



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 (1 Kings 17:10-16) Sometimes a Bible reading is best understood by listening to the words of Jesus. The best explanation of this reading is found in Mk 9:41, 'For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.'

Second Reading (Hebrews 9:24-28) The author of Hebrews is insistent that the sacrifice of Jesus is one, permanent, definitive and totally effective: 'He does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year.' We have been saved by Christ's sacrifice. The whole Christian life can be understood as a lived-out 'yes' to what the Lord has done for us.

Gospel Reading (Mark 12:38-44) While Jesus was impressed with the generosity of the widow, he may have been less that impressed by the Temple system that could make an elderly woman feel obliged to offer all she had to live on. This challenging interpretation is supported by the fact that Jesus refers, in this same reading, to the swallowing of the property of widows. ©Intercom



Reflection

This is **Prisoners' Sunday**, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel reminds us of our duties towards them, "**I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me**"; (Matthew 25:36). Our theme this year '*Go Beyond*', reflects on the impact we have when, as a community, we work to build a platform from which those confined to the margins of society can have their voices heard. As we '*go beyond*' in our dedication, our belief, our common love, we offer fresh hope to those affected by imprisonment. So let us pray today for all prisoners, their families, and those who work in the criminal justice system.

Diocese of Down & Connor

Having received advice from the health authorities, the practice of the "sign of peace" during the celebration of Mass is suspended with immediate effect for the remainder of the winter flu season. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are reminded to use the hand sanitizers in the Sacristy or at the side of the sanctuary.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Patrick Flynn, Mollie Burns, John F. Walsh, Teresa Connelly, John Joseph Murphy, Margaret Logue, Mary Jane McAuley, William Harper, John Riordan, Catherine Bradley, Peter & Norah Melly, Maureen McMahon, Mary Sweeney, Francis Kerr, Bridget Magee, Margaret Collins, Anne Marie Mossey.

Mary Teresa Smith, James Magoran, Ena Rainey, Paddy King, Michael Bradley, James Duff, Elizabeth Butler, Maurice Burns, Sarah Maxwell, Sarah McCartan, Mary Flynn, Gerard O'Kane, Margaret Clements, Mary V. Kearney, William Shepherd, John Riordan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

From the First Sunday of Advent, 2nd. December, names for inclusion in the weekly Anniversary List of the Dead should be left in the Sacristy one week before publication or submitted by e-mail to:

info@stbernadettesparish.org

November Lists of the Deceased are available at the back of the church. Please put completed lists into the wall box beside Our Lady's Shrine or in the collection baskets. The names of the dead will be placed on the altar and will be remembered at each of the Masses during the month.

The **Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners and Friends of the Parish** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 20th. November at 7.30p.m.** The **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** will be present and will host refreshments after Mass. The Group offers listening and support to anyone who has been bereaved over the last few years. If you feel the need to speak to someone and would like to make contact directly, please Tel. **077 3377 3758.**



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,617**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from the Inland Revenue at **no extra cost** to yourself if you sign a **Gift Aid Form**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. Please give us your support.



Retirement Association

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

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

Friday 16th. November - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game. Contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019

Wednesday 28th. November - Monthly Lunch in the Parador at 1p.m. Two courses £17. For bookings, please contact **Mary** Tel. 9070 1112 or **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 as soon as possible.

✚ Youth Alpha

If you are aged 16-19! Join us at the Youth Alpha course. This **Sunday**, we meet for the final time in **St. Brides Hall**. From 18th. November - December 9th. we meet in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre** from 7p.m. until 9p.m. The course is **free!** You can still join in even if you have missed out on the past few weeks! For more information, e-mail your interest to: s.farrell@Ddownandconnor.org Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/>



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or e-mail: parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org

Monday

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.
8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Classes.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga advanced.
8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Relaxation Yoga.
8p.m. Taekwondo.

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

November - Group 1.
Team Leader - **Maura Presley**.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 18th. November
Group 6.

The new rota for 2018/2019 is now ready for collection from the Sacristy.

500 Club

Week 8: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Elizabeth Nicoletti & Mary Cassidy.** Each winner receives £50.

All outstanding subscriptions are now overdue. Please pay your subscription as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The annual subscription is £52. Cheques should be made payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. Thank you for your continued support. New members are always welcome to join!

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to vulnerable individuals and families who are in great 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



Please support our **Table Quiz** on 17th. November at 8p.m. in the Pavilion. The **Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** will be held in the **Ivanhoe Inn** on Wednesday 12th. December at 12.30p.m.

Our **Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens** will be held in the **Ivanhoe Hotel** on Wednesday 12th. December at 12.30p.m. More information will be available in next week's Parish Bulletin!

St. Bernard's P.T.A.

Our **CHRISTMAS FAIR** will be held on Sunday 9th. December from 10.30a.m. to 2p.m. in the Parish Centre. **SANTA** will be there to meet all of the children!

What's On!

November 12th. Annual Mass for **St. Malachy's College Old Boys' Association** deceased members and Staff in the College Chapel at 7.30p.m.

November 17th. **St. Agnes' Choral Society in Concert** in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Carryduff** at 7.30p.m. Tickets £12.50 (including light refreshments) from **Eamon** Tel. 07802 354799 or **Charlie** Tel. 07850 203835 or www.drumboandcarryduff.ie The proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support & the Lough Derg Restoration Fund. This event is being organised by The Knights of St. Columbanus CK29.

December 4th. **Carols at Christmas** in the **Ulster Hall** at 7p.m. Proceeds in aid of the **Alzheimer's Society** to end dementia. Tel. 9033 4455 or www.ulsterhall.co.uk

December 7th. **Knock All Night Vigil** from **Clonard** at 3p.m. Cost £45 includes dinner & breakfast. Vigil starts at 11p.m. Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction and Mass at 4a.m. To book, please contact **Brendan** Tel. 9066 5211 between 9a.m. & 5p.m. from Monday to Friday.