



# 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Exodus 33:7-9)** It is generally assumed that Ezekiel was sent from Judah to Babylon with the first deportation of exiles in 597 BCE. From the banks of a river in a strange land he delivers the message given him by God. This means speaking harsh words of warning to the rebellious exiles from Israel. Ezekiel's task resembles that of sentinel or watchman who sees danger before it is at the gate and issues appropriate warning. This demands extraordinary courage.

**Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10)** This short passage from the letter of St Paul to the Romans stresses the importance of responsible civic behaviour. In a word, this means keeping the commandments, which in turn means loving one's neighbour as oneself. Love is the one thing that matters.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:15-20)** Today's gospel is part of Matthew's lengthy discourse on life in the Christian community. It contains practical guidelines on actions to avoid the actions to be taken. Among the latter is the duty of brotherly (and sisterly) correction (vv. 15-18). This is to be done in a spirit of love and concern for the welfare of the other. If it is not well received, as may be the case, responsibility will rest with the recipient and not with the giver. Communal prayer is powerful (vv. 19-20) and the whole community has a role in 'binding and loosing' (v.18). © Intercom



## Golden Jubilee

The 50th. Anniversary of the opening of St. Bernadette's Church takes place in October. On **Sunday 29th. October** at **3p.m.**, Bishop Anthony Farquhar will preside at a special Mass of Celebration. All Parishioners, former Parishioners, and friends will be most welcome. Our Parish choirs will combine accompany the liturgy. It is hoped that some of the priests who worked here over the years will also be present. Work is well under way to produce a commemorative booklet for this great occasion. Please make a note in your diary to attend!

Do you have an original copy of the booklet for the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church in 1967? If you do, please contact Michael in the Sacristy.



## Eucharistic Adoration

*"Praise God in difficult moments. Seek God in quiet moments."* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New adorers are needed to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended throughout the day. Drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the strain of daily life, and simply say a prayer? Or just sit in the presence of the Lord? Pray for those who need of your prayers at this time in their lives.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Agnes O'Hare R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Newcastle on Tuesday, and for **Rosaleen McGarrigle R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Dundalk on Thursday.

## Anniversaries

Paddy McCafferty, Mary Forde, Patricia Aherne, Alphonsus McClean, Sarah T. Murray, Claire O'Kane, Joseph Smith, Frank Grego.

James Speight, Brenda Oliver, Charlie Murtagh, Alice McGrath, James Bredin, Mary Shepherd, Colette Gormley.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC met again on Wednesday 6th following the summer break. This is an exciting period in St. Bernadette's as we prepare for the forthcoming **50th Anniversary Mass** next month. Preparations are well in hand and members will assist wherever possible. A huge focus for the Council this session will be the preparations for the **World Meeting of Families** in Dublin next August and it is hoped to participate in some way as a parish in this great event. During the summer, a number of Faith Development resources were evaluated as a possible theme for our annual Lenten Programme and a report on these was provided for members. Discussions will continue at the next meeting. A number of members plan to attend the annual Faith and Life Convention will take place on Saturday 30th September in Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,672**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

**Team 2** will help with the collection this week.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by using **Parish Offertory Envelopes**. Just leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy after Mass.



## Retirement Association

**Tuesday 12th. September** - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m.

**Wednesday 13th. September** - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. Everyone is welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

**Thursday 14th. September** - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

**Friday 15th. September** - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

**Wednesday 20th. September** - Visit to the historic Kilmainham Gaol. For more information & to book please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371



## Faith & Life Convention

The **Diocesan Faith and Life Convention** will take place on **Saturday 30th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. **Cardinal Kevin Farrell**, Prefect of the newly-created Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, will be the keynote speaker. In the afternoon participants have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty seven. Further information and registration details can be found in the church porches or register online at: [www.faithandlifeconvention.org](http://www.faithandlifeconvention.org)



## 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

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

8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class starts for 7 weeks. Cost £39pp. Contact **Maebh** Tel. 077 1383 2995. Email [meabhkelly\\_yoga@hotmail.com](mailto:meabhkelly_yoga@hotmail.com).

### Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

### Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

### Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

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

## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **September** - **Jim McGettrick**.

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 17th. September** - Group 11  
**Robert Madine, Faustina Graham,**  
**Roseanne Hanna, Maura Presley.**

## 500 Club



**Week 51:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Brenda Crilly & Declan McSorley.**

Each winner receives £50.

Try your luck at winning some cash! The new cycle of the **500 Club** commences on **18th. September**. For just £1 per week you have 2 chances weekly to win £50. All annual subscriptions are now due, cheques should be made payable to: **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**. A big thank you to all our promoters and members. If you would like to join the 500 Club, please leave your name, address, and contact number in the sacristy after Mass, new members are always welcome!

## Lima Mission



The **Third World Group** will collect annual sponsorship payments for **Fr. Coney's Children's Centres in Lima** after all of the Masses this weekend and next weekend. If you would like to sponsor a child please speak to us in the church porch after Mass. Many thanks to all of our sponsors for your continued support.

## Church Cleaning



More volunteers are needed to help clean the church. It only takes 45 minutes every 6 weeks. If you can help, please leave your name and your telephone number in the Sacristy or contact **Gillian McKeever** at: [g.mckeever405@btinternet.com](mailto:g.mckeever405@btinternet.com)

## Diocese of Down & Connor



The **Diocesan Liturgy Seminar 2017**, entitled 'Putting on Christ - A journey of Transformation: The Rite of Christian initiation in Action' will be held on **Saturday 23rd September** from 1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m. in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre**, Derryvolgie Avenue. Registration from 1p.m. It will be presented by **Jane Ferguson**, a member of The Council for Liturgy of the Irish Bishops' Conference. The Seminar is open to all and the cost is £10 per person. To book, please contact: **Malachy McKeever** Tel. 07760 108 903 e-mail: [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org)

## What's On!



**September 14th. Open Night** at **St. Mary's CBGS** at 7.30p.m. For further information Tel. 9029 4000 or see [www.stmaryscbgs.com](http://www.stmaryscbgs.com)

**September 20th. Does your professional/voluntary work bring you in contact with bereaved families?** If so, please join us for the **Get Together Roadshow** from 7.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. on at the **Mourne Country Hotel, Belfast Road, Newry.**

**September 27th. Annual Pioneer Mass** in **Corpus Christi Church** at 7p.m. Persons wishing to be presented with Gold, Silver, Young Pioneer etc. contact **Pat** Tel. 9262 9959 or **Josephine** Tel. 9061 7116. Light refreshments.