



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Year A, Psalter Week 1

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**Livestream/Webcam:** [youtube.com/@stbrigidsparishbelfast](https://youtube.com/@stbrigidsparishbelfast)

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**First Reading:** Reading from the prophet Zephaniah Zp 2:3;3:12-13

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:7-10

*R/. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1Cor 1:26-31

*God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:1-12

*How happy are the poor in spirit.*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Paul Connolly and Margaret Caher whose months mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Monica Gormley, Paddy Moran, Mollie Moran, Gabriel Hannon, Alice McGettigan, Peter Lyons, Liam McMahan, Peter Brady, Brendan Rice, Una MacRandal, Gerard Sadlier, Mary Josephine McGreevy, Patrick Murray, John J McDermott, William Dolan Snr, Fr William Skehan, Hugh O'Hagan, Hannah Conway, Ursula Burns, Hugh Corrigan

*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

**Weekly Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> January: £3489.37**



*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.



### Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. *Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)*

## St Brigid's Day Lecture

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm

**Venue:** St Bride's Parish Centre

**Guest Speaker:** Michael Kelly  
(Editor of The Irish Catholic)

**Theme:** "When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?  
– the future of Irish Catholicism"

*All Welcome!*



## Welcoming Ministry

St Brigid's Welcoming Ministry forms part of the churches liturgical ministries. Welcoming is the first interaction one encounters upon approaching the doors of the Church, which brings a warm and welcoming environment to our parish. It is an act of hospitality. We create a community by sharing a welcoming spirit in the parish, provide friendly outreach and helpful information to visitors and new members. We encourage involvement by everyone to share God's unconditional love. It gives parishioners and visitors a sense of belonging by welcoming with a smile.

The Ministry of Welcoming perpetuates the essence of Jesus own ministry and mission.

**If you have a desire to serve others, through a smile, kindness and love, and a warm and friendly personality, you may want to consider becoming a welcomer. Families and the youth are most welcome, to join us at a mass of your choice.**

For further details contact the parish office on (028) 90665409  
or email: [stbrigids@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbrigids@downandconnor.org)



*"May the church be a place of God's mercy and love, where everyone can feel themselves welcomed, loved, forgiven...."* **Pope Francis**

## Coffee and Poems

The next Parish Community Association's Coffee and Poems meeting will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February after morning Mass in St. Bride's Parish Centre.** *All are welcome to come along and join.*



## Safeguarding in St Brigid's Parish

Parish Safeguarding information is available on the Parish website [Safeguarding - St Brigid's Parish Belfast \(stbrigidsparishbelfast.org\)](http://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org)

Contact telephone numbers if you have a concern, suspicion or allegation of abuse of Children or Adults at Risk of Abuse are:

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** 028 9050 7000 Out of Hours: 028 9504 999, **PSNI:** 101

**The Public Protection Team, Child Protection; and The Diocesan Safeguarding Office** 028 9049 2783 or 028 9049 2798 Out of Hours 07713 642 855

**St Brigids Safeguarding Leaflet** is on the Parish website at [Child Protection in \(stbrigidsparishbelfast.org\)](http://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org)

**The Parish Code of Conduct** is located at [st-brigids-code-of-conduct-web-5.pdf \(stbrigidsparishbelfast.org\)](http://st-brigids-code-of-conduct-web-5.pdf)

The Parish Safeguarding Committee members are Fr O'Donnell (Parish Priest) Sheila McGivern (Chair) Pauline Forker (Secretary) Kevin Delaney, Michael Gallagher Áine McKeating Angela McNickle Mary Murphy Geraldine O'Hare  
Thank you for supporting our work and the PSC may be contacted through the Parish Office 02890 665409.

## St Brigid's GAA



On behalf of St Brigid's GAA, we would like to thank parishioners for helping to raise **over £2000 for the club!** We wish everyone good luck for the draw when it takes place in March.

## Parking

### School "Drop off" and "Pick up"

Please show consideration for our neighbours by not parking across the entrance or in private driveways. Yellow cones indicate "No Parking", in a particular area – it is not smart to park between the cones!!  
Courtesy and thoughtfulness are practical ways of living out our Christian Faith – *love others as you love yourself.*



## Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2022

St Brigids conference would like to sincerely thank all parishioners who so generously contributed to our annual appeal at Christmas.

The total amount donated was **£43,220**, of which £24,960 was eligible for gift aid. **£1440** was collected by way of **Christmas cards**.

Your generous response to the toy appeal meant we were able to help in excess of **160** families including **350** children.

We provided heating oil, gas and electric top-ups to many homes as well as food and warm clothing.

We extend a special thank you to Ms Cathy Hunter (Principal of St Brides PS) and to all the teachers, pupils and parents for their wonderful generosity along with the children and volunteers of GIFT, who support us so kindly at Christmas time.

To all of you, on behalf of the entire conference and our clients THANK YOU. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you and your families.

Anyone facing hardship or financial difficulty please call the SVP helpline on 02890 351561.

All referrals are dealt with in total confidence.

*Best wishes*  
*St Brigids SVP Conference*



### Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on **4th/5th February 2023**.

Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed**: Tinned fish; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Pulses; Long life juice; Instant potato; Jam; Coffee; Long life milk; Toiletries.

### **VACANCY - DIOCESAN CURIA OFFICE 'EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER'**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the recruitment of an Executive Support Officer, to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust team based at 75 Somerton Road, Belfast, BT15 4DE. The Executive Support Officer will be required to provide a full portfolio of support to the present Apostolic Administrator and the future Bishop of Down and Connor, Senior Clergy and the Management Team, by way of expert secretarial, clerical, administrative and diary management services.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 35 hours per week. Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm.

For more details please visit: [www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/](http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/)

### **St. Brigid's Miscellany, Friday 3 February 2023 at 8pm**

This year's St Brigid's Miscellany will take place on Friday 3 February 2023 8pm to late at Malone House.

It will be an evening of: music, storytelling, poetry, singing and dance to celebrate the Parish's patroness and our culture in the wonderful surroundings of Malone House.

Tickets cost £20 (£10 for students) and can best be purchased through the below link. [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/St\\_Brigids\\_GAC/TicketSales#St\\_Brigids\\_Miscellany](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/St_Brigids_GAC/TicketSales#St_Brigids_Miscellany)