

\*This year proceeds from our Christmas Gift Cards will support the work of the Daughters of Charity to help provide food and a small income for poor families in Kenya - live chickens for eggs; seeds for planting; and goats for milk and manure to grow vegetables.



## Society of St. Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas Collection

The annual collection of St. Vincent De Paul will be held on **Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December 2020 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, as will Standing Order forms this weekend (21st/22nd November).**

You can also **donate** online through your bank to: **SVP St Brigid's Conference DANSKE BANK Account Number: 41024701 Sort Code: 95-01-32**

**SVP Christmas Cards** and will also be available outside the Church at the same time.

### Christmas Toy/Gift Appeal:



**Traditionally St. Brigid's conference of SVP held their annual toy/gift appeal for two weeks in early December.**

This year because of Covid-19 restrictions and the various regulations we are unable to collect and deliver toys.

What we can do, to support those in need and there are many more of them, is to collect Christmas Gift Vouchers (eg Smyths & Argos) for toys etc and distribute them before Christmas. We help children from birth to 18 yrs. Last year we supported 185 children and 117 families, Vouchers for teenagers are especially welcome

**From this weekend (21st/22nd November) and until Friday 27th November we will place collection boxes at all the masses. We need to collect and distribute Vouchers quickly to allow parents to shop before stores close again for two weeks.**

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 and marked Heating, to provide heat for a family over the winter. Oil costs in the region of £250 per 500 litres and any amount towards this would be most welcome.

## Praying the Mass via Technology

As so many parishioners are joining in live broadcasts of Sunday, and weekday, Mass it might be helpful to consciously think about how we go about participating in them. These suggestions for praying the Mass via technology may be helpful:

- *Dress as you would for Mass*
- *Have your technology ready and be on time.*
- *Turn off any technology that might distract you during the Mass.*
- *If possible, join in the Mass as a family and have a member light a candle before Mass begins, perhaps beside a cross or another sacred image.*
- *Share in the responses, prayers, and gestures of the Mass.*
- *Stand for the Gospel and Our Father; kneel as appropriate if you can; share some sign of peace if you are with others.*
- *Join in the singing.*
- *At the time of Holy Communion, make [an act of spiritual communion](#).*
- *And finally, when Mass is ended go in peace from this prayer to live what you have prayed.*

In these darkest of days, our keeping of Sunday can give us exactly the light, sustenance, and grace we need to carry us through the rest of our week. Sunday is God's gift to us. It is up to us to do the unwrapping.

## Mass in St. Brigid's Parish

### **Some things to keep in mind when attending Mass:**

- **FACE COVERINGS** are mandatory when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services.
- The seating capacity of the Church is 120;
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- The Church doors are closed at one minute before Mass – the Church cannot be entered once Mass begins;
- Take a seat and remain there until the end of Mass; children must remain with their parents, and in the seat, at all times;
- Do not sit beside anyone who is not a member of your household;
- For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you; Holy Communion is to be received in the hand;
- When leaving the Church follow the instructions and leave according to the indicated "One-way" system;
- Anyone with cold-like symptoms must not enter the Church;
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;
- Holidaymakers returning from other countries should not attend mass for 2 weeks.
- Numbers attending **Funerals** and **Weddings** are now limited to **25 persons**.

## **St Brigid's Parish Streaming Service (Webcam)**

Our streaming service is now available for St Brigid's Parish! All regular Mass times will be streamed (Monday-Sunday).



The service will be streamed on YouTube and the link is available on the Parish Website (<https://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/>) or by typing 'St Brigid's Parish Belfast' into YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)). YouTube can be viewed on laptops/desktops, iPads or on any smartphone.

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