



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 (2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23) The tragedy of the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem, and the subsequent exile, are portrayed as the direct result of the religious infidelity of the people. The accent, however, falls on the mercy of God. He never tired of sending them successive messengers 'since he wished to spare his people and his house.' Unexpectedly, God's mercy will be shown through Cyrus, a non-Jewish king, and his plan for the people will be preserved despite their infidelity.

Second Reading (Ephesians 2:4-10) Every work by a sculptor, painter or writer forever speaks of the artist, even if through sale and resale it becomes the property of others. It may be under-appreciated, badly conserved or even forgotten, only to re-emerge and dialogue afresh with a new audience about the artist and the work's artistic merits. Ephesians here uses a rich metaphor to sum up God's mercy and his gifts to people: 'We are God's work of art.'

Gospel Reading (John 3:14-21) Two means of destruction and death (serpent, cross) become vital signs of healing and life. Those associated with them are likewise seen in new ways. Moses, first viewed as a misguided leader, becomes a figure of healing; Jesus, first a condemned man, becomes one who saves from death. Revaluations involve shock and painful adjustment, even when positive (as here) or perhaps especially when negative (such as a loss of status for people or roles once thought honourable). The gospel constantly challenges the comfort of received categories and values. ©Intercom

† Lenten Programme

Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!, a four-session Parish conversation based on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of Love' continues next **Tuesday**, in **St. Bernard's P.S.** at **8.15p.m.**

The programme this week is entitled '**Married Love Growing to Maturity.**' We will take further our consideration of love developing in the family, in what is termed 'the domestic church.' The home is the first church which children know as this is where they are introduced to God and learn their first simple prayers and where beliefs and values are developed.

Please come long to this extremely worthwhile programme even if you have missed previous sessions. The programme sets the tone for the **World Meeting 2018 in Dublin.** See www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris. All are invited. There is no charge.

Prepare for the big event in Dublin by reading Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on Love in the Family - **Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Copies available from the Sacristy Price £5.**

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.

Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Catherine McGarry R.I.P.**, a former Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Drumbo on Saturday.

Anniversaries

Moya McEvoy, Brigid Seenan, John Mullan, Maurice Campbell, James Curran, Harry Clarke, Florence Mossey, Ven. Archdeacon Daniel Murphy.

Isobel Scott, Norah O'Sullivan, Jackie Polley, Florence Kirk, John Farry, Jim O'Brien, Maura McGuigan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Bereavement Support

Alan Mc Bride of WAVE Trauma Group will speak in the **Parish Centre** next **Tuesday 13th. March** at **8.15p.m.** about how Faith has helped him deal with his loss. All are welcome! Tea will be served. The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group is hosting this event.

Calendar of Feasts ††

Saturday 17th. March is the **Feast of St. Patrick.** It is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** The **Vigil Mass** on **Friday** will be at **7.30p.m.** and on **Saturday** at **10a.m.** "I arise today Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, Through a belief in the Threeness, Through a confession of the Oneness Of the Creator of creation." St. Patrick's Lorica.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,686**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 / 2019

The new boxes will be available for collection in the church next week. If you have changed address or if you do not already use the envelope system and would like to do so, please register by e-mail to: info@stbernadettesparish.org or leave your details in the Sacristy.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 14th. March - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. All are welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

Annual General Meeting of The Association

This will take place immediately after the Coffee Morning. The Financial Statement for the year and a review of past year's activities will be presented. The attendees will elect a new Committee. The Association has grown substantially and plays an important role in the social life of the Parish. All members are urged to attend.

Thursday 15th. March - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Thursdays 15th. March - Visit to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum. Booking is essential. Please contact Michael Tel. 077202 19798



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 or coffee and a chat after Mass.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

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.

Friday

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

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

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

1.30p.m. Junior Badminton.

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 March - Maura Presley.

Mass Rota

6p.m. M. Presley, R. McConvey, C. White.

10a.m. G. Goodall, M. McIvor, J. Lyons.

12p.m. E. Dolan, G. Malone.

We welcome four new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: **Anne Foster, Edel King, Paula Livingstone,** and **Louise O'Leary**. More volunteers are needed. If you can help, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 18th. March - Group 4

Brendan Kerr, Nesson McGarvey,

Marie Moriarty.

500 Club



Week 25: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Weekly Draw: **Anne Sharvin & May McManus**.

Each winner receives £50.

Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Emerald Ball** will take place at **Titanic**, Belfast on **St. Patrick's Day, 17th. March**, commencing with drinks at 7p.m., followed by a four course dinner at 8p.m. Dress is formal. Monies raised will support the **Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick**. The few remaining tickets (£60 each) are available from the **Down & Connor Pilgrimage Secretary Sinead** Tel. 9064 6040 or **Drumbo Parish Office** Tel. 9081 2238. Please support this important event.

Invitation



St. Bernadette's Ladies are invited to a **Visitors' Night** on **Wednesday 21st. March** at 8p.m. in **Cairnshill Methodist Church** with a talk on "**Mercy Ships**" - a team of nurses, doctors & surgeons who donate their time and skill to help on board the world's largest non-governmental floating hospital. Refreshments will be served. If you wish to attend, please contact **Marie** Tel. 9079 2226

What's On!



March 14th. Féile An Earraigh 2018 presents **'The Priests'** in **Clonard** at 7.30p.m. Tickets available from Ticketmaster.

March 15th. "LIMITLESS" - Exploring the love of God's family in the **Good Shepherd Church** at 7p.m. Fr. John Walsh OP will talk about "**God's Dream for Love**" from the Amoris Parish Programme. This is a family event. All are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards.

April 10th. - 14th. "42nd Street" in the **Grand Opera House** with **St. Agnes' Choral Society**. Book online at www.goh.co.uk or via the Box Office Tel. 9024 1919

May 22nd to 30th. Drumbo & Carryduff Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Cost £1,440 p.p. sharing. Coach transfers to Dublin Airport. 4* Hotels half board (3 nights Tiberias / 4 nights Jerusalem) & all excursions. Further information from the **Parish Office** Tel. 9081



"The Gospel tells us to look to the log in our own eye and not to nurture anger: "Do not be overcome by evil, let us not grow weary in doing good." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.