



# Parish of St. Bernadette



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. 14th. April 2019 (C) Vol.16 No. 34**  
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## Holy Week

### Sunday Masses

10a.m. Adult  
Choir  
12p.m.

### Monday

9.30a.m. Mass.

### Tuesday

7.30 p.m. Mass &  
Novena to Our  
Lady of Perpetual  
Help.

### Wednesday

9.30a.m. Mass.  
7.30p.m. Parish  
Penitential  
Service.

### Holy Thursday

9.30a.m. Morning  
Prayer of the  
Church.  
7.30p.m. Mass of  
the Lord's Supper  
with the Adult  
Choir.  
10p.m. Holy Hour  
at the Altar of  
Repose.

### Good Friday

9.30a.m. Morning  
Prayer of the  
Church.  
3p.m. Celebration  
of the Passion of  
the Lord with the  
Adult Choir.  
7.30p.m. Stations  
of the Cross with  
the Folk Choir.

### Holy Saturday

10a.m. Morning  
Prayer of the  
Church.  
12p.m. - 1p.m.  
Confessions.  
9p.m. Easter  
Vigil with the  
Adult Choir.

### Easter Sunday

10a.m. with the  
Folk Choir  
12p.m.

**First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7)** The early Christians were quick to read the Old Testament in the light of Christ. The 'Suffering Servant' in this reading points to the suffering Christ of the Gospel.

**Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)** The words 'death on a cross' are at the centre, or, better, at the 'bottom' of this reading. They mark the depth of suffering to which the depths of Christ's love brought him.

**Gospel Reading (Luke 22:14-23:56)** Jesus, we read, has 'longed' to share a final meal with his disciples. On the cross, he promises the repentant thief that he will share paradise with him. Jesus shows us the face of a God who longs to bless us. © **Intercom**

## ✠ Holy Week

The **Parish Penitential Service** will take place on **Wednesday** at **7.30p.m.** A number of priests will be available for open and closed confessions.

### Holy Thursday

The **Solemn Mass of Chrism** will be celebrated in **St. Peter's Cathedral** at **11a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

### Good Friday

A shared **Service of Prayer for Good Friday** will take place in the **Ormeau Park** at **11a.m.** organised by the Churches in the Ballynafeigh area. **Everyone is cordially invited.**

The times for all of the **Holy Week Ceremonies** being celebrated in the Parish are included in a leaflet which is available at the back of the church.

## ☀ Reflection

So, as we go through this day and this week, let us look very carefully at Jesus our Saviour. We watch, not just to admire, but also to learn, to penetrate the mind, the thinking, the attitudes and the values of Jesus so that we, in the very different circumstances of our own lives, may walk in his footsteps. If we are to be his disciples, he invites us to walk his way, to share his sufferings, to imitate his attitudes, to "empty" ourselves, to live in service of others - in short, to love others as he loves us. This is not at all a call to a life of pain and misery. Quite the contrary, it is an invitation to a life of deep freedom, peace and happiness. If it were anything else, it would not be worth considering. ©1999- 2019 Living Space

## Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of those who died during the past week:

**Patsy Bradley R.I.P.**, father of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Glenuillin on Wednesday,  
**Siobhan McVey R.I.P.**, the sister of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place on Friday in Loup,  
**Nance Connolly R.I.P.**, the sister of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place on Friday in Derry,  
**Aiden Farry R.I.P.** whose funeral will take place here on Tuesday at 10a.m.

### **Anniversaries**

Michael Caulfield, Maura McGurk, Eileen Curran, Molly McLarnon, Joan McQuade, John Sweeney, Emily McMurray, Patrick Gilroy.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

## Parish Penitential Services

**Sunday 14th. April** at **4p.m.** in **St. Brigid's Church.**

**Monday 15th. April** at **7:30p.m.** in **Good Shepherd Church.**

**Tuesday 16th. April** at **7:30p.m.** in the **Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Drumbo.**

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** next Tuesday. Exposition will **not** take place on **Easter Tuesday.** We will resume after the Easter break on **Tuesday 30th. April.**

## Diocese of Down & Connor

The shortage of priests in Ireland has been well publicised in the media. From **2nd.- 12th. May**, all Parishes in the Diocese will be praying a **Novena for Vocations**, especially to the Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life. Bishop Treanor has produced a Prayer Booklet and published a Pastoral Letter entitled **'To Follow Jesus Closely'**. Copies will be available next week.

**Daily Reflections** for each day of **Holy Week** 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 **£2,043**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The collection for **Catholics in the Holy Land** will be taken up on **Good Friday** at the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**.

### 2019/20 Offertory Envelope Boxes

If you have not received your box or if you live outside the Parish, please call into the Sacristy. If you do not have Offertory Envelopes and would like to take a box, please leave your contact details in the Sacristy or e-mail: [info@stbernadettesparish.org](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)



## Retirement Association

**Tuesday 16th. April** - Ormeau Park Bowling from **11a.m. to 1p.m.** No experience necessary. Equipment supplied. Cost £10 (concession) for the season. Please contact **Seamus** Tel. **077672 71019**.

**Thursday 18th. April** - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at **10.15a.m.**

**Friday 19th. April** - Ormeau Park Bowling from **2p.m. to 4p.m.**

**Wednesday 15th. May** - "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the **Lyric** at **7.45p.m.** Follow wilting Southern beauty, Blanche DuBois, as she attempts to escape her former life and past trauma. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due. Contact **Seamus** Tel. **077672 71019** or one of the Committee Members.



## Parish Centre

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 & 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.

### Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.  
8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday

**10a.m. - 11a.m. Yoga For All.** Limited spaces still available! Contact **Rachel** Tel. **07802 469676**

### Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.  
**The Youth Club is closed. Enrolment will be on Friday 3rd. May from 7p.m. - 8p.m.**

### Saturday

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.

### Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Monday - Wednesday** this week for P1 - P7 children from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Contact **Sinead** Tel.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for April - **Flo McGarrigle**.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 21st. April - Group 6

### 500 Club



**Week 30:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Frances Presley & John Magee.**

Each winner receives **£50**.

Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday** or as soon as you can.



Boxes can be placed in the special bin located beside the Sanctuary or left in the Sacristy. Please convert as much coin as possible into bank notes and remember to fill in the **Gift Aid** slip. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make your cheque payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**.

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



**Clare Lodge Holiday Home** in Newcastle Co. Down is available for day trips, lunches, tea, coffee and biscuits; overnight or weekly stay over, conferences, meetings and more. Everyone welcome. Open all year round. For further information, please contact **Regina** or **Tom** Tel. **4372 2849** or email: [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk)

**One Day Retreats** begin on Saturday 4th. May and continue on 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 25th, 26th and 27th. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally this May? A new event for those who serve in lay Parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day on Saturday 18th. May Booking essential! [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

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## What's On!



**April 27th. Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot** with concelebrated Mass at **12.30p.m.** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, in **Sean McDermott Street, Dublin**. For further information and to make a booking, please contact **Mary Holden** Tel. **9442 3956**.

**April 28th. Feast Of Divine Mercy** will be celebrated in **St. Peter's Cathedral** and **Sacred Heart Church**, starting at **2.15p.m.** and in **St. Paul's Church** starting at **1.30p.m.**

**May 5th. Team Cancer** focus seeks volunteers at **Belfast City Marathon** at our Water Station and Cheer Squads. Help our runners to get over the finish line as they raise funds for local patients and their families living with cancer. Contact **Jade** Tel. **9066 3281** or by email to: [jadeknowles@cancerfocusni.org](mailto:jadeknowles@cancerfocusni.org)

**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.