



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 (Wisdom 7:7-11) Here, wisdom is presented as a woman to be prizes and valued. Wisdom is, of course, also one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gift of wisdom should be prized even more than silver and gold and precious gems. It is a gift. And a gift is something which comes from God. A gift which we can ask for, request, pray for.

Second Reading (Hebrews 4:12-13) This excerpt from the book of Hebrews reminds us that the Word of God is ever alive and active. We can never know where the Word of God will touch someone's life, bringing comfort, illumination, healing and challenge. The word is to be heard, but it is also to be absorbed into our hearts where the Spirit of God speaks to our lives.

Gospel Reading (Mark 10:17-30) This part of Mark's Gospel continues to present the challenges which the message of Jesus brings. Wealth and riches are one of the great dangers to following Jesus. A follower of Jesus is willing to be dependent. Riches, on the other hand, foster independence. With enough riches, we can begin to imagine that we are God, rather than relying on the goodness and generosity of God. ©Intercom



Reflection

So Jesus tells his disciples that having left father, mother, brothers and sisters, and their home and material goods, they have found in the community an abundance of "houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and property". And it happens in this life. And, in that sense, Marx had it wrong. Christianity is not an opium, a kind of drug to help people forget their sufferings by longing for a future happiness. What Jesus is saying is supposed to happen now. And it can happen now if we have the will to put it into effect. ©1999- 2018 Living Space

† World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday takes place next week This is the one Sunday in the year that Pope Francis asks you to pray a little stronger and dig a little deeper so that faith, hope and love can flourish. Contributions given on World Mission Sunday will support the fearless and selfless work of our missionaries, who live shoulder - to - shoulder with people in communities that are struggling and often war-torn. World Mission Sunday is co-ordinated by 'World Missions Ireland'. It is the Church's official charity for overseas mission and is part of a worldwide network of over 120 charities.

Please be aware that LIVE Streaming of ALL Masses via the Parish Website takes place in this Church. Visit; www.stbernadettesparish.org and click on "Watch Live".

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Patrick McGoran, Patricia Boyle, Tom Gogarty, Mary Hayes, Lynette Tess Woods, Kathleen Bell, Kathleen Curran, May Phillips, Gerard Flanagan, Charlie Sweeney, Matt Fitzpatrick, Kathleen McGowan Patrick Finnegan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Diocese of Down & Connor



We commemorate the dedication of St. Peter's as the cathedral church in our Diocese today. Until the Reformation, the cathedral of the Diocese of Down & Connor had been at Downpatrick. St. Peter's was originally envisaged as the parish church for the expanding post-Famine Catholic population of Belfast. The site was provided by a wealthy Belfast flour merchant, Bernard (Barney) Hughes, while the church was designed by Fr. Jeremiah Ryan McAuley, who had trained as an architect before he became a priest. The church was opened on 14th. October 1866. The signature twin spires were added in 1886. The decision to designate St. Peter's as the Diocesan cathedral was taken by Bishop Cahal Daly who celebrated the Mass on 29th. June 1986 at which the building was formally named as the Cathedral Church of Down and Connor. ©Wikipedia

Pope Francis



Today Sunday, Pope Francis will officially recognise the sainthood of **Oscar Romero**, the Archbishop of San Salvador, who was assassinated on 24th. March 1980 while celebrating Mass. It is a fitting tribute to an extraordinary man, whose life still influences the work of **Trócaire** and similar organisations working for human rights around the world. **"It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing"**. Blessed Oscar Romero



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,620**. 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 18th. October - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 19th. October - Ten Pin Bowling at Dundonald Ice Bowl from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game. Contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019

Wednesday 24th. October - "Dear Arabella" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. A new play by Marie Jones. Adm. £10. Please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 **before 19th. October** to secure a ticket.

Friday 26th. October - Monthly Lunch in the Belfast Indoor Bowls Club at 12.45p.m. To £16 for 3 courses. Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 before **Tuesday 23rd. October** to make a booking.

✠ Youth Alpha

If you are aged 16-19! Join us at the Youth Alpha course. The series continues each Sunday until **November 11th.** in **St. Brides Hall** and from **18th. November - December 9th.** in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre** from **7p.m.** until **9p.m.** The course is **free!** For more information, e-mail your interest to: **s.farrell@Ddownandconnor.org** Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/>



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or e-mail: parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org

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. Zumba Classes.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga advanced.
8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Relaxation Yoga.
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.

Ministers of the Eucharist

October - Team 4. Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 21st. October - Group 2.

500 Club

Week 4: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Mary McAllister & Dennis O'Connor.**

Each winner 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



Please support our **Table Quiz** on **17th. November** at **8p.m.** in the **Pavilion**. The **Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** will be held in the **Ivanhoe Inn** on **Wednesday 12th. December** at **12.30p.m.**

Church Refurbishment

The contractor is making good progress replacing the lighting throughout the building. The installation of the new lights in the main body of the church is planned to be completed this week. The new lamp units provide a much softer lighting than we have been used to. The lamps are LED, are extremely low maintenance and much cheaper to run. New improved lighting has been completed at the shrines of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart, as well as the entrance lobbies and the Sacristy corridor. New fittings will be installed in the Lourdes Chapel and the Children's Liturgy Room also this week. New external lights to highlight the facade of the church were tested last Tuesday evening and will be installed permanently this week. Everything should be completed by the end of the month.

What's On!

October 16th. St. Anthony's Parish 80th. Anniversary Mass at **7.30p.m.** The chief celebrant will be Bishop Noel Treanor. A reception will be held after Mass in the St. Vincent's Centre. All are welcome!

October 17th. to 19th. Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School presents "Oliver!" Each show begins at **7p.m.** Tickets available from the School Office Tel. **9064 3939**

October 20th. Catholic Young Adult Conference at **QUB Catholic Chaplaincy**. Brilliant talks and workshops on how to be a courageous Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr. Andrew Black, Fr. Conor McDonough, and Maria Steen. Cost: £10 including lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place Tel. **077533 79110** or by email to: cyaconference16@gmail.com

October 21st. Apostolic Workers' Mass for World Mission Sunday will be concelebrated in **St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane** at **2.30p.m.** All are welcome!

November 14th. - 17th. Fortwilliam Musical Society presents "Broadway's Greatest Hits" in the **Courtyard Theatre, Ballyearl** at **7.30p.m.** Tickets £11 -£13 from the Box Office Tel. **9034 0202** www.courtyardtheatre.com