



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 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

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11) 'Behold, there is your God' are words of comfort proclaimed to Jerusalem and through her to all people. Christ comes as the Redeemer in glory, for his sacrifice on Calvary will triumph over all history, and he comes as the Good Shepherd, carrying lambs on his shoulders as he cares for the ewes. He is Redeemer and Shepherd in the perfect union of God and man.

Second Reading (Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7) Paul writes of Christian baptism as sharing in Christ's baptism, and as at the Jordan, so at the font, the heavens open and God in the persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveal his 'goodness towards mankind', not because of what man has done, but because God is mercy. The theophany of the Triune God continues in baptism through all time.

Gospel Reading (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) In presenting himself for baptism with the people, Jesus, in his first public act of his ministry stands with all sinners. His baptism 'with the Holy Spirit' in the River Jordan is the prelude to his baptism on the hill of Calvary. In the Jordan Jesus stands with those who are in need of cleansing; on Calvary, his baptism on the Cross washes away all sin. It is the baptism of fire predicted by John and the lived reality of the Apostles at Pentecost. ©Intercom



Reflection

...the 'forgiveness of sins' is more than just God just wiping out the guilt and the threat of punishment that our sins might involve. In a sense, our sins can never be wiped out. The damage they do often lasts for a very long time and cannot be undone. If I have murdered someone, they stay dead no matter how sorry I feel. If I have destroyed a person's reputation, it may remain destroyed for ever. Hurtful words spoken cannot be called back.
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✠✠ Octave for Christian Unity

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is traditionally observed from the **18th. to the 25th. January** - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. The theme for 2019 is "**Only Justice**" based on the experiences of Christians in Indonesia. We are mindful of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "**they may be one so that the world may believe**" (John 17.21).

✠ Pray For Those In Need

Please remember to pray daily for someone who may be sick, lonely or depressed, those who have suffered bereavement, and all who are in need of your prayers! Seven-day candles for Our Lady's Shrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine are available from the Sacristy. Price £5. "**I Lit A Candle For You**" prayer intention cards are also available price £1 each.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Maureen McCann R.I.P.**, formerly of Knockbreda Park, whose funeral took place on Thursday.

Anniversaries

Bridie Livingstone, Jean Cunningham, Mary Early, Malachy Mooney, Michael McGonigle, Willie McSorley.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** visits those who have been bereaved over the last few years, to offer listening and support. Please Tel. **077 3377 3758** to contact a group member.

Names for inclusion in the weekly Anniversary List of the Dead should be submitted at least one week in advance to: info@stbernadettesparish.org

Sacrament of Baptism



The **Parish Baptismal Team** invite parents of those children who were baptised in **2018** to celebrate their new life in the Church in a short ceremony this **Sunday at 1p.m.** This will be an opportunity also for parents to give thanks for the great gift that God has given them.

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 throughout the day so that someone is always present before the Blessed Sacrament. Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush of daily life, say a silent prayer, or just sit and rest in the very presence of the Lord?



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,599**. 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

Thursday 17th. January - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 18th. January - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game.

Friday 25th. January - Monthly Lunch in the Errigle at 1p.m. Two courses £17. Booking is essential. Please contact **Mary** Tel. 9070 1112 or **Geraldine** Tel. 9070 1027 before Wednesday 16th January.

Monday 28th. January - "Mary Queen of Scots" at the QFT starring Saoirse Ronan at 6.20p.m. Price £4. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 0784593 3371 as soon as possible.

Wednesday 13th. February - "Ruby!" at the Lyric. Join Belfast - born Ruby Murray as she reflects on her life of triumph and tears. Tickets £15. To book a ticket, contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.

Wednesday 20th. February - N.I. Opera & the Lyric Theatre present "Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at 7.45p.m. Tickets £10. To book a ticket, please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031.



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

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
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.

The online edition of the Down & Connor Diocesan Newsletter is now available on the Diocesan website: www.downandconnor.org

Ministers of the Eucharist



January - Group 3.

Team Leader - Jim McGettrick.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 20th. January

Group 4.

500 Club



Week 18: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Weekly Draw: **Frank McKenna & John Corr**.

Each receives £50

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



Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2019** will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at **£4** each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations.

School Events



Transfer students and their parents are invited to attend the following schools for admission in September 2019:

January 16th. St. Malachy's College from 7p.m. - 9.30p.m.

January 17th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S. at 7.30p.m.

January 17th. St. Joseph's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

January 19th. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College Knock from 9.15a.m. - 12.30p.m.

January 18th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S. At 7.30p.m.

Youth Events



ALTARATION - A video programme exploring the Mass. From **Sunday 13th. January** for 5 weeks in the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Carryduff**, at 7p.m. For Young People aged 15 and over.

reKINDLE - A retreat for Young People aged 16 and above at **Corrymeela**, in Ballycastle from **Saturday 9th. February to Sunday 10th. February 2019**. Cost £50 per person (includes transport).

For more information and to register for these events, please email **Seán** on s.farrell@downandconnor.org

What's On!



January 31st. St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2019 by Bishop **Alan McGuckian S.J.** "Discerning Disciples: Pope **France On Prayer**" in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at 7.30p.m. All are welcome!

April 27th. - May 3rd. Drumbo & Carryduff Polgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Cascia. Cost £949 p.p.s. Escorted by Fr. **Conor McGrath** & Fr. **Dominic McGrattan**. Contact Drumbo Parish Office Tel. 9081 2238.

August Bank Holiday Weekend 2019 Medjugorje Pilgrimage for the Youth Festival ex Dublin costs €725 pps for 7 nights and can be paid in instalments. Contact **James** Tel. 00353 61 921470 or 0035386 0572216.