



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 (1 Samuel 3:3-10,19) The contrasts between Eli and Samuel are noteworthy: Eli is old and Samuel young; Eli's sight is failing and Samuel's hearing is sharp; Eli comes from a priestly tribe and Samuel was dedicated to God by his mother; Eli is wise and experienced while Samuel is inexperienced. Israel is on the verge of darkness and someone they least expect is called to leadership. The narrative illustrates how easy it is to miss God's voice and how often we need the ears and wisdom of another to enable us to understand the meaning in what is taking place.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20) In this reading, St. Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. He challenges us to reflect on our lifestyle and what we do to enable our bodies to be as healthy as possible. But our bodies are more than the physical. They hold the essence of who we are and carry the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Our invitation is to treat the body in a way that leads to the fullness of life.

Gospel Reading (John 1:35-42) Today's gospel from John presents a narrative not found in Mark's gospel. On the basis of John the Baptist's affirmation of Jesus, some of John's disciples had a desire to know Jesus better, so they left John to follow Jesus. They want to find out for themselves who he is and where he lives. They are not just interested in his physical place of residence but where he lives in his heart-space. They are ready to embark on a journey that will take them deeper into the depth of Jesus' heart. © Intercom



Reflection

Today's Mass is about vocation, about God's call. Vocation is not just for a few chosen people. And to say, "There are no vocations now" is simply not true. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others with their life and with their unique gifts. ©1999- 2018 Living Space



Parish Pastoral Council

This month's meeting dealt mainly with the final arrangements for the upcoming Lenten programme 'Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!' - which will take place each Tuesday from 13th February to 20th March from 8.15p.m. to 9.45p.m. in the Assembly Hall in St. Bernard's P.S. Based on *Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love*, by Pope Francis. Please think seriously about signing up for this extremely worthwhile programme which sets the tone for the **World Meeting of Families 2018** in Dublin. The programme is **free!** Full details will be given at the weekend Masses on 27th and 28th January. You can preview the programme online at: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris
Please remember to pray each day for more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, for those priests who are ill, who may be in any difficulty, and for those men who are currently studying for the priesthood.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Tony Martin R.I.P.**, of Mount Merrion Gardens, whose funeral Mass will be at 11a.m. on Monday in the Good Shepherd Church.

Anniversaries

James Watson, Molly McEvoy, Sarah Henry, Patrick Woods, Mary McShane, Margaret Doherty, Thomas Doherty, Annie Donnelly, Joe Grant, Jim McGlade, Malachy Mooney, Joseph McAuley, Michael McGonigle, Lily Murray, Sr. Annunciata, Florence Derby, Dermot Crowley, Maura McKeogh.

Brigid Foley, Frank & Mary McCarron, Maureen Doherty, Charlie Hillen, Mae Crilly, Willie McSorley, Margaret Quinn, George Presley, Ann McGing, Kathleen McKinney, Mary Craig, Patrick Cunningham, Nicholas Murtagh, Susan Duffin, Eileen Bradley, James McKeane, Alice Coney, Paddy & Mary Early.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

World Day of Migrants & Refugees



Today is the 104th **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. The theme for 2018 is "Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees." Pope Francis said, "Throughout the first years of my pontificate, I have repeatedly expressed my particular concern for the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future". The full text can be read at: <https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/>



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,895**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



Retirement Association

Thursday 18th. January - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Wednesday 24th. January - Annual Lunch in the Errigle Inn at 1p.m. Two courses £17. To make a booking, please contact Geraldine Tel. 0784593 3371 as soon as possible.

Monday 29th. January - "The Darkest Hour" at QFT, Oscar Nominated. Starring Gary Oldman and Kirsten Scott-Thomas. Adm.£4. For bookings please contact Geraldine Tel. 0784593 3371

Wednesday 11th. April - 42nd Street in the Grand Opera House with St. Agnes' Choral Society at 7.30p.m. A limited number of tickets have been reserved. To secure a booking, please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 *before 28th. January*.

† Youth Ministry Training

We are offering the opportunity for **Young Persons** (over the age of 14), or **Adult Volunteers**, to gain an **OCN Qualification in Practical Youth Ministry Skills**. The training will be held in **St. Bernadette's Parish Centre** for 7 Tuesdays beginning on **16th. January**. Subsidised cost: £15 per person. If you are interested, contact **Seán Farrell** as soon as possible at: s.farrell@downandconnor.org



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 or coffee and a chat after Mass. All are welcome!

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.

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **January** - **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**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 21st. January - Group 7

Nicholas J. McCafferty, Kathleen Leyden, Nicholas M. McCafferty, Estelle McGrath.

500 Club



Week 17: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Weekly Draw: Mary Kearney & Geraldine Quinn.

Each winner receives £50.

School Events



Transfer students and their parents are invited to attend the following schools for admission in September 2018:

January 15th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S. at 7.30p.m.

January 18th. St. Joseph's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

January 20th. Rathmore Grammar School from 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.

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

Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2018** 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. Buy one now before they are all gone!

If you have yet to complete and return your standing order for St. Bernadette's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, please leave it into the Sacristy. If you wish to obtain a form, you can speak to any of the SVP members or leave your contact details in the Sacristy.

Latest News



What's On!



January 17th. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service in **St. Peter's Cathedral** at **7p.m.** This year's theme is "**Crossing Barriers**". Everyone welcome!

January 25th. "Legislating for Life" a lecture by **Lord Alton** of Liverpool in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** David Alton is an Independent Life Peer. He is a Catholic and strongly holds a "pro-life" position. His motto on his Coat of Arms is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy: Choose Life.

May 27th. N.I. Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Cost £669 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes return flights from Belfast, full board at Hotel Agena and travel insurance for persons up to 85 years on date of return. Medical & nursing staff will escort. Contact **Jean** Tel. 0751675 9646 by e-mail to:

info@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk



"Love is not jealous. Envy is a form of sadness, provoked by another's prosperity. It shows we are not concerned for the happiness of others, but only with our own well being. Love makes us rise above ourselves, envy closes in on ourselves." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.