



# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Second Sunday of Christmas

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021, Year B, Psalter Week 2

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### 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.

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**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus **Eccl: 24:1-2,8-12**

*From eternity, in the beginning, God created wisdom.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 147:12-15,19-20

*R/. The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians **Eph 1:3-6,15-18**

*Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to John **Jn 1:1-18**

*The Word was made flesh, and live among us*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Garry Mulholland, Margaret Hannon and Patrick Flynn recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angie Kelly, Denis and Pearl Moloney, Tony Doran, Patrick McGale, Sheila Gregory, Gertrude Lavery, John Mulholland, Sean O'Maolchallan, Moya Cushinan, Tom Murphy, Sean McClean

*May they rest in peace*

### PARISH OFFERINGS

**Weekly Collection 27<sup>th</sup> December:** £6340.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

## Coffee and Poems – on Zoom

The next Coffee and Poems on Zoom will be on **Wednesday 6th January at 10.30am** and everyone is welcome - please feel free to forward this invitation to any of your contacts.

It is an opportunity for some to read a favourite poem – or one of their own compositions – and for others to enjoy listening.

If you have already registered we will be contacting you with the zoom details by Monday 4th January 2021 - check your spam if you don't hear from us!

If you haven't yet registered but would like to come along (or would like some more information) please send an email to [coffeeandpoems1@gmail.com](mailto:coffeeandpoems1@gmail.com) and we will send you the details.

## Feast of the Epiphany Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Mass Times:** 9.30am and 12 Noon

## 2020 Statistics for St Brigid's

<b>61</b>	Baptisms
<b>57</b>	First Confessions ( <i>not completed due to restrictions</i> )
<b>120</b>	First Holy Communions
<b>108</b>	Confirmations
<b>8</b>	Marriages in St Brigid's
<b>10</b>	Prepared in St Brigid's but married in other parishes ( <i>Many marriages postponed due to pandemic</i> )
<b>52</b>	Deaths

## **CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH**

### Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines

The question of the use of vaccines, in general, is often at the center of controversy in the forum of public opinion. In recent months, this Congregation has received several requests for guidance regarding the use of vaccines against the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19, which, in the course of research and production, employed cell lines drawn from tissue obtained from two abortions that occurred in the last century. At the same time, diverse and sometimes conflicting pronouncements in the mass media by bishops, Catholic associations, and experts have raised questions about the morality of the use of these vaccines.

There is already an important pronouncement of the Pontifical Academy for Life on this issue, entitled "Moral reflections on vaccines prepared from cells derived from aborted human fetuses" (5 June 2005). Further, this Congregation expressed itself on the matter with the Instruction *Dignitas Personae* (September 8, 2008, cf. nn. 34 and 35). In 2017, the Pontifical Academy for Life returned to the topic with a Note. These documents already offer some general directive criteria.

Since the first vaccines against Covid-19 are already available for distribution and administration in various countries, this Congregation desires to offer some indications for clarification of this matter. We do not intend to judge the safety and efficacy of these vaccines, although ethically relevant and necessary, as this evaluation is the responsibility of biomedical researchers and drug agencies. Here, our objective is only to consider the moral aspects of the use of the vaccines against Covid-19 that have been developed from cell lines derived from tissues obtained from two fetuses that were not spontaneously aborted.

1. As the Instruction *Dignitas Personae* states, in cases where cells from aborted fetuses are employed to create cell lines for use in scientific research, "there exist differing degrees of responsibility" of cooperation in evil. For example, "in organizations where cell lines of illicit origin are being utilized, the responsibility of those who make the decision to use them is not the same as that of those who have no voice in such a decision".

**To read the full article – click [HERE](#)**