



St Patrick's Belfast

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**North Belfast Pastoral Community
(Holy Cross, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St.
Patrick's & St. Vincent de Paul)**

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 27 November 2022 First Sunday of Advent

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm. Sunday Morning 9am & 11am.

Sunday Evening 6pm Candlelit Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday 1pm

CONFESSION

Monday to Friday after 1pm Mass.

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Josephine Holmes,
Richard Montague.

Inurnment: Peggy Fitzsimons



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 6pm: Mary Moore 5th Anniversary, Seanie Burns 1st Anniversary, Peggy Fitzsimons Month's Mind.

Sunday 9am: Paul Christie 10th Anniversary.

Sunday 11am: Rosaleen Martin 3rd Anniversary, Ciaran Martin RIP Birthday Remembrance.

Sunday 6pm: Robert Morgan Month's Mind.

Tuesday 1pm: Francie and Brigid Arthurs RIP Birthday Remembrance

BAPTISMS IN ST PATRICKS

We welcomed to the Family of God this week.....

Hayley Bunting Fennell.

As a Parish we pray that the Lord protects her, strengthens her and helps her continue shining her light.

PARISH COLLECTION

The Weekly Parish Collection came to **£1396.00**. The Bishops Commission **£253.10**.

If you wish to donate directly via Bank Transfer the parish bank details are:

Account Name: St Patricks Parish Trust

Account Number: 27896310

Sort Code: 90-21-27 (please add an identifying name to your transaction) or you can contact the Parish Office for a Standing Order Form.

Next Sunday there will be a 2nd Collection for the Monthly Stipend.

Thank you for your continued support.

FEAST/MEMORIAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 30 November

St Andrew from Bethsaida was a disciple of John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom by crucifixion on this date. Patron of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

Saturday 3 December

St Francis Xavier, 1506-52, one of the first seven Jesuits, was sent to India by St Ignatius. He converted many in Goa and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the missions. His right arm – the arm with which he baptised tens of thousands of people – is preserved as a relic in the Jesuit Church of the Gesu in Rome.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THOSE WITH COELIAC

For those who suffer a coeliac condition a virtually gluten free host is available on request at the Sacristy before Mass.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PARISH WEBCAM

Live streaming of all Masses takes place in St Patrick's. To access the Parish Webcam, use the link www.churchservices.tv/stpatricksbelfast or download the Church Services TV App to your iPad or Smartphone.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Tuesday Evening 6-7pm
Saturday Morning 8-9am
St Patrick's Old School House (Rear entrance)

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

There will be a Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious who have died during the last three years. All Parishioners, Clergy and Religious throughout the Diocese are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together with Bishop Noel.

On: **Monday 28th November**

In: **St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) At: 7pm**

The Mass will also be broadcast online at: <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>

MASS OF HOPE FOR SUICIDE AWARENESS

Mass of Hope, in Clonard Monastery on **Sunday 27 November at 3pm**, for those who have lost loved ones through suicide.

"THE SCHOOLS WE KNEW SO WELL "

A history of the Christian Brothers and their schools from 1866 in Belfast. Copies can be obtained from **028 90 617116**.

ADVENT

Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time.



Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito."

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Heavenly Father, we anxiously await the coming of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We invite you into our homes and hearts, that during this period of purification and preparation, you fill us up with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Strengthened in you, we say, "Let it be done according to thy will. "

Amen.



