



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.

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First Reading (2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13) Nathan confronts David. God has given him so much and would give it all again, still David sought the forbidden treasure of Uriah's wife. Analogous with the fruit of the tree in the garden, the heart often longs for what it cannot have; leading to all kinds of difficulty. David shows remorse and God relents from his anger.

Second Reading (Galatians 2:16, 19-21) True life is in Christ. Paul eloquently explains that everything he says and does is rooted in the Paschal Mystery. Christ's free gift of himself, the ransom paid for sin. The fruit of the Tree of Life, the Cross, is the promise of eternal life in God.

Gospel Reading (Luke 7:36-8:3) The woman who showed Jesus her sorrow by tears and anointing is forgiven much because of her great love.



Reflection

In our society wrongdoers can be stuck with labels often for the rest of their lives irrespective of how they have changed. God does not work that way. He deals with persons as they are here and now. What I did yesterday does not matter very much. All that matters is what I am doing now, how I am relating to God and those around me right now.

Faith is not, as some people seem to think, just an intellectual act. It is primarily an act of love and total trust. There are those who speak of "the faith" as a list of doctrines to be held; often their thinking is very little different from that of the Pharisees and they can be equally judgemental and intolerant. And, significantly, they seldom speak of love.

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Vocations

Prayers are asked for **Rev. James O'Reilly** who will be ordained today at 3p.m. in the **Church of Christ the Redeemer, Lagmore**. May Fr. James enjoy a long and fruitful ministry in our Diocese. We also remember his family on this very happy occasion.

On **Monday 13th. June**, **Bishop Noel Treanor** and **Fr. Eddie O'Donnell P.P.** of St. Brigid's Parish will celebrate their **40th. Anniversary of Ordination** to the priesthood. A special Mass will be celebrated in **St. Brigid's** at **7p.m.** on **Monday**. There will be a reception afterwards in the Parish Centre. Parishioners from our neighbouring Parishes will be most welcome to attend.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kieran Close R.I.P.**, of Queensberry Park, whose funeral took place here on Wednesday.

Anniversaries

Peter Hodgson, Elizabeth Downey, Mary Magee, Letitia Woods, Maura Burns, Anne Barry, Lily McKernan, James Crozier, Denis McGrath, Owen O'Toole, Gerard Dolan, Mary Richardson, Richard Fitzsimons, Thomas Robinson,.

Mary White, Charles Murray, Joseph Cassidy, Molly McGowan, John Curran, Martha Marshall, James Keenan, Nicholas Cunningham, Rose Corry, Marie Woods, William Pollock, Patrick Campbell.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Prayer at Exam Time



Almighty God, please help me in my exams. Help me to face them with courage and peace. Help me to understand the questions that are asked; To remember what I have studied and to express my answers clearly. Guide and direct me in all my decisions and help me especially to discover my true vocation to love and serve you in my life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues next **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and strain of daily life, and simply say a silent prayer to the Lord? Or just sit and rest in the presence of the Lord? Volunteers are particularly needed to attend between **3p.m. & 5p.m.** "*Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?*"

Ministers of the Eucharist



If you borrowed a pyx to bring Holy Communion to a sick relative and no longer need to use it, please return it to the Sacristy as soon as possible. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,798**. 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 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

Tuesday 14th. June - Bowling at the **Ormeau Park** at 11a.m.

Thursday 16th. June - **Weekly Walk**. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 17th. June - Bowling at the **Ormeau Park** at 2p.m.

Friday 26th. June - **Monthly Lunch** in the **Parish Centre** at 1p.m. at the *subsidised* rate of **£10**. To help finalise the catering order, please contact **Santha** or **Seamus** Tel. **9064 1182** as soon as possible if you wish to attend.



Diocesan Pilgrimages

Sunday 19th. June - **Annual Pilgrimage to Saul** led by **Bishop Noel Treanor** at 3p.m.

Friday 1st. July to Sunday 3rd. July - **The Jubilee of Mercy Down & Connor Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage**. For details of travel arrangements and to book contact the **Living Church Office** Tel. **9069 0920** or email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org by **Friday 17th. June**.



Parish Centre News

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

Monday 13th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 14th.

7p.m. Zumba Fitness Class.

Wednesday 15th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Taekwondo

Friday 17th.

9.15a.m. Pilates

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

Saturday 18th.

10a.m. Taekwondo

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children this week from **Monday - Friday** from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910** for details.

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Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for June - **Anne Sharvin**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 19th. June - Group 3

Tom McGonigle, Jacinta Lyons,

Moya Beatty, Patricia McFlynn.

500 Club



Week 38: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Louise Liggett & Suzanne Mee.**

Each winner receives **£50**.

Senior Citizens are invited to an outing to **Newcastle** on **Wednesday 29th. June**. A coach will leave the church car park at **10.15a.m.**

Latest News



Tea/coffee will be served at **Clare Lodge** holiday home on arrival with a meal in the afternoon. If you wish to attend it is vital that you sign the list in the church porch by **13th June**, to finalise the catering. Alternatively please contact **Marie** Tel. **9079 2226**.

St. Bernard's P.S.



Special thanks to the Pupils from **Years 4-7 classes**, their teachers, learning assistants, support staff, **Mr. Kieran McTaggart**, Principal, and **Mrs. Mary Dolan V.P.**, who produced such an excellent concert in the church on Thursday evening in support of the Church Restoration Fund. We are very grateful to **Mr. Niall McClean**, and the musicians from **Ards Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann** who took part also.

The month of **June** is traditionally dedicated by the Church to foster devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. **Special Seven Day Candles** for your prayer intentions are available from the Sacristy. These can be used at home or placed on the **Sacred Heart Altar**. Price **£5** each. Marian candles are also available. Please enquire in the Sacristy after Mass.

Marie Curie Cancer Care



A **Tea Party** will be held in the **Parish Centre** after both Masses next **Sunday 19th June** hosted by **Anne & Clare Foster** and a group of young people from the Parish. All proceeds will go to support the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Drop over to the Parish Centre after Mass and enjoy a cuppa and some baked goodies! Everyone is most welcome!

What's On!



June 15th. to 23rd. Clonard Solemn Novena. There have been some changes to the times of the sessions on weekday afternoons. Please pick up a leaflet from the church porch or visit the Clonard website, or check the local newspaper advertisements.

July 2nd. Rally for Life in Belfast city centre. Join thousands of people from across Ireland for this fun-filled family day out and pledge your support for unborn children. Press reports show that additional political pressure is being placed on local politicians to introduce new laws on abortion. Mass will be held in **St. Malachy's Church** before the Rally at **12:30p.m.** For further details contact the **Rally for Life Committee** Tel. **9027 8484** or click on www.rallyforlife.net