



Parishes of Holy Rosary and St. Bernadette



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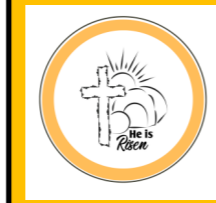
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday

19th April 2026

Readings: A (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 3



St Bernadette's:

19th April, 3rd & 17th & 31st May, 14th during the 11.00am Mass.

Holy Rosary Parish:

12th & 26 April, 10th & 24th May, 7th & 21st June,
during the 10.30am Mass.

There will be no children's liturgy in St Bernadette's on 28th June.

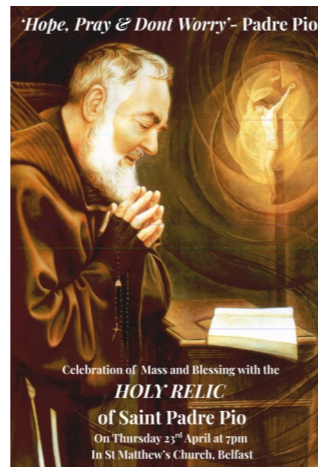
The Medical Missionaries of Mary

Have been invited to visit us in Down and Connor this year and will be with us here in Holy Rosary Presbytery on the weekend of **18th & 19th April 2026**. They will speak of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need. Our parish and our diocese has supported MMM generously in the past, both in finance and in prayer, and MMM wishes to express gratitude for that support and to emphasise that we here at home are the body of mission, and those who are sent to far away places are the hands and the feet. When they speak to us and share their story they serve as a connection between us and those whom they serve.

MAY CRAFT FAIR

To be held on Sunday 10th May from 9.30am to 2.00pm in Holy Rosary Parish Centre. Would you be interested in booking a stall at this fair? Price is £25 per table. To date we have 9 tables for the day. Please email holynosaryfair@gmail.com to book your table. Please let us know what you will be selling on the day, as we would like to ensure we have a wide range of stalls. Confirmation of your booking will be sent by email.

Precious Life -Invites young people to a Pro-Life Apologetics Day on Saturday, 25 April from 2-4pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. This session will help equip youth to respond confidently and compassionately to pro-life questions. Free pizza will be provided afterwards. For more info, contact 07956 451655



Celebration of Mass and Blessing with the Holy Relic Of Saint Padre Pio

Thursday 23rd April at 7pm In St Matthew's Church, Belfast .

Earth Day Conference – All Welcome

This Earth Day (22nd April), Queen's University Belfast and Join the Dots Together will host:

An Economy of Enough in a Time of Crisis and Opportunity

"Raising Hope" attended by Pope Leo in Rome last November. Contact: 0790792960

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING:	Holy Rosary:	£1690.00
MONTHLY OFFERING:	Holy Rosary:	£1856.00
WEEKLY OFFERING:	St. Bernadette's:	£1134.05
MONTHLY OFFERING:	St. Bernadette's:	£1294.32

Thanks for your continued generosity and support.

The Building Fund Collection will be taken up this week in Holy Rosary after Communion. Collection offerings can be made by standing order or the Dona machines in the church porch.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2026

Trocaire Boxes can be returned to the church during Mass time/, or left in Holy Rosary Parish. It would be appreciated if you could change coins into notes before handing in your box/envelope. Cheques should be made out to either Holy Rosary Parish or St. Bernadette's Parish Please do not leave boxes when the church is unattended.

Bingo

Bingo will be held 19th April at 7pm in the parish hall.

St Bernadette's Retirement Group

Our next coffee morning will be Wednesday 20th May. 2026/27 registration is now required. £5:00. New members are welcome. Lyric Theatre, Tuesday 26th May @ 7:30 'Tea in a China Cup'. £13 Please pay by Sunday 19th April. Members only. Contact Patricia 07711887537 please. Walking group meet every Thursday @ 10:15 in St Bernadette's Car Park. New members are welcome. Free tour of Dundonald Nursery on Tuesday 9th June @ 11am. Please let us know if you'd like to attend at our May coffee morning or contact one of our committee members.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH VACANCY "HOUSEKEEPER"

Part time Housekeeper within St Matthew's Parish, Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org>

Closing date: 12.00 noon on Monday 27 April 2026

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased:

Eithne MacShannon
Deirdre Miskelly
Pat Watson
Hugh Mc Dowell
John Paul Curry
Tommy Mooney
Margaret Finnegan

Anniversaries:

Patrick Lavery & Eleanor Flanagan (9am)
Sheila Wright (10.30am)&(11am)
John & Eileen Stewart (12.30pm)
Francis McGlade, Molly McLarnon,
Mary Gogarty

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

God our Father,
at the very beginning of your Church
your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles
to continue the work he had begun.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
they continued to bring the Good News
of your love to our world.
Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts
of those you are calling to serve as priests
for your people in our diocese.
Fill them with your gifts of wisdom,
understanding, piety and knowledge
as they discern your will.
Give them the gifts of right judgement
and courage in following their call.
Through the outpouring of your grace
may many come to the joy of knowing
and responding to the invitation of Jesus to
"Come, Follow Me!"
Amen

An Evening with Dr Yousef Aljamal

Monday 20 April at 7.00pm,
Belfast Jesuit Centre

Attendance is available in person or on Zoom.
To register for either option, visit:

<https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/an-evening-with-dr-yousef-aljamal/>

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

*"The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few,
so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers
into his harvest."*

A NINE-DAY JOURNEY OF PRAYER

Join us in prayer online or in your parish as we prepare for
Good Shepherd Sunday, asking the Lord to bless our diocese
vocations to the priesthood.

18th - 26th April

Instagram: downandconnor_vocations
Facebook: Down & Connor - Vocations

An Evening With DR YOUSEF ALJAMAL

The BIC with Christians 4 Palestine is pleased to
welcome Gazan Palestinian writer and academic
Dr Yousef M. Aljamal - editor of *If I Must Die*, the
recently published collection of poetry and prose
by his close friend, Belfast Alameer. Dr Aljamal will
reflect on Rafat's life, witness, and words, as well
as his own experience of working as coordinator
of the Palestine Activism Program with American
Friends Service Committee, a Quaker
organisation dedicated to peacebuilding and
human rights.

We will also share updates on our developing
"twinning" links between Belfast parishes and
Christian communities in Palestine.

MONDAY 20TH APRIL AT 7.00PM

Belfast Jesuit Centre

Join us in person or on Zoom

In-person



Scan the appropriate
QR code to register



Zoom

