



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 (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6) The prophet is servant. The servant is Israel. Israel is those who are faithful to God. Their light will shine for all the world to see.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:1-3) Isaiah is the prophet. Paul is an apostle. Both are called to witness the things of God to the world by the quality and pattern of their lives.

Gospel Reading (John 1:29-34) John is the last of the prophets. He announces to the whole of humanity, the coming of God's Son into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, filled with God's Holy Spirit, the Chosen One of God.

Migrants & Refugees

Today marks the annual **World Day for Migrants & Refugees**. Migration is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security. Please pray for them.

Christian Unity

The annual Octave of Prayer for Christian unity begins on Wednesday. At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. The theme of this year's Week of Prayer is "Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us." Why not attend an event being held in our locality to improve dialogue and understanding with our non-catholic neighbours?

Parish Pastoral Council

At our first meeting of this new year an outline programme of events was drafted to celebrate the upcoming 50th anniversary of the opening of our Parish church. It is hoped to form a separate committee now to take these ideas forward. Full information will be conveyed as final arrangements are made. A reminder of our Lenten Faith Development Programme: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass", presented in DVD format by Dr. Edward Sri in, **St. Bernard's P.S.** from 8.15p.m. to 9.45p.m. each **Tuesday** from 28th. February to 28th. March.

Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Early R.I.P.**, of Wynchurch Road, whose funeral took place here on Friday, for **Peggy Carroll R.I.P.**, the sister of a Parishioner, who died on Monday, and for **Eileen McMahan R.I.P.**, a former Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday.

Anniversaries

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, Patrick Cunningham, Mary Craig, Nicholas Murtagh, Susan Duffin, Eileen Bradley, James McKeane, Alice Coney, James Moran, Jack Bradley.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from 8a.m. until 7.15p.m. We need more people at the following times so that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended:

12p.m. - 1p.m. 3 adorers needed
1p.m. - 2p.m. 4 adorers needed
3p.m. - 4p.m. 1 adorer needed
5p.m. - 6p.m. 2 adorers needed
6p.m. - 7p.m. 3 adorers needed

Altar Servers

More children and young people are needed to serve at Mass at weekends. Servers are particularly needed on Sundays at the 10a.m. Mass. Candidates must have received First Holy Communion. The role is not restricted to primary school children as young people from secondary level are also most welcome to volunteer. Parental permission forms must be completed and are available from the Sacristy.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,870**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual **Diocesan Youth Commission** collection will be taken up this weekend. The money raised will be used to fund faith development and pastoral services for young people.

Team 3 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Monday 16th. January - "La La Land" at QFT, the musical selected as one of the top 10 films of 2016. Adm. £4. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **0784593 3371** as soon as possible.

Thursday 19th. January - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.** Meet in the church car park.

Wednesday 25th. January - Annual Lunch in the **Errigle Inn** at **1p.m.** Cost £20. To book, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** or **John** Tel. **9058 9598** by

Friday 20th. January.



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 16th.

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.

7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

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

Tuesday 17th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.

8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

Wednesday 18th.

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.

Thursday 19th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 20th.

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday 21st.

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

1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club from Monday to Friday for P1 - P7 children. Please contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910** for further information.

Special candles are available that you may wish to use at home or place at Our Lady's Altar or at the Sacred Heart Altar. Candles cost £5 each from the Sacristy.

Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 22nd. January - Group 10
Elizabeth Kerr, Laura Martin,
Edward O'Hare.

500 Club



Week 17: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Tony Bradley & Kathleen Hughes.** Each winner receives £50.

Diocesan Directories



The **Down & Connor Directory** for 2017 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!

School Events



Pupils and parents seeking entry to Year 8 in the intake for September 2017 are invited to attend the following schools:

Thursday 19th. January

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

St. Mary's C.B.G.S. - 7.30p.m.

Saturday 21st. January

Rathmore Grammar School from 9.30a.m. to 1p.m.

Assumption Grammar, Ballynahinch from 10a.m. - 1p.m.

Monday 30th. January - Thursday 2nd. February

St. Colman's, Ballynahinch Open Week from **9.30p.m. - 12.45p.m.**

Invitation



The ladies of **Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church** have invited the ladies of **St. Bernadette's Church** to a **Visitors' Evening** on **Friday 27th. January** at **7.30p.m.** in **St. John's Hall, Knockbreda Road.** Entertainment will be provided by a group of **Zephania Dancers** who use the medium of Irish dance to communicate God's love. If you would like to attend please contact **Marie** Tel. **9079 2226**, as numbers are required for catering purposes.

What's On!



January 13th. The Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff will host a **Novena with Mass** at **6.30p.m.** to celebrate the **Fatima Centenary Year.** On the 13th of every subsequent month, the novena will include the Fatima novena prayer, the rosary, a time for adoration and benediction. All are warmly invited to join us.

May 16th. Pilgrimage to Padua Italy (St. Anthony's Shrine), Venice & Lake Garda. 3 nights Padua & 4 nights Lake Garda. Visiting St. Marks Square Basilica in Venice. Sunday Mass Torbole, boat trips to Limone & Malcesine. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Rogan, Kilcoo. Half board accommodation with all guided tours taxes & entrance fees £990pp Twin/Double - £250pp Single supplement. For further information please contact **Downe Travel** Tel. **4461 3288**