



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 2

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## 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:** Reading from the 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 25:131-46

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

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Hugh O'Hare, Julie McClelland and Sr Luca Henry SSL recently deceased, Joe Heaney and Kevin Duffy whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Aileen McGeown, Charlie McLaverty, David Magill, Peggy Montague, Deirdre Kennedy, Ann Brennan, Una Cleary, P J Toner, Mary and John McKay, Anne Smyth, Rory Gormley

**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

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> November:** £4682.83

**Bishop's Commissions Collection:** £2092.85



*Thank you for your continued support*

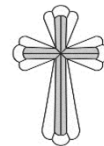
### Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

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

### Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Donnacha Eamon Herron, Roger James Stewart  
and Culann O'Hagan

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



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul



### Annual Christmas Collection



The annual Collection for St Vincent de Paul will be held on 25th/26th November 2023 after all masses.

SVP Christmas Cards will also be available.

### Toy Voucher Appeal

Further to our earlier notice and building on last year's success of giving toy vouchers to families. We would like to remind you, that in order to give families time to buy the toys they require we need to **collect toy vouchers at the latest at the Masses on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

Vouchers will be distributed to families the week commencing 4th December.

Thank you sincerely for your continued support.

### ADVENT PRAYER 2023

During Advent we will be meeting each weekday morning in the side chapel at 7.30am where we say and sing the morning office together and reflect on the gospel. It has proved to be a great way to journey through Advent together and prepare for Christmas. Everyone is very welcome even if you can only attend occasionally!

### Advent Day of Reflection

**Title:** The Moment when 'Before turned into After'  
(from the poem BC:AD by Ursula Fanthorpe)

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 1: 1-14

**Facilitator:** Rev Ruth Patterson

**Venue:** St Bride's Parish hall, Derryvolgie Ave

**Date:** Saturday 2nd December from 2pm – 4.30pm

### Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious who have in this past year (1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023).

The Mass will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm** in **St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast)**

The Mass will also be broadcast online at: [churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)  
Parishioners, Clergy and Religious from throughout the Diocese are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together with our Bishop.

## St Brigid's One World Group

### Bread and Soup Lunch Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 1pm

We warmly invite you to join us in the Parish Hall for a simple bread and soup lunch and to make a donation to help people living in abject poverty in developing countries

Tea, coffee and scones served after 9.30am Mass



**Christmas Gift cards** will be available – see separate notice below

We recently sent our annual donation of £9000 to Sr Patricia Speight in Kenya. She responded:

*"Greetings from Love and Hope Centre. What great news.*

*I have just come in from the homes of our people who are struggling to make ends meet. All are suffering from cancer. To listen to their stories would bring tears to one's eyes. Silently I said to myself, "God, answer our Prayer" So I have just returned, opened up my lap top to see that God has intervened. God is surely alive and active.*

*On behalf of Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa and all our Staff at Love and Hope, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you all. We never forget to pray for you all. May God Bless you in abundance for everything you do to help so many people living on the margins."*

### Coffee and Poems



Maureen Boyle, author of three books of poetry, winner of numerous awards, will recite at our next Coffee and Poems on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. The recital will be after morning Mass in the Parish Centre. Please come along.

### Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on the **2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**. The food weighed in at 258.75 kgs for November collection. Thank you for your support.

**List of items currently most needed:** *Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fish; Pulses; Coffee; Tea; Rice; Long life fruit juice; Cooking sauces; Biscuits; Toilet roll.*



## St Brigid's One World Group



*Christmas Gift Cards now available*

**Make a donation in lieu of a present to a friend or relation at Christmas time this year.**

*Your gift will provide food for some of the poorest people in the world whose suffering has been made even worse as a result of the rocketing prices of basic commodities*

**Please text/ring Kevin on 07525634440**

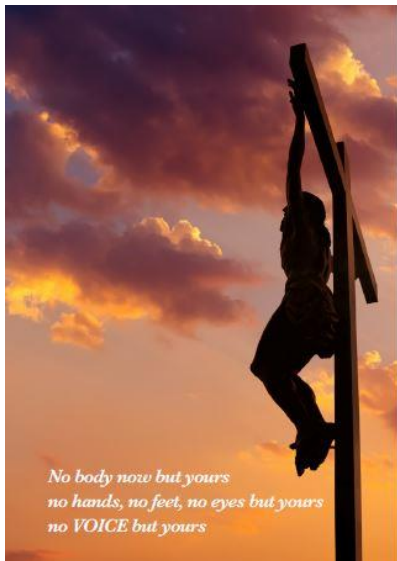
**Donations can be made to Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07**

### Day for Life

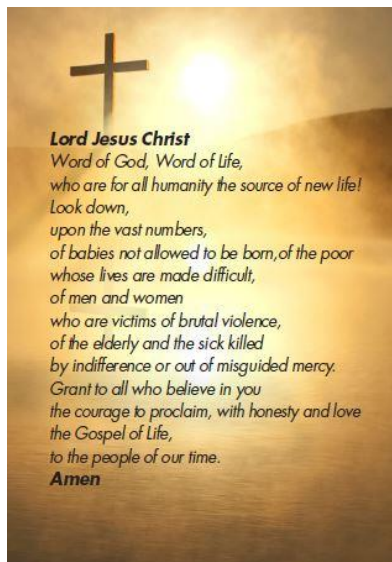
The Parish Pastoral Council have organised a "Day for Life" in **St. Brigid's Church, beginning at the noon Mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December and ending at the noon Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

It is a day of prayer that our society will respect, protect, love and serve life from the moment of conception until its natural end.

Everyone in the parish is invited to make a special effort to play a part in this day.



*No body now but yours  
no hands, no feet, no eyes but yours  
no VOICE but yours*



**Lord Jesus Christ**  
*Word of God, Word of Life,  
who are for all humanity the source of new life!  
Look down,  
upon the vast numbers,  
of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor  
whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant to all who believe in you  
the courage to proclaim, with honesty and love  
the Gospel of Life,  
to the people of our time.  
**Amen***

## Women's Prayer Group *Walking Through Advent Together*

We will meet weekly during this very short Advent in **No40 Derryvolgie Ave at 7.30pm.**

**Dates:** Tuesday 28th November  
Tuesday 5th December  
Wednesday 13th December  
Tuesday 19th December



Why not join us to take an hour out of this busy time to spend in preparation for Christmas; journeying through Advent with Mary, the mother of Jesus, our sister in Faith and the first disciple.  
Everyone most welcome!

### **Laudato Deum: Responding to the Challenge of Safeguarding 'Our Common Home'**

Join us on **Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Centre as we delve deeper into the themes raised by Fr Timothy Bartlett in his presentation on Laudato Deum on November 9th.

We aim to explore how, both individually and collectively, our Parish Community can effectively respond to the challenges posed by Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato Si' and its recent update, Laudato Deum.

If you are interested in being part of this conversation on how we can address the call to action presented by the Pope then come along on December 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Let's discover where this conversation may lead us.

### **FOCOLARE MOVEMENT 1943-2023 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

We welcome you to join us for a thanksgiving mass to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Focolare Movement.

**Venue:** Holy Family Parish Church (226-228 Limestone Road)  
**Date:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 noon  
(Mass will be followed by a light celebratory lunch.)

All are welcome to come and if you are unable to join us in person, the mass will be streamed online at [www.holy-familyparish.com/webcam/](http://www.holy-familyparish.com/webcam/)