

# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**First Reading:** Reading from the Prophet Daniel 7:13-14  
*His Sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 92:1-2.5  
*R/. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the book of Apocalypse Apoc 1:5-8  
*Ruler of the kings of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to John Jn 18:33-37  
*It is you who say that I am a king.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** James Campbell whose month's mind is it and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charlie McLaverty, Aileen McGeown, Maura Fitzpatrick, Margaret Montague, Jack McKiernan, Maureen McKiernan, Patrick Falls, Sylvia Viera de Souza, Vincent Jamison, Joseph Shevlin, Liam McKenna, Hugh and Annie McCullough, Patrick Hughes

*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

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

**Weekly Collection 17<sup>th</sup> November:** £4532.70

**Bishops Commissions Collection:** £2315.10



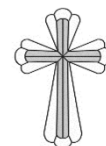
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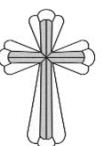
### Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. [stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/the-liturgy/sunday-homilies](http://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/the-liturgy/sunday-homilies)

### Welcome into the Church and Parish Family



*Áine Juno Ferrity Holt, Cian Sean Ferrity, Eoin John Murphy,  
Rory Daniel Vincent Jamieson, Olivia Margaret Gilvary*



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

St Brigid's One World Group  
CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS



Do you find yourself or others saying:

*"I don't want anything for Christmas. I already have more than I need and I would prefer to help someone who doesn't even have the basics for life?"*

**St Brigid's One World Group Christmas Gift Cards now available.**

**Make a donation to help some of the people in the world living in extreme poverty – exacerbated by rocketing food prices, flooding and other environmental catastrophes instead of a present at Christmas time this year.**

Please text or call Kevin on 07525634440

Donations can be made to Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07

**Alpha** is a space to discover or deepen your faith. It a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly, environment.



The Parish Pastoral Council are planning to run an Alpha Course in the Parish in the New Year. We are having our first team meeting next week on **TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at 7:30pm in the Parsh Office 40 Derryvolgie Ave.** If you are interested in being part of this team, come along and find out what's involved.

**ADVENT REFLECTION DAY 2024**

**Title: LOVE WAITING TO BE BORN**

**Date:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm – 4.30pm

**Venue:** St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast

**Facilitator:** Rev Dr Ruth Patterson

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Annual Christmas Collection**



**The annual Collection for St Vincent de Paul will be held THIS WEEKEND**

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 also**

*Thank you sincerely for your continued support.*

**Women's Prayer Group – Journey to the Manger**

Our Women's Prayer Group will begin our Advent Journey on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. **We will meet weekly for the 4 weeks in No 40 Derryvolgie Avenue at 7.30pm.** Why not join us to take an hour out of this busy time to spend in preparation for Christmas. Do not worry if cannot make all four sessions. For further info please contact Mary Carson. Don't worry if you have not been before, everyone most welcome!



**(Dates: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December)**



## ADVENT PRAYER 2024

For over 7 years we have been gathering together in the side chapel each weekday morning of Advent at 7.30am to pray together using the Psalms and the readings of the Advent season with a short reflection on the gospel.

Over the years many parishioners have found it an excellent way of preparing spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. Many who participate do so for 1-2 days per week, others make it every weekday morning in Advent. Everyone would be very welcome.

**We begin on at 7.30am Monday 2nd December and finish on Friday 20th December.** We finish before 8am and in good time for those on their way to work. Why not give it a try and allow the readings and reflections of Advent to speak to our hearts?

## Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **30th November/1st December 2024**. The food weighed in at 328.5 kgs for November collection.

Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis. Thank you for your support.



**List of items currently most needed:** Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Instant potato; Tinned spaghetti; Porridge oats; Coffee; Long life juice; UHT milk; Jam/Honey/Spreads; Toiletries; Toilet roll; Biscuits; Seasonal items.

## GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

**The Dates for GIFT 2024/2025 are:**

**GIFT 2 (Year 9):** 17 and 24 November, 1 and 8 December

**GIFT 1 (Year 8):** 12, 19, 26 January, and 2 February

**GIFT 4 (Year 11):** 23 and 30 March, 6 and 13 April

**GIFT 3 (Year 10):** 4 May, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May

**The programme runs on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm- 8pm.**

If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch through the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members soon.



St Brigid's One World Group

## ADVENT BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am – 1pm**

**Parish Hall**

*We warmly invite you to join us for a simple bread and soup lunch; and make a donation to help people living in abject poverty in developing countries (donations may be gift aided)*

*Tea, coffee and scones also available*

## Sunday, 8th December

### ***30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the New Church of St Brigid's***

To mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of our church of St Brigid, our Bishop will celebrate both 9.30 am and 12 noon mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. At the 9.30 am mass the Bishop will formally install our new Parish Pastoral Council.

After both masses there will be an opportunity to meet Bishop McGuckian in the Parish Centre at the "Bread and Soup" event.

*The members of the Parish Pastoral Council are:*

Desmond Dick (**Chair**)

Fr O'Donnell (**Parish priest**),

Mary Carson ,  
Paddy Turnbull,

Breige Kinney,

Declan Lawn,

Maire Daly,

Brendan McGlone (**Secretary**),

Rev Brett Lockhart,

Michelle Toner,

Mary Rose Mackle,

Emma Horner,

Robert Hillis,

Volodimir Bezulowsky

