



# 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10)** In the biblical world, banquets had eschatological significance. The meal to which Isaiah is alluding on Mount Zion recalls an earlier meal on Mount Sinai that ratified the covenant between God and the freed slaves from Egypt. It marks a transition from death to life, from slavery to freedom.

**Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20)** Even though Paul is chained and restricted, he is rejoicing that he has found the Lord. Jesus is his life. Therefore, he is able to be content and full of joy. He wants us, and the Church of Philippi, to be the same in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 22:1-14)** The conversation and debate continues with the chief priests and the elders. Jesus has to contend with cynicism, anger and rejection from the leaders of the time. Their insecurity is palpable. A new invitation is issued to them through the Incarnation. This is an invite to the wedding of God with us. Going to the crossroads is a metaphor for going out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News. Very appropriate in this Mission Month of October! © Intercom



## Golden Jubilee

The 50th. Anniversary Mass to celebrate the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Sunday 29th. October at 3p.m.**. Bishop Anthony Farquhar will preside. All Parishioners, our former Parishioners, and friends will be most welcome to attend. The Parish choirs will combine to accompany this special liturgy. It is hoped that some of the priests who worked here over the years will also be present. Please make a note in your diary to attend!

Everyone attending the Anniversary Mass will be invited to enjoy a Buffet meal in the Parish Centre. **Admission is free by ticket only!** Tickets are available from the Sacristy.



## Reflection

God has wonderful things in store for us. Everyone, no matter what kind of past they have had, receives the same invitation to sit down at God's table. However, having initially answered the invitation, we cannot take things for granted. There is no room for complacency. ©1999- 2017 Living Space



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the strain of daily life, and say a simple prayer? We ask everyone to sign the register to help us to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Teresa Byrne R.I.P.**, aunt of Fr. Armstrong, whose funeral took place in Dunboyne, Co. Meath on Wednesday.

## Anniversaries

Patricia Boyle, Matt Fitzpatrick, Tom Gogarty, Edward Galway, Mary Hayes, Kathleen Curran, May Phillips, Gerard Flanagan, Kathleen Bell.

Charlie Sweeney, Kathleen McGowan, Patrick Finnegan, Daniel O'Hara, Susan Quorall, James & Jane Flynn, Nora Collins.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

## World Mission Sunday



Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection. Every person in every Parish in every country where the Church is present will be celebrating together and sharing what they have, no matter how little. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission Parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world, ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,956**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

**Team 2** will help with the collection this week.

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 19th. October** - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.  
**Friday 27th. October** - Monthly Lunch in Castlereagh Hills Golf Club at 1p.m. Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 before 23rd. October if you wish to attend.

**Wednesday 1st. November** - "Frank Carson - a rebel without a pause" starring Dan Gordon as the great comedian at the **Lyric** at 7.45p.m. Tickets £16. If you wish to attend, contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.



## Fund-Raising Concert

**St. Agnes' Choral Society** presents "The Gift of Music" on **Saturday 11th. November** at 7.30p.m. in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Carryduff**. Tickets £12.50 (includes light refreshments). Tickets available from **Charlie** Tel. 07850 203835, **Eamon** Tel. 078023 54799 or the **Parish Office** Tel. 9081 2238 option 2. Proceeds in aid of **St. Bernadette's Church Restoration Fund** and the **Lighthouse Charity** which offers support to families bereaved through suicide. Organised by the local Knights of St Columbanus CK29. Everyone welcome!



## 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/coffee 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. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.  
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

### Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
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



Group Leader for October - **Anne Sharvin**.

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 22nd. October** - Group 5  
**Sean O'Hare, Carl Stewart,**  
**Sandra McKillop.**

## 500 Club



**Week 4:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Eileen Lynch & Bernie O'Kane**. Each winner receives £50.

## Church Flower Arrangers



Due to illness and retirement, we need experienced people to help share the work of creating our floral displays. This includes our upcoming 50th. Anniversary, the major feasts, and weekly maintenance. Ideally, you must be available during the daytime. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

## Apostolic Workers



Our **Annual Church Door Collection** will take place after all Masses this weekend. Donation envelopes & Gift Aid forms are available from our members. Please take an envelope, give whatever you can afford, and sign the Gift Aid form. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, or left in the Sacristy. Your donation can make such a big difference to the missionary priests, religious, and lay workers who are helping the poor and deprived in the Third World. Help us to help the Missions!

## What's On!



**October 18th.** "From Council to Conflict: The life and ministry of Bishop William Philbin from the Second Vatican Council to the Northern Ireland Assembly". A public lecture delivered by Dr. Jan Freytag on the life and ministry of the former Bishop of Down and Connor, Dr. William Philbin, in QUB Catholic Chaplaincy at **7p.m.** All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided.

**October 21st. Catholic Young Adult Conference (18-40)** at the **Catholic Chaplaincy, QUB**. Theme: 'Answering Objections to Catholicism'. Talks and workshops with speakers: Fr. Andrew Black, Fr Martin Graham and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. From 10a.m. to 5.30p.m. Cost £10 inc lunch. To book Tel. 07753 379110.

**November 2nd.** "Light from the Life and Work of Luther" an evening of prayer, friendship and reflection with Catholic scholar Rev. Dr. Hubertus Blaumeiser, at **7p.m.** in **Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, 77 University Street**. The talk will be followed by dialogue and refreshments. All are welcome. Suggested donation £5 to help cover expenses. Supported by Focolare, Corrymeela and the Fitzroy/Clonard Fellowship.

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