



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th November 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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First Reading: Reading from the Prophet Daniel Dn 12:1-3

When that time comes, your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5.8-11

R/. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of the Hebrews Heb 10:11-14.18

By virtue of a single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Gospel: Gospel according to Mark Mk 13:24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Brigid Agnes Maguire, David Fleming, Elizabeth Douglas and Maura Duffy recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth McGrath, Elizabeth Irvine, Bernie Flanagan, Eileen Kelly, John and Grace Whiteman, Brendan Matthews, Seamus Murphy, Donal McGettigan and pray also for the parents of baby Joseph McDowell

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

Please contact the Parish Office

stbrigids@downandconnor.org

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

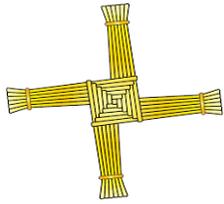
Weekly Collection 7th November: £5808.99

Monthly Collection 7th November: £5011.00

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.



DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

VACANCY

PARISH CENTRE MANAGER [JOB SHARE – 2 POSTS]

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Centre Manager within St Brigid's Parish.

The post is being advertised as a job share arrangement.

The post holders will be responsible for managing the Parish Centre and its range of activities.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment of **2 part time officials** on a job share arrangement, which will be made up of:

- Role 1 – 15 hours up to 20 hours per week over Monday to Sunday – work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Centre Committee/ Parish Priest.
- Role 2 – 15 hours up to 20 hours per week over Monday to Sunday – work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Centre Committee/Parish Priest.

Ability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time.

Rate of Pay - £13.00 gross per hour

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <https://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/> on the Community NI website, and at: <https://www.nijobs.com/> and on St Brigid's Parish Website <https://www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/contact-us/job-vacancies>

Application packs can also be obtained from St Brigid's Parish Office. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 26th November

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

***Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Advances notices regarding Christmas***

Virtual Christmas

Last years' experience of giving out toy vouchers to families in need was such a great success, as it give them the opportunity to buy toys for their children. We are going to do the same this year. This means that in order to give families time to buy the toys we intend to **collect toy vouchers at Masses on 4/5 December.**

Gift Aid Envelopes will also be available on these dates.

Christmas Cards will be available from **27/28 November**

Volunteers Needed

Vincent's SVP shop on the Ormeau Rd is in desperate need of help. So if you are 18 or over (16 or 17 with parental consent) and could offer a few hours a week please contact Gerry the shop manager on 02890325885.

Voluntary work for a non-profit organisation is a great addition to any CV!

Safeguarding Sunday - Sunday 21st November 2021

This year, as Bishop of the Diocese, I have designated **Sunday 21st November** as '**Safeguarding Sunday**'. This is an opportunity for all the parishes to come together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of parish volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, we will renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of sexual abuse as well as children, young people, and adults in our parishes.

On Sunday 21 November at 3pm, I will lead a Prayer Service from **St Peter's Cathedral**. Everyone is welcome to join online with me and diocesan representatives of Safeguarding for this Prayer Service via Church Services TV. To join, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral webcam: <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>

+ Noel Treanor

Bishop of Down and Connor

Day for Life

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..."
Jeremiah 1:5

The Parish Pastoral Council have organised a **"Day for Life" in St Brigid's Church, beginning at the noon Mass on Saturday 4th December and ending at the noon Mass on Sunday 5th 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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Joseph, Saint John Paul II, Saint Maximilian Kolbe and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta intercede for us.

"The innocent victim of abortion, children who die of hunger or from bombings, immigrants who drown in the search for a better tomorrow, the elderly or the sick who are considered a burden, the victims of terrorism, wars, violence and drug trafficking, the environment devastated by man's predatory relationship with nature: At stake in all of this is the gift of God, of which we are noble stewards but not masters." **Pope Francis**

"...inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"

"abortion and euthanasia are crimes which no human law can claim to legitimise"
Saint John Paul II

According to World Health Organisation, **every year in the world there are an estimated 40-50 million abortions.** This corresponds to approximately **125,000 abortions per day.**

Wednesday 27th October 2021, 54th anniversary of the **1967 Abortion Act.** Since then **9,789,238 babies aborted in England, Wales and Scotland – in 2020 more than one baby lost to abortion every two and a half minutes.**

At the end of 2020, there were 82.4 million forcibly displaced people in the world, double the 2010 figure.

Among them are **26.4 million refugees** (cross national boundary), around half of whom are **under the age of 18.**

According to the latest report on forced labour by the International Labour Organisation, an estimated **40.3 million** victims are trapped in **modern-day slavery.**

Legal **abortions** in the **Republic of Ireland:** 15 in 2017, 32 in 2018, **6,666 in 2019, 6577 in 2020**

In **Northern Ireland, 1345 abortions** have taken place since **March 31, 2020.**

Bills which aim to **legalise assisted dying** have been introduced both in **Westminster and the Dail.**

