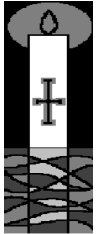




Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 (Acts 1:1-11) The gospel story of Jesus spills into the Acts of the Apostles. After the resurrection Jesus calls the Apostles to himself to experience his last great miracle - his physical return to the Father. As he ascends, the angels ask the men of Galilee why they look into the sky. Though Christ has returned to the Father, he lives forever in his Church.

Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23) Writing to the Ephesians, St Paul asks the Father to give the Spirit in abundance to the faithful. We anticipate the coming feast of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit keeps our faith in Jesus Christ alive. From Pentecost until the end of days, the holy Spirit keeps the fire of faith alive.

Gospel Reading (Mark 16:15-20) The Ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways: 'The Lord worked with them'. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you? ©Intercom



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Bernadette's Church on **Tuesday 15th. May** from 8a.m. until 7.15p.m. and in the **Church of the Good Shepherd** from 10a.m. until 10p.m. on **Friday 18th. May**.

This is an opportunity to pray for the retention of the Eighth Amendment (at the moment abortion in the Republic is available when the mother's life is at risk). Abolition of the Amendment may eventually allow abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.



Pray For Life

A National Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the protection of human life in Ireland begins on **Wednesday 16th. May** and runs to **Thursday 24th. May** beginning in the Diocese of Down & Connor and visiting Parishes across Ireland. Mass and Holy Hour on Wednesday 16th. May in **St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane** at 1p.m. and in **St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick** at 7.30p.m. with Rosary and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which was prayed daily by St. Padre Pio. All welcome. Further information can be found at: www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Nellie Scully R.I.P.**, mother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Tullamore on Monday.

Anniversaries

Jack Doran, Peter Woods, Margaret O'Sullivan, Maurice Flynn, Eileen Duffy, Vi Lee, Olivia Adams, Philip Brady, Malachy Curran.

Gerry Neeson, Cyril O'Brien, Mary Ann Cassidy, Henry Liddy, Anne McElroy, Rose Woods, Mary Carlin.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

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

Sunday 13th. May - Milltown Cemetery

Sunday 20th. May - City Cemetery

Sunday 27th. May - Hannahstown

Sunday 3rd. June - The Rock

All services commence at 3p.m.

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

Please pray for the children of St. Bernard's P.S., who will receive their **First Holy Communion** next **Saturday** at 11a.m.



"Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say. It requires self-discipline and an interior silence." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,326**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 / 2019

New boxes can be collected from the Sacristy after Mass.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 15th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous experience needed. All equipment will be supplied.

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

Friday 18th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

Wednesday 30th. May - Monthly Lunch in the Bureau, Whiteabbey at 1p.m. Booking essential! please contact Seamus Tel. 077672 71019.

Wednesday 6th. June - "Lovers, Winners and Losers". Brian Friel's bittersweet meditation on love and loss, told in two parts: "Winners and Losers" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.



Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning & Bun Sale will take place in the Lounge in the Parish Centre next **Sunday 20th. May** after both Masses hosted by youth Parishioner, **Joseph McSorley**. Joseph will be going to Ohio in the summer on the **Ulster Project** with other youths from Belfast. Please pop in for a cuppa and buns if you have the time or take a few home. Whatever you can give will be gratefully received. Everyone will be very welcome.



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. Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

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.

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.** Contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **May** - **Jim McGettrick**.

Mass Rota

6p.m. **D. O'Hare, J. McGarvey**.

10a.m. **M. McLaughlin, J. McLaughlin,**

A. Martin, R. / J. George.

12p.m. **J. McGettrick, S. McGrath, E. King**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 20th. May - Group 2

Arthur Foster, Mary McHugh,

Peter Livingstone, Marie McKinney.

500 Club



Week 34: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Noel Savage & Margo Mullin**.

Each winner receives **£50**.

Senior Citizens are invited to an outing to the **Seamus Heaney Centre in Bellaghy** on **Wednesday 6th. June**, Leaving from the church at **9.45a.m.** On arrival, tea/ coffee and biscuits will be served followed by a guided tour. At **2p.m.** a two course meal will be served at **The Old Thatch Inn**, arriving back at the church at **4.45p.m.** A copy of the two course menu will be available at the back of the church from this Sunday. Please write your name and choice of meal or contact **Frances** Tel. 078005 62398.

Latest News



World Meeting of Families 2018



Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the **Pastoral Congress** is guaranteed to receive tickets for the **Festival of Families in Croke Park** on **Saturday 25th. August** and the **Final Mass** in the **Phoenix Park** on **Sunday 26th. August**. Those who only wish to register for the **Festival of Families** or the **Final Mass** need to be aware that tickets will be limited. To register online: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/

The Parishes of our local Pastoral Community (South Belfast), will provide a number of coaches to transport those **who have registered** for the Final Mass (Sunday 26th. August), in the Phoenix Park. To assist with the booking of coaches, those who have registered or intend to register, are asked to contact the **Parish Office** Tel. **9079 3021** Option 1.

What's On!



May 13th. Love Divine with **Cappella Caeciliana** in **Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle** at **5p.m.** Tickets £10 (under 25s free) from the **Parish Office** Tel. **4372 2401** or book online: www.caeciliana.org

May 18th. **St. Agnes' Choral Society** will host a **Ceili** in the **Balmoral Hotel** from **7.30p.m.** Live ceili band led by caller **Deirdre McLoughlin**. Tickets £10 including supper. Contact **Maeve** Tel. **07753 222003**. All welcome.

June 29th. - July 1st. **Living Church Pilgrimage to Lough Derg**. Cost £65. For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the **Living Church Office** Tel. **9069 0920** or email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org by **Friday 15th. June**.