



Parish of St. Bernadette



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Mass Times Sunday

10a.m. with the Adult Choir.
 12p.m. Children's Liturgy for P2 - P5.

Weekdays

9.30a.m. except on Tuesday.

Tuesday

7.30p.m. (with Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

Saturday

6.00p.m. Vigil Mass with the Folk Choir every second Week.

Holy Days of Obligation

10a.m.
 Other Mass times may vary and will be published in the Parish Bulletin and on the church notice boards, and Parish website.

Confessions Saturday

6.45p.m. after the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday from 8a.m. to 7.15p.m.

Baptisms

On the first Sunday of each month. By appointment only four weeks in advance.

Notices for the Parish Bulletin should be sent by *e-mail only* to: info@stbernadettesparish.org

First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7) This is the classic account of the fall from grace of Adam and Eve. I recall a tour-guide standing before a full-length picture of the incident, pointing to the apple and the serpent and commenting that it was a pity our first parents were not Chinese, as then they would have eaten the serpent and not the apple. We tend to joke about the Fall but it highlights and makes us aware of our moral frailty.

Second Reading (Romans 5:12-19) Internal evidence would indicate that St Paul was somewhat forbidding and censorious. He was certainly outspoken when condemning sin and sinners. But it is clear here he was equally forthright when emphasising the redemptive effect of the life and death of Christ. What we learn from St Paul is to strive always to be fair and balanced in our comments and judgments on others.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 4:1-11) At his Baptism, Our Lord received into his soul the fullness of the Holy Spirit and immediately after the Baptism he was moved by the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit to retire into the desert for a period of forty days during which he fasted and was tempted by the devil. The temptations are not to be understood simply as temptations to sensuality, vanity and ambition. They seem to be concerned more with aspects of Our Lord's messianic mission. In the temptations we see the first formal clash between the 'Prince of this World' and the genuine Messiah, between the wholly material messianism of Judaism and the kingdom of justice and holiness which Christ has been sent to establish.



Reflection

The traditional penitential practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So, of course, anything that you "give up for Lent" fits into the category of a fast. Fast from chocolate, if you want. Fast from swearing or alcohol. Fast from anything you want. But remember that its absence from the next 40 days of your life is a penance, an expression of your love of God, and of your need to be more focused on God than on yourself. So, too, when we add a new discipline of prayer ...we direct our focus more to God and away from self than before. Almsgiving puts our focus upon our neighbor in need, and so also brings us to discover God in "the least of these." May the penances we do this Lent help us to grow in love for God and for neighbour, and bear fruit in our lives, in the life of the Church, and the life of the world. **Dana Dillon.**



Tridentine Mass

From the **First Sunday of Lent, 5th March**, there will be a **weekly Mass** in the **Extraordinary Form** at **4p.m.** in **St Therese of Lisieux Church, Somerton Road.**

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Logue R.I.P.**, of Wynchurch Terrace, whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

Anniversaries

Patrick McCafferty, Brian Coney, James Speight, James Patrick McArdle, Mark Corr, Edwin Gray, Bernard McNally, Susan Connolly, Moya McEvoy, Maureen Campbell, Agnes Elizabeth Boyle, Ena O'Hanlon, Isobel McGurran, Rosaleen Tierney.

James Gallen, Jackie Polley, John Connolly, James McCartney, Susan Gallagher, Elizabeth McNeill, James Heaney, Patrick Joseph Ryan, John McParland.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Confirmation



Warmest congratulations and best wishes to the children of **St. Bernard's P.S.**, **Loughview P.S.**, and **St. Joseph's College** who were conferred with the **Sacrament of Confirmation** by **Bishop Noel Treanor** on Thursday. A word of thanks to those who helped prepare the church for this great Parish celebration: the members of the **Church Cleaning Teams**, the members of the **P.T.A.**, parents, and friends who provided the food and refreshments for the children and their families in the Parish Centre. We also thank the P7 teachers who prepared the children so well, and the musicians who enhanced the liturgy.

Reflections on the **daily Mass readings** during **Lent** are available at the back of the church. It only takes a few moments to read them each day and anything which helps to direct our minds to a spiritual preparation for Easter is more than worthwhile.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,915**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The monthly collection for the **Support of the Priests** will take place this weekend.

Team 4 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Thursday 2nd. March - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Wednesday 8th. March - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. The **Annual General Meeting** of the Association will take place immediately after the Coffee Morning. The Financial Statement for the year and a review of the past year's activities will be presented. Attendees will also elect a new management committee. *All current members are urged to be in attendance.*

Tuesday 14th. - Thursday 16th. March - Our annual trip to **Malahide**. Cost €190 p.p.s bed & breakfast basis for two nights (including dinner on the Tuesday). Single room occupancy €270. If you wish to go, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 *before Tuesday, 7th.*

Friday 31st. March or Saturday 1st. April - "The Matchmaker" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. by **John B. Keane**. The performances commence at 7.45p.m. on **Friday** at a cost of £22 or **Saturday** at 2.30p.m. at a cost of £15. All those wishing to attend should contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 *before 23rd March.*



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9040 1169 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday 6th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday 7th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.
8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

Wednesday 8th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Class.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga Class.
8p.m. Taekwondo.
8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

Thursday 9th..

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 10th.

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday 11th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.
1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club weekdays for P1 - P7 children.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **March** - **Maura Presley**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 12th. March - Group 6
Michelle Marken, Fiona Kearney,
Elizabeth Quinn.

500 Club



Week 24: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Dolores Whitaker & James Anderson.**
Each winner receives £50.

The **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** is under way. Do you have a **Trócaire Box**? If not, please take a box home with you, fill it, and return it at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Where does your money go? Last year, 2.4 million people directly benefited from our overseas programmes largely funded by you.



Adoration Convent



First Communion and Confirmation gifts are available in our new convent shop. We also carry a lovely range of rosaries, prayer cards, and Catholic books. **Adoration Convent, 63 Falls Road.** Open **Monday to Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m.** (except 1-2p.m.).

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for their freedom from addiction? Take the short term **Lenten Pledge** and make a difference to someone's life. register your pledge with the **Diocesan Pioneer Office** Tel. 9089 4070. Please give your name, address and telephone number. Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."

What's On!



March 6th. A **Friendship Evening** will be held in **Cregagh Presbyterian Church** at 7.30p.m. The ladies of **St. Bernadette's Parish** are most welcome to attend.

March 10th. A pilgrim statue of **Our Lady of Fatima**, blessed by Pope Francis will visit **Holy Rosary Church** from 9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m and **St. Malachy's Church** from 12.30p.m. - 1.30p.m.

March 10th. **Fr. John Murray's Book Launch "Saints for the Journey"** will take place in **St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick**. There will be a celebration of Mass with **Bishop Anthony Farquhar** at 7.30p.m. followed by the Book Launch at 8.15p.m. with refreshments served in the Presbytery.

March 17th. The 12p.m. Mass in **Good Shepherd Church** will be celebrated as **Gaeilge**. Irish language missalettes will be provided. **Fáilte roimh chach.**

March 31st. **St. Malachy's Fundraising Event** with **Hugo Duncan & Country Harmony in Concert** in **St. Malachy's Parochial Hall** from 8p.m. to 11p.m. Adm. £7 at the door. Everyone welcome!