



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 (Acts 2:1-11) Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles on Pentecost Day and the powerful effect it had on them. The Jewish feast of Pentecost was one of the three major pilgrim festivals of Israel. The fact that it was a pilgrim feast explains why devout Jews from every nation were in Jerusalem at this time. Since the account in Greek does not use gender-specific language we can conclude that women, men and children were all present.

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-17) This reading consists of three different yet related themes: an acclamation that Jesus is Lord; a clear statement that there is a variety of gifts within the Christian community; the body metaphor that characterises that diversity of gifts. The metaphor of the human body emphasises the importance of unity in diversity rather than uniformity.

Gospel Reading (John 20:19-23) In his gospel, John treats the resurrection and the bestowal of the Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus as having occurred on the same day, since we are told the event described took place 'on the evening of the first day of the week' (v.9). However, it is important to point out that there was not a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John have the same overall message: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit, and inaugurates the mission of the Church. Each of them has his own particular theological emphasis. Now the design of God has been brought to a conclusion as God sends his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power and the disciples of Jesus are authorised to continue the mission of Jesus.



First Eucharist

64 children from **St. Bernard's P.S.** and **Cregagh P.S.** will celebrate their **First Holy Communion** next **Saturday** at **11a.m.** The children have been working very hard for many weeks now in preparation to receive the sacrament. We pray for God's blessing that their faith will be enriched and that they will remain faithful to the Eucharist throughout their lives. We also pray for their parents, families, and teachers.

The Mass will be *streamed live* at www.stbernadettesparish.org so that relatives and friends of the children's families, who cannot attend, will be able to join in the celebration whether at home or abroad. There will also be a link from St. Bernard's P.S. website.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues next **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New adorers will always be welcome! Why not drop in for a few minutes of silent prayer to the Lord. Volunteers are particularly needed to attend between **3p.m. & 5p.m.** "Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Joe McKinney R.I.P.**, of Breda Avenue, whose funeral took place here on Thursday, and for **Maureen Shannon R.I.P.**, a relative of Parishioners, whose funeral took place in Antrim on Thursday.

Anniversaries

Philip Brady, Malachy Curran, Gerry Neeson, Cyril O'Brien, Mary Ann Cassidy, Henry Liddy, Anne McElroy, Rose Woods, Mary Carlin, Pat Ivory, Larry McQuoid, Molly Black.

Basil Collins, Paddy Murphy, John Lavery, Sr. Alphonsus McKernan, Sara Watson, Sean McCann, Catherine McCloskey.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Official Opening of the Church



On **Sunday 29th. May**, **Bishop Noel Treanor** will preside at the official opening of the church at **12p.m.** This is a major event in the history of the Parish as we approach the 50th. Anniversary of the building of the church in 1967. The Parish choirs will join together for this great celebration. All of our Parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend.

Cappella Caeciliana performed a marvellous selection of sacred music for Pentecost at the Vigil Mass. Many thanks to Choir Director, **Donal McCrisken**, Organist **Stephen Hamill**, and the individual members of the choir for coming to St. Bernadette's and enriching our celebration.

