



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd January 2022, Year C, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Nehemiah Neh 8:2-6.8-10
Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-1.15

R/. Your word are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Second Reading: Reading from letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 12:12-30
You together are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it..

Gospel: Gospel according to John Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
This text is being fulfilled today.

Anniversary List

Please pray for James Donnelly, Noelle Bredin and Fionntán McGarvey recently deceased, Betty O'Neill whose Month's Mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Doreen Gormley, Jim McEvoy, Laurence McMahan, Jim McCrory, Mose, Adelina and Rosaria Fusciardi, Brendan Rice, Ursula Burns, Arthur Goan, Gerry Goan, Alice McGettigan

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
Please contact the Parish Office

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 16th January: £3254.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Bulletin Notices

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.

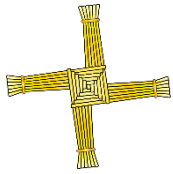
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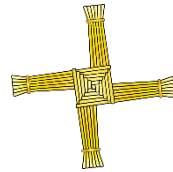


Youth Faith Group

Youth Faith Group runs on Sunday evenings from **6.30 pm – 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall**. Everyone over the age of 16 will be very welcome!



St Brigid's Day Lecture



This year's **St Brigid's Day** lecture will be held in **St Brigid's Church** on **Friday 28th January at 7.00 pm.**

"Pope Francis Leadership: It's implications to the church"

Our **guest speaker will be Austin Ivereigh.** Austin is a Roman Catholic journalist, author, commentator, and biographer of Pope Francis.

In 2020 he co-operated with Pope Francis to enable the Pope to produce the extraordinary book "Let us Dream." It is Pope Francis at his most personal, profound, and passionate.

Numbers will be restricted to 250 and tickets will be required for entry to the church. Tickets are available to book through **Eventbrite** at the link below. Please arrive early and present your ticket on arrival to our welcome team. Tickets are available to book from 2.00pm today (Sunday).

Late admissions may not be able to gain entry once the Lecture begins.

Tickets: eventbrite.co.uk/st-brigids-day-lecture-with-austin-ivereigh-tickets

The Lecture will also be Livestreamed to our YouTube Channel for anyone wishing to watch from home: ['Livestream Link'](#)

N.B: There will be no mass at 7.00 pm, mass will be at 9.30 am in the morning on Friday 28th January.



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Parish Third World Group Raffle – a request for help!

As the covid pandemic continues and we are unable to hold our normal fundraising events, the Group has decided to hold a raffle in the next few months – similar to the very successful one run by the QUB Chaplaincy, assisted by our Parish Third World Group, in support of Fr Fouad's work in Syria last year.

That raffle offered the following substantial prizes all of which were donated by private individuals:-

Apple Macbook
Apple Watch
Colin Davidson Limited Edition Print
Fortnum and Mason Grosvenor Hamper
Fortnum and Mason Wine Hamper
Luxury Cosmetics Hamper
Designer Ray Ban Sunglasses
Case of Wine (12 bottles)
£100 Amazon Voucher
£100 ASOS Voucher

We are fortunate to have already received some generous donations of prizes but would need some more to make the raffle as appealing as possible.

***We would be most grateful if you would be able to help by donating a prize,
or even a contribution to a prize,
to help us to continue to support people living in extreme poverty.
Please contact Kevin on 07525634440***

G.I.F.T. – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 1 is starting on 30th January from 6.30pm – 8.00pm each Sunday for 4 weeks.

The theme of the GIFT 1 Programme is:

"I am unique: with a unique set of gifts and talents"

If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch through the Parish Office or our GIFT Coordinators.

Consent forms are available from the Parish Office or download from the Parish website.

EVERYONE is welcome as we try to walk in faith with our young people, building connection, community and a sense of belonging to our Parish. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch to find out more through the Parish Office.

GIFT Leaders

Safeguarding Training Dates

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has released new dates for **Level 1 Child Safeguarding Training for 2022**. These courses are suited for volunteers who have not completed Safeguarding Training in the parish to work with young people and children in our various parish groups (i.e. GIFT, Youth Faith, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers).

Please see the link below for dates for courses and to download the booking form:

<https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training/>

For further information please contact the Safeguarding Office at office@soddc.org

Preparing for Marriage?

Catholic Engaged Encounter

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry.

This 2-day **non-residential** course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

Guidelines for attending Mass in St Brigid's

- **Face Coverings** must be worn when entering and exiting the church and should be worn throughout services.
- Current seating occupancy of the church is **275**
- Observe social distancing and use the sanitizer at the Church Entrance;
- 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;
- 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 or coughs must not enter the Church;**
- Those with underlying health issues are advised to remain at home;
- Toilet facilities are not available;

St Bride's Primary School

Open Enrolment for Nursery & Year 1 September 2021

The Online Portal for admissions to St Bride's Primary School (Nursery & Year One) opened on **Monday 10th January and will close at 12 noon on Friday 28th January.**

Please visit the Education Authority website <https://www.eani.org.uk/> and search for Admissions Portal where you can make your online application for your child.

As it is not possible to hold an Open Day, further information, including the Admissions Criteria for Nursery & Year One, a map of the Parish boundary, the school Prospectus and short video are available on the school website www.stbridesps.org.uk under 'Open Day'.