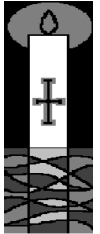




# Parish of St. Bernadette



**Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) 12th. May 2019. Vol.16 No. 38.**  
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Fr. Paul Armstrong P.P. 28 Willowbank Park. Tel. 9079 3023 Option 1.

## 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 9a.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 (Acts 13:14.43-52)** Paul and Barnabas engage in a central pastoral task: they urge people to remain faithful to the grace of God - even in times of difficulty and misunderstanding.

**Second Reading (Apocalypse 7:9.14-17)** The victory of heaven is immense: John sees 'a huge number, impossible to count,' who have been faithful in persecution and hardship.

**Gospel (John 10:27-30)** The Lord describes his sheep, his followers, as people who *listen* to his voice. There is no discipleship without attentive listening. ©Intercom



## Reflection

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**" because the Gospel is taken from Jesus' teaching in John's gospel about himself as the Good Shepherd. It is also known as Vocation Sunday because on this day we pray especially that more may answer the call to serve the Church in a special way, particularly as pastors and religious. ©1999- 2019 Living Space



## Golden Jubilee

A **Mass of Celebration** will be held on **Sunday 19th. May at 3p.m.** to mark the **50th. Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Armstrong.** Many fellow priests, who have been colleagues and close friends of Fr. Armstrong down through the years, will join us here for this very special occasion. Members of Fr. Armstrong's family as well as some of the local clergy from other denominations will also attend. All Parishioners and friends of St. Bernadette's are cordially invited.

**Tickets for the reception in the Parish Centre have all been taken. If you have not managed to secure a ticket, you may join a waiting list. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.**



## Mass for Exam Students

Young people from St. Bernadette's Parish, who are presently taking their examinations, are invited to a special Mass on **Monday 13th. May at 7p.m.** in **St. Brigid's Church.** Take time out from your study schedule to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance. Family and friends are also encouraged to attend. Your prayer and presence will give great encouragement.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Annie Gray R.I.P.**, of Cooneen Way, whose funeral Mass took place in the Good Shepherd Church on Saturday.

## Anniversaries

Anne Sharvin, Teresa Blaney, Olivia Adams, Nellie Scully, Felix & Sarah McGovern, Jean Downey, Margaret Rolston.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

The **Annual Blessing of Graves** will be held at the following burial grounds:

**Sunday 12th. May - Milltown Cemetery**

**Sunday 19th. May - City Cemetery**

**Sunday 26th. May - Hannahstown**

**Sunday 2nd. June - The Rock**

All services commence at 3p.m.

**Parish Bethany Bereavement Support.** To speak to someone in strict confidence Tel. 077 3377 3758.

## First Holy Communion



The **Primary 4** children of the Parish will receive their **First Holy Communion** next **Saturday at 11a.m.** The children have been working very hard for many weeks now in preparation to receive the sacrament. We pray for God's blessing on these children. May they be enriched by this sacrament and may they remain faithful to the Eucharist throughout their lives. We also remember in our prayers their parents, families, teachers, and the members of the Parish "**Do This in Memory of Me**" team.

The First Communion Mass will be **streamed live** at [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) so that relatives and friends, who cannot attend, will be able to join in the celebration whether at home or abroad.

## Eucharistic Adoration



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New volunteers are needed to attend so that someone is always present before the Blessed Sacrament. "**Could you not watch one hour with Me?**" (Mk 14:34)



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,615**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. Please give us your support.



## Retirement Association

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

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

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

**Wednesday 29th. May** - Monthly Lunch in the Belfast Boat Club at 1p.m. Two courses £17. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 9070 1027 or **Mary** Tel. 9070 1112 as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 5th. June** - 'All Mod Cons' at The Lyric at 8p.m. A compelling new comedy-drama exploring our capacity to accept change For bookings, contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible. First come first served!

**Wednesday 19th. June** - Visit to **EPIC**, the Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin. Entrance fee €10 per person. Travel by train (concession). For bookings, contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019 *no later than Wednesday 12th. June.*



## Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 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

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

### Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday

10a.m. - 11a.m. Yoga For All.

### 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** this week for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Call **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



May - Group 3.

Team Leader - **Jim McGettrick**.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 19th. May

Group 10.

## 500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for Week 34: **Jimmy McKinney & Suzanne Mee**. Each receives £50

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to anyone in 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 return your **Lenten Fast Box** as soon as you can. Boxes can be placed in the collection baskets or left in the Sacristy. Please remember to fill in the Gift Aid form. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make it payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. This will be included in the total Parish contribution to Trócaire. The amount raised presently stands at **£6,857**.



## Marian Devotion



During the month of May, the Rosary will be said at grottos around Ireland. Thousands of people will gather at their local grottos to pray the Rosary each day at 8p.m. (unless otherwise stated). To sign up your local grotto, visit: [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or call/text us at: 00 353 87 278 6552

## What's On!



**May 13th. Friendship Evening** at **Cregagh Presbyterian Church** at 7.30p.m. The ladies of St. Bernadette's are invited to a re-enactment of the life of the famous hymn writer **Frances Alexander**. Please contact **Marie** Tel. 9079 2226 if you wish to attend.

**May 15th. "Belfast & The 1798 Rebellion"** - a lecture by **Dr. Eamon Phoenix** in **Good Shepherd Parish Centre** at 7p.m. Admission: £5. Tea & Coffee. All Welcome!

**June 1st. St. Bernard's P.S. 60th Anniversary Dinner** in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw's Bridge**. Tickets: £45p.p. including drinks reception, 2 course meal, live music and DJ. Purchase tickets at: [www.stbernardsps.com/pta](http://www.stbernardsps.com/pta) or call **Brenda** Tel. 075954 70542. All parents, past pupils, family and friends of the school are welcome to attend! Guaranteed a great night out! (This event is for over 18s only). Hosted by St. Bernard's PTA.

**June 19th. - 27th. Clonard Solemn Novena.**

**THE PRIESTS** in concert in **St. Bernadette's Church** on **Friday 21st. June** at 8p.m.

**Tickets £25 (under 19s free) on sale now!**

Debit/ credit card sales online only at: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

Cash sales: **Matchetts Music, Wellington Place.**

**Bread & Banjo Bakery, 353 Ormeau Road.**

**The Sacristy (after Mass times only).**