

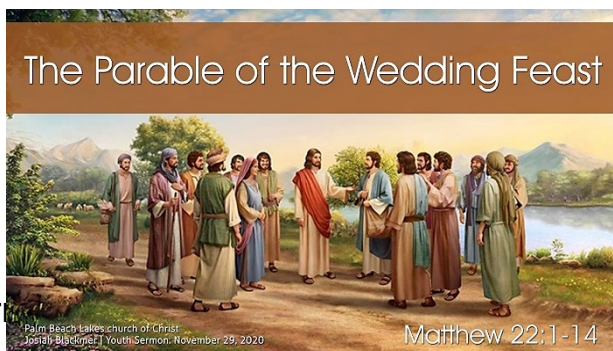
# Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF  
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF  
ST BERNADETTE



28<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of Ordinary  
Time

15<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Weekdays 1 Psalter Week.

## 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

### PARISH WEBCAMS

Visit [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

[www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net](http://www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net) for Holy Rosary Parish and click on "Holy Rosary Live"

## OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED



### Recently Deceased:

Teresa Kennedy, Emma Murphy, John Hinds, Jim Anderson,

### Anniversaries:

Eddie Galway (6pm), Mary McCaffrey, Kieran Coney, Margaret Owens (10.30am), Kieran McMacken, Margaret Crawford, Eoin Byrne, Gerald Kelly John O'Prey

**St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group** ☎. 07385591055

**Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group** ☎. 078180903231

Holy Rosary Parish Office has moved to the Parish Centre (beside the front steps of the church).

Hours are from 10.30am-4.30pm (028 90642446 Option 2).

**Please note we have reverted to the old number above.**

The email address and phone number remain the same

[holyrosary@downandconnor.org](mailto:holyrosary@downandconnor.org)

All notices for insertion in the parish bulletin (including names for the anniversary list) must be in by Wednesday of each week.

## ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES



**Weekly Collection:**

**£1304.40**

Your ongoing financial support, to all the collections taken up in our parish, is greatly appreciated.

## ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH CONTACTS

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## ST BERNADETTE'S SVP

Many thanks to parishioners for your continued support and generosity.

Without your help our work would not be possible in these challenging times.

Donations can be made online at [www.svp-ni.co.uk](http://www.svp-ni.co.uk) or telephone 02890750161.

Week 1. 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Matthew 22:1-14 – Parable of the Wedding Feast

*"Go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding."*

**PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE**

Like the king in today's Gospel, God sends us out as his servants to the towns and the crossroads of our daily lives to invite guests to His wedding feast. We share His invitation to join Him in our communities, our workplaces, our schools, and wherever we meet and engage with others. Through the witness of our lives, our faith, and our love, we draw and attract others to the banquet feast and to a personal relationship with God and with Christ, His son.

A few months ago, every Parish counted the number of people attending Mass as part of a Diocesan Census. It recorded that almost 37,000 people gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist and be in the presence of Christ in the parishes across our Diocese. We should be thankful for that, but we want more people to join us and to experience the love of Christ.

Each one of us has a part to play in building the Church of today and tomorrow in Down and Connor. We are God's church. May we work with our clergy and with each other to make our faith communities vibrant, welcoming, and joyful. Through the invitation of the witness of our lives, may we attract others to join us each weekend as we gather in the presence of Christ to celebrate Mass and clothe ourselves in His love and mercy for the week ahead.

"See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us" Isaiah 25:9

**Prayer of the Faithful**

That the Holy Spirit may continue to guide and inspire us as we renew and rebuild God's Church in Down and Connor.

That the Holy Spirit will guide the Holy Father in the choice of a new Bishop of the Diocese to shepherd and pastor us in the pilgrimage of faith and hope.

That the Holy Spirit may inspire parishes to work together to build vibrant, welcoming, joyful communities of faith that draw and attract people to a personal relationship with Christ.

That we, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the witness of our daily lives, invite others to God's rich banquet and wedding feast.

**Pathways to the Future Prayer**

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

**Saints during the Week**

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Gall
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Luke
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ss John de Brébeuf. and J Isaac Johues & Companions



**Missionary Visit:** We Welcome Fr Brendan Carr C.C.Sp to St. Bernadette's Parish this weekend. Spiritan Missionaries are engaged in actively Walking with the Poor. One such example is Fr Brendan Foley, originally from Co. Roscommon, who is currently engaged in a number of life-improving projects in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where poverty rates are double those in Ireland.

Fr Brendan and his team distribute thousands of essential monthly food parcels within the parish boundaries, which has a population of over 125,000 and a new land occupation comprising shanty town slum-dwellings with a population of nearly 5,000. In addition, the Pastoral Healthcare Project for Children provides care to infants between 0-5 years. In Fr Brendan's parish, every day they face the realities of extreme poverty, oppression, violence, and the on-going suffering of the most vulnerable. With your help, Fr Brendan's work in **Walking with the Poor** can continue and we thank you most sincerely for the ways in which you are walking this journey with these communities.

**St Bernadette's: Pastoral Council Membership Nomination Forms.**

Please return completed forms to the sacristy as soon as possible. PPC Annual Reports with Nomination forms are also still available at the back of the church. Thank you.

**St Bernadette's Retirement Association Coffee**

**Morning:** Next coffee morning will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct after 9:30 Mass. Old and new members are most welcome, so come along and meet old friends and make new ones. You're also welcome to join us for our weekly walk, we meet at 10:15 in St Bernadette's church carpark every Thursday.

**The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland**

wishes to appoint a Chief Executive Officer. Salary €90-100k, commensurate with the candidate's skills and experience. For full job description, and further information – please ask for an applicant pack through [admin@safeguarding.ie](mailto:admin@safeguarding.ie) The successful candidate will be located in the offices of the National Board for Safeguarding Children, New House, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare. To apply, please submit your CV and Cover Letter (maximum one page), outlining how your motivation, experience and skills fit the role for the attention of the Chairperson of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church via e-mail to [admin@safeguarding.ie](mailto:admin@safeguarding.ie) **Closing date for receipt of applications: 4.00 pm on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.**



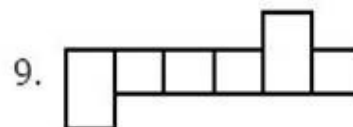
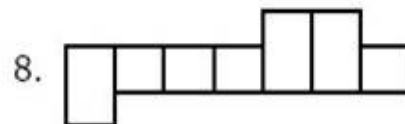
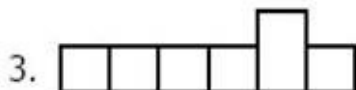
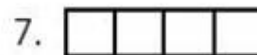
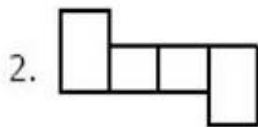
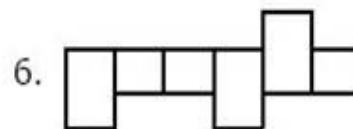
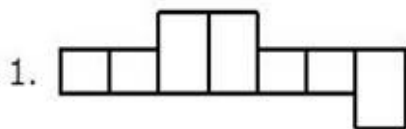
## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Parable of the Wedding Banquet"

### The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



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parable

servants  
dinner

invite  
wedding

king  
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guests  
streets

