Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

21st November 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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First Reading: Reading from the Prophet Daniel Dn 7:13-14

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2

R/. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: Reading from the book of Apocalypse Apoc 1:5-8

By 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 king.

Anniversary List

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Thompson, Una Donaghy, Aileen McGeown, Judith Bergin, James and Agatha Smyth, Mary and Robert Copeland, Eileen Kelly, Teresa Curran, Margaret Montague, Maureen McKiernan, John McKiernan, Deirdre Kennedy, Joseph Shevlin, Vincent Jamison, Jim Hillan, Bee Sally, Jacqui Lunn

May they rest in peace

Bulletin Notices

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 7.30 pm – 8.00 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

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 14th November: £2744.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Annual Christmas Collection

Toy Voucher Collection

Further to our earlier notice and building on last year's success of giving toy vouchers to families, which them the opportunity to buy toys for their children. We would like to remind you, that in order to give families time to buy the toys we intend to **collect toy vouchers at Masses on 4/5 December.**

Vouchers will be distributed to families during week commencing 6 December.

Annual Collection

The annual Collection for St Vincent de Paul will be held on **Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th December 2021** after all masses.

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 on **4th and 5th December.**

You can also **donate** online through your bank to **SVP St Brigid's Conference**
DANSKE BANK Account No: **41024701** Sort Code: **950132**

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 from 27/28 November*

G.I.F.T. – Growing In Faith Together

A fun filled faith-based programme.

We are so delighted to be starting **GIFT 2** this evening (Sunday) in the **Parish Hall from 6.30pm to 8pm**. Everyone in Form 9 / 2nd year are welcome to join. If you have not yet registered but wish to join in the fun please download the consent form from the Parish website and bring it along with you. We ask that parents drop their children in person the first week in order to fill in any necessary paperwork.

We are looking forward to this group getting together as they sadly missed out on GIFT 1. Everyone welcome.

For more information contact Mary Carson 07718263019 / Mary-carson@hotmail.com

To download the Consent Form please click >HERE<

Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance – Confession.

Many parishes, during the pandemic, felt obliged to suspend "Confessions" because of the lack of facilities judged safe for both penitent and confessor. While we in St Brigid's have continued to have four periods of "Confessions" each week, nevertheless, there is an impression abroad in the parish that Confessions have been suspended in St Brigid's. We are aware that many parishioners are anxious about celebrating the sacrament, because of the time-lapse, and also because of anxieties concerning social distance. In St Brigid's we no longer use the traditional confession box, but have a confession room which meets coronavirus safety regulations. **To facilitate parishioners, particularly as we are preparing for Christmas, we will provide an opportunity for confession throughout the afternoon of Saturday, 4th December, 12.30 – 5.00pm.** This period coincides with the "Day for Life" and will be accompanied by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Rosary.

The St Brigids Parish Safeguarding Committee (PSC)

Safeguarding is and should always be a shared responsibility amongst us all.

The Parish Safeguarding Committee's primary role is in ensuring that our parish is a safe and welcoming place for children and adults at risk of harm and a place of encouragement and support for all those working with them. The PSC has a pivotal role in ensuring that statutory guidance is followed, and best practice in recruitment and vetting and training of parish volunteers. In St Brigid's PSC we are supported in promoting a culture of safeguarding by group leaders, volunteers, and parishioners and by the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee. The PSC, thanks you all for your continued support for the work that we do. The PSC can be contacted through the Parish Office - Father Edward O'Donnell Parish Priest, Sheila McGivern (Chair), Pauline Forker (Secretary) JP Irvine, Aine McKeating, Mary Murphy, Geraldine O'Hare.

AS ANOTHER CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, HUNGER AND POVERTY CONTINUE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES …

PLEASE HELP BY SUPPORTING THE PARISH THIRD WORLD GROUP

This year, again, we cannot hold the Advent Bread and Soup lunch in the Parish Hall.

We need to raise funds to support our beneficiaries in Africa, Asia and South America where the spread of Covid 19 has made the survival of the poor more difficult than ever.

You can donate by electronic transfer to Bank of Ireland - Account Number 68825172, Sort Code 90-22-07 (If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your donation, please insert your name, house number and post code in the Reference Box when making the payment.)

If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please phone or text Kevin on 07525634440.

If you would like to set up a new Standing Order or amend the amount of an existing one, you can do it directly online with your bank using our account details above or phone or text Kevin on 07525634440 to arrange this.

Religious **Christmas cards** and **Christmas Gift Cards*** are available.
We can deliver these to you. Please phone Kevin on 07525634440

**Proceeds from our Christmas Gift Cards will support the work of the Daughters of Charity providing food and a small income for poor families in Kenya - live chickens for eggs and seeds for planting vegetables.*

All of the money we receive goes directly to the beneficiaries we support. None of it is used for administrative expenses.

DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

VACANCY

PARISH CENTRE MANAGER [JOB SHARE – 2 POSTS]

St Brigid's Parish – St Brides Hall

The post is being advertised as a job share arrangement.

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

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 Brigids 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.

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Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal

The Catholic Chaplaincy, together with the Order of Malta at Queen's, is supporting this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal for Belfast Homeless Services. Every year, individuals and families experiencing homelessness face the festive season alone. QUB students want to reach out and offer concrete supports. We appeal to you to give a small gift offering some hope to those who are struggling.

We ask that you wrap a shoebox, including some or all of the times listed below, and anything else you think might be helpful:

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Soap
Shampoo
Body Wash
Sanitary products
Deodorant
Sweets
Chocolate
Gloves
Scarves
Hats

Boxes can be left securely at the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, before 10 December in time for distribution before Christmas. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile initiative!