

Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



Cycle B Psalter Week 4
Sunday 14th March 2021

SUNDAY MASSES (ONLINE ONLY)

St Bernadette's Parish Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Holy Rosary Parish 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES: (ON-LINE ONLY)

Tues 16th March Vigil: **7pm Holy Rosary**
Wed 17th March: **9.30am St. Bernadette's**
11am Holy Rosary

Weekday Mass Times (ONLINE ONLY)

St Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am

Given the current public health emergency the [Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass](#) has been extended UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The faithful are encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass whenever possible or to participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on the webcam

Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St. Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues, Wed 10am-12pm
Holy Rosary Parish: Fri, Sat 10.30am-12pm

Our Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased

Lily Fitzsimmons, Betty Mulvenna, Ita Keane, Deborah McKay, Rev Michael Boyle SMA, Peg McCann

Anniversaries: Colette Murphy (6pm), Peggy Brennan, Patrick & Evelyn Cunningham, Oliver Green (10.30am), Theresa Higgins (Wed 11am), Norah McGrath (12.30pm), Des Keating (Tue 9.30am), Conor McGurk (Wed 9.30am), Desmond & Kathleen Grant, Francis Carragher

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ 07733773758
Holy Rosary Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ 07818090323

Thank You

Fr. Michael Spence wishes to express his sincere thanks to parishioners who sympathised with him at the time of his mother's death. Thank you for your prayers, Mass cards, sympathy cards, letters, phone calls and messages. Your kindness has been a great support. *Fr. Michael*

Parish Offerings

Weekly Offering 7th March: £765.00

Monthly Stipend 7th March: £1,106.40

Standing Order & PayPal totals will be given at the end of the month. Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances through standing order, PayPal, the Donate Button, or parish envelopes. We recognise that this is a time of financial worry for many, and for that reason giving to the parish should be secondary to your own needs.

SVP: Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generosity, especially through these difficult times. Donations may be left at either of the Parochial houses in Holy Rosary and St Bernadette's Parishes. For St Bernadette's Parish donations can be made online at www.Svpni.co.uk or telephone 02890750161 or on their own dedicated giving site which can be accessed <https://www.svp.ie/stbernadettesouthandeastbelfastappeal> If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office 02890351561 and you will be directed to your local SVP Conference. Holy Rosary Parish helpline **07512605759**

Trócaire's Lent Campaign

We welcome Teresa Hill to our parishes this weekend. Teresa will speak about this year's campaign at the 6pm Vigil Mass in St. Bernadettes and at the 12.30pm Mass in Holy Rosary. Trócaire boxes are available to be collected from the church during times of private prayer. You can also donate directly to the Lenten campaign through the Trócaire website <https://www.trocaire.org> Through the UK Aid Match Programme the UK Government will match your donations given by May 16th.

To book a Baptism:

St Bernadette's Parish: ☎ parish office 02890793023 Option 1 or email stbernadettes@downandconnor.org

Holy Rosary Parish: ☎ parish office 02890642446 Option 2 or email holyrosary@downandconnor.org

Under the current health restrictions, the Diocesan recommendation for those who may attend is parents, child, and godparents only.

Private Prayer: Due to a funeral taking place in Holy Rosary Parish on Thursday 18th March, the church is not available for those wishing to visit for private prayer. Please let your family/friends know.

An Ancient Prayer for Protection: St. Patrick's Breastplate
 I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to see before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to secure me - against snares of devils, against temptations and vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near, alone and in a crowd ...

Christ be with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ where I lie down,
 Christ where I sit down,
 Christ where I arise,
 Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.
 Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Lord.
 Salvation is of the Christ.
 May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.



**Feast of St. Joseph March 19th
 Year of St. Joseph**

Pope Francis declared a special Jubilee Year in honour of St. Joseph that began on December 8, 2020 and will end on the same day in 2021. Pope Francis is well known for his personal devotion to St. Joseph. He said that the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St Joseph since so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," he said. He said he also wanted to highlight St Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." [Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (with a Father's Heart) can be viewed at www.vatican.va]

**Happy Mother's Day
 Mother's Everywhere**

May the blessing of the Divine
 Be an especially bright benediction
 Upon mothers everywhere
 On your blessed day
 On Mother's Day! (Author Unknown)



**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
 IS IT GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU?**

Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid (Mt 1:20)

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather online with other men who are discerning their vocation. This virtual retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place from the evening of Friday 19th – Saturday 20th March 2021. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or would like further information, please contact Fr. Kevin McGuckien Tel: 02890614567 or email: vocations@downandconnor.org

CELEBRATING MARY'S YES! We invite you to join online with us to pray the Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood from St Peter's Cathedral, on Thurs 25th March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at 7pm. www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Our Saviour, had courage, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God's hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, "Here I am", to the Lord's call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.
 (Pope Francis 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations).



SEASON OF LENT



- **Morning Prayer from the Divine Office** before Mass beginning at 9.15am in St. Bernadette's Church (Mon-Wed) and at 9.45am in Good Shepherd Church (Thurs-Sat).
- **Night Prayer of the Church** each Monday evening from the Good Shepherd Church at 8.30pm
- **Stations of the Cross for children** each Tuesday at 12 noon from the Good Shepherd Church Webcam
- **Stations of the Cross** each Friday at 12 noon from St. Bernadette's Church Webcam

Holy Rosary Parish invites you to **Lectio Divina** on Zoom on Tuesdays at 8pm in Lent. Whoever is interested can contact Michael on 07710585105 or on michael.mcloughlin2@ntlworld.com.

Walking With Jesus Via The Dolorosa: You are invited to continue on this Spiritual Lenten Journey by linking into <https://youtu.be/TiJZ7OhUQVI> or there is a direct link to the programme on both parish websites. It can accessed at any time.