

## CHURCHES

St Brigid's Church  
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St John's Church  
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## MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

### Week Day Mass

Monday to Friday

7am

Saturday

9am

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil

6.00 pm

Sunday

8.30 am

### Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7.30am

Saturday

8.30am

Divine Mercy Prayer Wednesday

7.30am

Adoration with Benediction Thursdays

7-8pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation St Brigid's Church Saturday

5.15pm

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont  
2nd Sunday of each month

10.30am

**Next Mass at St John's Sunday 8th January 10.30am**



We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus. We also remember their families - may they be comforted and supported in their loss by this Community of Faith.



**We pray for the dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time :**

**Brett Jackson**

**We pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Christine De Barro, Maureen and Paul Hurney, Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Bev Boothby

**Our prayers are offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing homes.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God has been good to us. It is good to thank you all our Parishioners, for your faith and your support, which have kept the Church going despite all the attacks on her from within and without, seen and unseen. I just wish and pray for a flourishing Church, not only in faith but population wise as well. I think, we need more of 'catechnoscience', (i.e. a teaching system- a *catechesis*, that will talk about God-news as is relevant in this era of science and technology), especially in this our Computer Age in which scientific cum technological advancements, moving us at an increasingly exponential speed, have tried to solve most riddles of human existence which were in the past, the 'reserveds' of God. I keep asking myself, if all those riddles of life, for which people turn to God for answers, have been answered, is there still any need to turn to God? Do you think that God is still relevant in our age and in your life?

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS.

We thank all those who put up the Christmas tree, the children for their 'Angels', those in the music and liturgical ministries and all those who in one way or another contributed in making our Christmas the best.

May God bless you all.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017**

## CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY, 25th DECEMBER 2016

### FIRST READING *Is 52:7-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R.)
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the  
Horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

### SECOND READING *Heb 1:1-6*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come you nations and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the earth.  
Alleluia!

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.