



**PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY**



**PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE**

Parish Bulletin



**4th Sunday of
Lent**

Laetare Sunday

10th March 2024

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH Vigil 6.00pm & 11am

HOLY ROSARY PARISH 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues, Wed 9.30am

Holy Rosary Parish Thurs, Fri & Sat 10.00am

Confessions Saturday: 10.30 in Good Shepherd church and 5.15pm in St. Bernadette's church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Good Shepherd Church on Fridays after 10am Mass until 12.30pm.

PARISH WEBCAMS

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on "Holy Rosary Live".

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Geraldine Boyle, John O'Rawe, Patrick Peel, Sinead Cashman, Valerie Moore (nee McGarry), Mary McCormick, Jose Angel Martinez Orozco



ANNIVERSARIES:

Pat Forrestal, Nora McGrath, James Kearney (6pm), Maisie Cassidy (9am), Eileen Smyth (10.30am), Catherine Topping, Peter McQuade, John Mullan, Lillian Boyle, Nora Connolly, Briege Wilson

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07385591055

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07818090323

ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES



Weekly Collection £1176.77

The Monthly Collection £1428.54

Standing Orders for February £1819.67

Paypal donations £52.89

Once again thank you for your continued generosity toward all the collections taken up in our parish.



Three Options for Morning Prayer For Lent:

- 7.30am Mon- Fri in the Good Shepherd Church
- 9.20am Mon, Tues & Wed in St Bernadette's Church (before Morning Mass)
- 9.45am Thurs, Fri & Sat in Good Shepherd Church (before morning Mass)

Please join us for Morning Prayer for Lent reading of Psalms and Scripture each day.

Lunchtime Liturgies for Lent in St John's

Newtownbreda Church. During Lent, we will be holding a short reflective service **each Wednesday in the Church from 1-1.20pm.**

We will follow a simple liturgy to help us to be still and listen for God in prayer.



New boxes of envelopes will be available for collection in the corridor outside the sacristy from next weekend. Parishioners who wish to start contributing to the parish either by Standing Order or envelopes are asked to either email the parish – stbernadettes@downandconnor.org or leave their name, address and email address in the sacristy and Philomena will be in contact with you.

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The Legion of Mary presents **Matt Fradd**, an American-based Catholic speaker who hosts the well-known podcast "Pints with Aquinas". He will give 2 talks on Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm in Titanic Hotel Belfast. Tickets can be purchased at universe.com/MattFraddBelfast



PRAYERS FOR PEACE 2

Lenten Prayer Around the Cross for Peace

The world is troubled with many countries in conflict and at war. Many innocent people have been killed with many more suffering and displaced. At times like this we can all feel helpless in the face of such human suffering. We may not be able to offer much practical help, but we can turn to God and offer our prayers for those suffering and in despair.

A service of **Lenten Prayer Around the Cross for Peace**, led by St. Bernadette's Parish Pastoral Council, will be held in St Bernadette's Church on **Tuesday 19th March at 7:30pm**. This short prayer service is an opportunity to come together in song and pray for peace in our world, our community, our families and in our hearts. Lent offers us the opportunity to reflect on the suffering around us and invites us to come together as a community in prayer and show our support for those throughout the world in need of our prayers. All are welcome.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for the month of March: "FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST"

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Trocaire and Laudato Si' Movement

Caring for Our Common Home – An Inter-Church Initiative: Join us through Lent to explore what is happening in our world, to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, and to explore our local response.

Venue: The Conference Centre, 18b Newforge Lane Belfast.

Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm

12th March – An Integral Ecology

19th March – Action and Commitment

Prayer for Mothers

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honour mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. Amen

COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL: Fr Pat Colgan will be doing a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries at some of our weekend Masses on 9th/10th March 2024. Apart from thanking parishioners for past support, and describing the work the Columbans presently do, he will be encouraging new subscriptions for the Far East magazine (by writing one's details on an envelope which will be provided), or to use the envelope to give a donation either immediately, or by bringing back the sealed envelope (with donation, or subscription inside) the following Sunday and putting it in the collection box. The Columbans will pick up these envelopes from the parish soon afterwards. If you prefer to subscribe or donate digitally, you can do so at www.columbans.ie. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, we encourage you to do this online at www.columbans.co.uk. Thank you for your generosity.



ST BERNADETTE'S SVP

The SVP conference wish to express our gratitude to those who donated to the conference online fundraiser at Christmas. The amount raised was a very generous £1,283. We are deeply grateful to our parish community for your ongoing support in enabling us to continue our work."

St Bernadette's Retirement Association Coffee Morning and Annual General Meeting.

Our next monthly coffee morning and AGM will take place on Wednesday 20th March 2024 in St Bernadette's Parish Centre Coffee Lounge, after 9:30 Mass. New members are **very** welcome to come along and join. It will provide an opportunity to meet other members and make new friends. New members for the committee are needed and volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

You're also very welcome to join us for our weekly walk - we meet at 10:15 in St Bernadette's church carpark every Thursday morning.



The Children's Liturgy at St. Bernadettes
Dates: 24th Mar; 7th & 21st Apr; 5th & 19th May; 2nd & 16th June.



Rosario Youth Club: St Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday 17th March from 1.30pm-4.30pm. Adm: £3/£10 per family of 4 or more.

Proceeds towards YC Training & Programme Costs



Holy Rosary Parish Centre:
The next Bingo Dates for your diary
24th March; 21st April; 19th May.



Sunday 10 March 2024
John 3:14-21
4th Sunday of Lent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

What did he
do about it?

God loved the world so much
that he sent his Son, _____, to
bring light and love
into the dark world.



I will bring light and
love into the world this
week when I...



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me
so much. Thank you for showing
me the way to live. Help me to
follow your example and be even
more loving to the people I meet
every day. Amen.

God sent his Son Jesus to live with us in our world so that we can see
and feel just how much God loves us. Jesus is the light that shines to
show us the way to be good.

Light

Can you find all these sources of light in the word search?

	C	A	N	D	L	E	
CANDLE	L	A	M	P	B	T	FIRE
TORCH	G	S	X	F	U	O	SUN
LASER	O	O	N	I	L	R	BULB
LAMP	D	N	U	R	B	C	GOD
	L	A	S	E	R	H	SON

God loves the whole world!

God loves everyone

Jesus came into the
world so that everyone
could learn to love God
and each other. Colour
in Jesus. Help these
people from all over the
world find their
way to Jesus.



Jesus is the light of the world

Fill in the letters to find out some ways light is
important. Draw a line to link the pictures to the right
sentence.

We need light to _ e _ (se) in the d _ _ _ (rka).

Plants need light to g _ o _ (wr).

Light can bring us h _ _ t (ae) to stay warm.



Answers: God ... sent his Son Jesus. Ways light is important: see, dark, grow, heat.