



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.

Monday 9.30a.m.

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

Wednesday 9.30a.m.

Thursday 9.30a.m.

Friday - No Mass.

Drumbo 9.30a.m.
Good Shepherd Church 10a.m.

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

Holy Days of Obligation 10a.m.

Confessions Saturday 6.45p.m. after the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday from 9a.m. to 7.15p.m.

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

All Masses are streamed live online via the Parish website: www.stbernadettesparish.org

First Reading (Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4) 'How long, Lord....?' These words are scattered throughout Scripture, as a recurrent protest against God's apparent slowness to act. Pending God's action on behalf of his people, our task is to live an upright, faithful life.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:6-6.13-14) Not timidity, less still shame or embarrassment, but a flaming courageous witness to the truths of our faith. That is the wonderful challenge this reading lays down for us.

Gospel (Luke 17:5-19) 'We are merely servants.' This is no put-down, for it is a wonderful thing to serve God, to spend ourselves in the service of all that is good. May we be grateful not only for what the Lord gives us, but for all he asks of us. ©Intercom



Reflection

Today's readings are highly relevant to our own lives today. On the one hand, we live in a world where thousands suffer appallingly in the struggle for truth, freedom and dignity. What support do we give? On the other hand, we live in a world of ever-increasing material indulgence becoming available to more and more people. The dream of being part of this can close our minds and hearts to the cry of the poor, distressed and marginalised. The affluent society becomes both a trap and an escape. ©1999- 2019 Living Space



Day For Life

This Sunday we celebrate the "Day for Life" and focus on the theme: 'The Scourge of Domestic Abuse'. One in four women and about one in six men suffers from domestic abuse in their lifetime. Almost nine out of every ten women murdered in Ireland are killed by a man known to them. This fatal violence is at the most severe end of the spectrum of domestic abuse.

It is a day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. We are drawn to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need. We pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those who are concerned about their pregnancy, and for victims of domestic abuse. To find out more about what you can do, visit: www.dayforlife.org or www.catholicbishops.ie

If you would like to book Anniversary Masses, Baptisms, Marriages etc., please call into the Sacristy or Tel. 9079 3023 Option 2 or send an e-mail to the following address:

info@stbernadettesparish.org

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Dora Noone, Kieran Coney, Eamon Lyttle, Bridie Burns.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved over the last few years. To speak to someone in confidence Tel. 077 3377 3758.

The Rosary



October is traditionally a special time of devotion to Our Lady. Mary is our merciful advocate with her divine Son. She will always plead our cause. The custom of saying the rosary is a powerful way to pray for our special intentions and can gain many graces for us. Why not revive the custom of praying the rosary with our families, or at least say a decade or two during this special month?

Extraordinary Mission Month



The month of October 2019 has been declared an **Extraordinary Mission Month** by Pope Francis. The theme is "Baptised And Sent". We are asked to embrace the vision of a Missionary Church. Three major events will take place in the Diocese:

Missionary Young People & Children's

Friday 11th. October from 4.30pm at **Braid Parish** to include climbing Slemish, Prayer Service & BBQ

A Conference and Celebration of D&C Missionaries Abroad & at Home

Saturday 19th. October from 9.30am - 4.30pm in **St. Mary's University College**.

Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission
Sunday 20th. October at 3pm in **St. Patrick's Church, Lisburn**.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,724**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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



Retirement Association

Wednesday 9th. October - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. Everyone is welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

Thursday 10th. October - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Wednesday 23rd. October - "Playboy of the Western World" by J.M.Synge at the Lyric at 7.30p.m. Adm. £12. Please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible to book your seat!

Friday 25th. October - Monthly Lunch in Castlereagh Hills Golf Club at 1pm. Two courses £16. Booking is essential, please contact Mary Tel. 9070 1112 or Geraldine Tel. 9070 1027 before 16th. October.

Proposed introduction of legislation by Westminster allowing for unregulated abortion in N.I.

The Northern Bishops request your support for the online petition by **Baroness Nuala O'Loan** calling on the Secretary of State and Members of the N.I. Assembly to take action to prevent the introduction of unregulated abortion to the North by Westminster on 21st. October. The petition can be found online at **Change.org** (search for Nuala O'Loan).



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday

7p.m. Art Class.

Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.
7p.m. Youth Club at 7p.m. - 8.15p.m. for Juniors and 8.30p.m. - 10p.m. for Seniors. Registered members only!

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1.30p.m. Junior Badminton. New members aged 8 - 18 welcome!

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From Monday - Friday for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Call Sinead Tel. 07816 779910.

Ministers of the Eucharist



October - Group 4.

Team Leader - Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 13th. October.

Group 9.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for Week 3: **Declan McSorley & Mary Mellon**. Each receives £50.

The new cycle is up and running, thank you to all promoters and subscribers. All annual subscriptions are now due. Cheques payable to **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**, place in a plain envelope with your name and **500 Club** on the outside and put into the collection basket. New members can leave their name, address and telephone number in the Sacristy. Please give us your support!

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to anyone in need. We can provide direct financial assistance and essential items such as food, fuel, and household items. Do you need our help? Tel. **9035 1561**.

Latest News



St. Bernadette's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host a **Quiz Night** in the Pavillion Bar, Ormeau Road to help raise much-needed funds on **Thursday 10th. October** at 8pm. The tickets are £5 each. If you would like a ticket and/or donate a prize, please contact **Nigel** Tel. **077642 77651**.

Apostolic Workers



Our **Annual Church Door Collection** will take place after all Masses next weekend. Donation envelopes & Gift Aid forms are available from our members after Masses this weekend. Please take an envelope, give whatever you can afford, and sign the Gift Aid form. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, or left in the Sacristy. Your donation can make such a big difference to the missionary priests, religious, and lay workers who are helping the poor and deprived in the Third World. Help us to help the Missions!

Down and Connor Apostolic Work will celebrate **Mission Sunday 20th. October** in **St. Patrick's Church, Lisburn** at **2.30pm**. Bishop Noel Treanor will be main celebrant assisted by visiting missionary priests. All Apostolic members, associate members and friends will be most welcome!

What's On!



October 6th. Annual Legion of Mary Rosary Procession leaving **St. John's Church, Falls Road** at 3pm. and processing to **St. Michael the Archangel Church, Finaghy Road North**.

October 9th. To mark the forthcoming canonisation of **John Henry Newman**, the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's invites you to an evening of celebration on his feast day. Mass will be celebrated in the **Chaplaincy** at **7pm** and will be followed by a talk "**Newman's Idea of a University**" by Dr Andrew Meszaros, Maynooth.