



# 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** (Genesis 12:1-4) Here Abraham receives his call from God. Every one of us receives that call, that vocation. It may be to a single life, marriage, consecrated life or priesthood. What is important is not the nature of that vocation but rather what we make of it. And as we live out that vocation God guarantees that he will sustain and reward the cheerful giver.

**Second Reading** (2 Timothy 1:8-10) Here Saint Paul is urging Timothy to be ready to undertake hardship for the Gospel. From the outset Christianity faced opposition, challenges, persecution. We are reminded of this when throughout the year we celebrate the feasts of saints who were martyrs. At present Christians are persecuted in different parts of the world, especially in the Middle East. In our own country one can find determined opposition to and scape-goating of Christianity. The environment of political correctness and so-called social progress, created by elements in the media, even challenge the right of people with religious beliefs to be heard in the public square. This is not a challenge to which we can or should succumb.

**Gospel Reading** (Matthew 17:1-9) The story of the Transfiguration is told in all the synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. According to tradition the 'high mountain' is Mount Tabor. The three apostles: Peter, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were Christ's intimate friends. They were with him at the raising of Jairus' daughter and later during his agony in Gethsemane. When Christ took them up the mountain side they thought perhaps, that he was going to the mountain top to spend the night, according to his wont, in prayer. The change in the person of Christ radiated through his clothes. Notwithstanding their awesome experience they were not in any way shaken by it. © Intercom 2017

## ✠ Calendar of Feasts

Friday 17th. March is the **Feast of St. Patrick**, National Patron of Ireland. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The **Vigil Mass** will be at 7.30p.m. on **Thursday** and at 10a.m. with the Adult Choir on **Friday**.

## ☀ Reflection

Most of the time we meet Jesus especially in those in need: the hungry and thirsty (in every sense of the word), the sick and handicapped, those in prison. "As often as you do or do not do it to one of these the least of my brothers, you do or do not do it to me." We are to find Jesus in them; they are to find Jesus in us.

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## Vocations

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood, especially for those who are preparing for the priesthood, and for those who are already ministering as priests in our diocese. It would be a great help. Remember also those priests who are ill or in any difficulty.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died during the past week. **Jim McGarrigle R.I.P.** whose funeral took place on Tuesday, **Kathleen Fitzpatrick R.I.P.**, of Knockeden Crescent, whose funeral also took place on Tuesday, and **Eileen Fallon R.I.P.**, the sister of a Parishioner whose funeral took place in Dublin.

## Anniversaries

John Mullan, Brigid Seenan, Maurice Campbell, James Curran, Harry Clarke, Florence Mossey, Archdeacon Daniel Murphy, Isobel Scott, Norah O'Sullivan, Jackie Polley, Florence Kirk.

John Farry, Jim O'Brien, Maura McGuigan, Mary Hughes, Mattie Marshall, Conor McGurk, Mary Ann Gallagher, Desmond & Kathleen Grant.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Do you enjoy singing? Can you play a musical instrument? Then come and use your talent with the **Youth Choir**. We usually sing at the 12p.m. Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of each month and at the major celebrations at Easter and Christmas. Contact **Owen** Tel. **074720 11248**. See the notice boards in the church for the times and the dates of rehearsals in the Parish Centre. You will be made very welcome!

**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.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,745**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

**Team 5** will help with the collection this week.



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 16th. March** - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

**Monday 27th. March** - "Secret Scripture" in the QFT at 6.20p.m. Based on the novel by Sebastian Barry. Adm. £4. If you wish to make a booking please contact Geraldine Tel. 0784593 3371 as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 29th. March** - Monthly Lunch at Hydebank College at 1p.m. To help finalise the catering order, please contact Geraldine Tel. 078459 33371 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

**Friday 31st. March or Saturday 1st. April** - "The Matchmaker" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. by John B. Keane. The performances commence at 7.45p.m. on Friday at a cost of £22 or Saturday at 2.30p.m. at a cost of £15. All those wishing to attend should contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 *before 23rd March*.



## 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 13th.

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.  
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.  
8p.m. Bowling Club.  
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

### Tuesday 14th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.  
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. *New Yoga Class* for 5 weeks. For more details contact Maeve Tel. 077 1383 2995.

### Wednesday 15th.

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.

### Thursday 16th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 17th.

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

*No Youth Club tonight!*

### Saturday 18th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.  
1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton

### After School Club

**Rosetta 2-4 Club** weekdays for P1 - P7 children. For more information please contact Sinead Tel. 07816 779910.

**Special candles** are available that you may wish to use for your special intentions at home or place at Our Lady's Altar or at the Sacred Heart Altar. Cost £5 each from the Sacristy.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for March - Maura Presley.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 19th. March - Group 7  
Nicholas J. McCafferty, Kathleen Leyden,  
Nicholas M. McCafferty, Estelle McGrath.

## 500 Club



**Week 25:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: John Webb & Moira Matthews.**  
Each winner receives £50.

The **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** is under way. Do you have a **Trócaire Box**? If not, please take a box home with you, fill it, and return it at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Where does your money go? Last year, 2.4 million people directly benefited from our overseas programmes largely funded by you.



## Church Cleaning



We are indebted to our volunteers who help clean the church each week. **More helpers are needed!** If you can spare an hour once every six weeks and join one of our cleaning teams, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy. There is no heavy work involved. Gillian McKeever, our Team Co-ordinator, will be delighted to hear from you. Teams are not restricted to ladies only! **Men are most welcome to help out!**

## Ballynaveigh Tennis & Squash Club



New season beginning soon! New members welcome! Coaching, club play, internal tournaments and league competition available. For further information, please contact Justin Tel. 077629 46548. Check out our Facebook Page 'Ballynaveigh Tennis' or come and join us at 35A Wynchurch Park.

## What's On!



**March 13th. Fatima Devotions in Drumbo at 6.30p.m.**

**March 17th. The 12p.m. Mass in Good Shepherd Church** will be celebrated as Gaeilge. Irish language missalettes will be provided. Fáilte roimh chach!

**March 17th. Annual Evening of Traditional Music & Song** to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick in the **Good Shepherd Centre** from 8p.m. - 10p.m. Why not come along and enjoy this impromptu concert? If you play a tin whistle, fiddle or any other musical instrument bring it along. All welcome.

**March 25th "Faith in the Public Square"**. The inaugural Conference of The Iona Institute N.I. from 9.30a.m. - 1.30p.m. in **St. Brides Hall**, Derryvolgie Avenue. The Keynote Speakers include: Archbishop Eamon Martin, Baroness Nuala O'Loan. Adm. **FREE!** To register, please email [info@ionainstitute.ie](mailto:info@ionainstitute.ie) or Tel. 00 353 1 661 9204.

**March 31st. St. Malachy's Fundraising Event with Hugo Duncan & Country Harmony in Concert** in **St. Malachy's Parochial Hall** from 8p.m. to 11p.m. Adm. £7 at the door. Proceeds in aid of the church restoration fund. Everyone welcome!