

Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Third Sunday Ordinary Time 24th January 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 3

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Currently No Public Mass – see times opposite for Live Streaming.

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am & 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.

Sign up to our
Electronic
Mailing List
[Click HERE](#)

The Parish Office will be **closed to the public** during the Lockdown period from **Thursday 7th January until Friday 5th March.**

If you need to get in touch, please contact the parish office by phone or email during this time.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Jonah Jon 3:1-5.10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

R/. Lord, make me know your ways.

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Jim McEvoy and Phil Hunter recently deceased, Gary Mulholland and Margaret Hannon whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Doreen Gormley, Gabriel Hannon, Larry McMahon, Peter Lyons, Una MacRandal, Brigid Dolan

May they rest in peace

With the current lockdown, suspension of Public Mass is set to continue until at least Friday 5th of March 2021

Mass will continue to be Live streamed from St Brigid's Church on our YouTube Channel **Link:** stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/links

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9.30 am

Saturday: 12 noon

Sunday: 12 noon

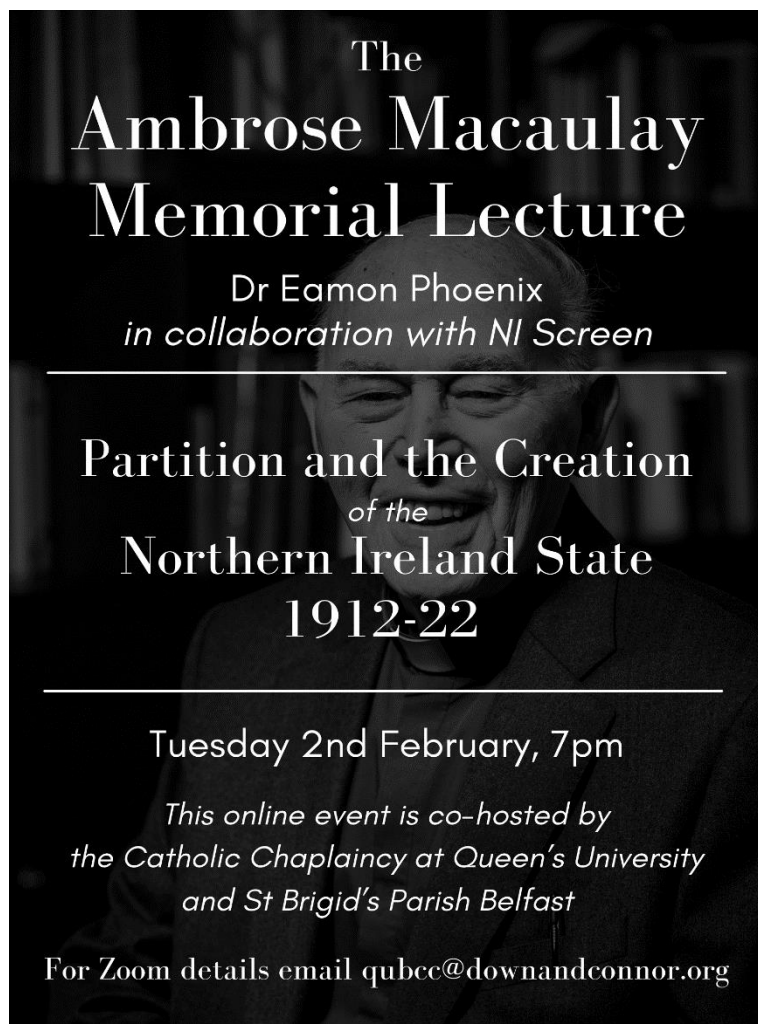
Mass will also be Live Streamed on Tuesday and Thursday at 5pm and on Sunday at 8pm in the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queens (Live Streaming on Facebook, YouTube and Church Services)

When the lockdown restrictions are lifted, mass will return to normal times.
Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms can continue under the current restrictions.
No provisions for Private Prayer at this time.

The Ambrose Macaulay Memorial Lecture: Dr Eamon Phoenix

Partition and the Creation of the Northern Ireland State 1912-22

Well-known historian and broadcaster, Dr Eamon Phoenix, will deliver a Memorial Lecture to honour the life and learning of priest, university chaplain and church historian, Monsignor Ambrose Macaulay. The Lecture will be delivered in collaboration with Anne Donnelly of NI Screen and is co-hosted by the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University and St Brigid's Parish Belfast. This online event will take place on **Tuesday 2nd February, at 7pm**. To attend, email gubcc@downandconnor.org for Zoom details.



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Pope Francis: COVID-19 Vaccine

In an interview that aired Jan. 10, Pope Francis spoke about getting the COVID-19 vaccine the next week, and urged others to do the same.

"I believe that ethically everyone should take the vaccine," the Pope said in an interview with TV station *Canale 5*. "It is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others." In December, he urged countries to make vaccines "available to everyone" during his Christmas message.

St Bride's Primary School

Open Enrolment for Nursery & Year 1 September 2021

Reminder: Last day for submitting applications for Nursery & Year 1 places is **Friday 29th 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.

Further information and the school Prospectus is available on the school website www.stbridesps.org.uk under 'Open Day'.

ST. BRIDE'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL





Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2020

St Brigid's Conference extends sincere thanks to all in the Parish who contributed so generously to this year's Christmas Collection and Toy Appeal. The total amount collected in the period prior to the 2-week lockdown and from 13th December 2020 was **£27,000**, of this **£960 came from Christmas Cards** with **£11,000 eligible for Gift Aid**.

Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help **85 families, including 185 children**.

We also provided vouchers for warm clothing, help with buying extra food and fuel. All of this was greatly received.

We also extend a special thanks to **St Brigid's GAA** who through their "Raffle" donated Smyth vouchers to the value of **£1500** which was given to parents to buy toys for their children. A further £790 in cash was donated and is included in the figures above.

As I am sure you know the continuing lockdowns are causing more and more hardship, so your generosity is really appreciated and is vital to our work in the SVP.

The people YOU help are in genuine need and many of them have asked us to convey our thanks to you. All of them greatly appreciate the help given to them by our volunteers who visit them.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, please contact George McGrath on 02890668884

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all.

Best wishes



Statement by the Northern Catholic Bishops

Re extension of the Covid-19 Shut-down by the Northern Ireland Executive to 5th March 2021.

Yesterday afternoon the Northern Ireland Executive took the unanimous decision to extend the current Covid-19 restrictions until Friday 5th March 2021. This decision was based on the strong recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Advisor, as a result of the continued extremely high level of transmission of the Covid-19 virus throughout the community (which over these last four weeks had not reduced to the level that had been hoped for), along with the increasing numbers in hospital and intensive care.

In the light of this decision, and on the basis of the clear and unequivocal public health advice that people should continue to *stay at home*, the Northern Catholic Bishops have decided that, until 5 March (but subject to ongoing review in line with any change to the public health advice), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should continue to take place without the physical presence of the faithful. Marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services may continue (subject to strict safety guidelines and regulations). Arrangements for recording and/or livestreaming and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations. We encourage parishes, where possible, to continue to broadcast the celebration of Mass - and other devotions and prayer services - online and on other media, knowing that faith and prayer can be a tremendous support to individuals and society during these difficult times.

We once more make this decision reluctantly, conscious of the pain that not being able to gather for public worship causes for all the faithful, but in the hope that this period of sacrifice is inspired by the command of Jesus to love our neighbours and undertaken for the protection of life and health and for the Common Good.

We continue to ask for prayers for the sick, the bereaved and all those whose livelihoods have been particularly impacted by the pandemic. We keep especially in mind all health workers, carers, chaplains and other essential workers. We welcome the announcement that a similar position is being taken by the leaders of the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland and many other denominations and faith communities in response to the unequivocal message from public health authorities that as many people as possible stay at home at this time.

Most Rev Noel Treanor DD
Bishop of Down and Connor