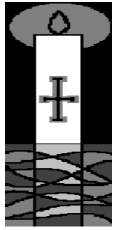


Parish of St. Bernadette



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

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Celebrating the Liturgy during Easter Week

9.30a.m. Mass from Monday - Friday. N.B. No 7.30p.m. Mass on Tuesday.

Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the 9.30a.m. Mass on Tuesday.

Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place today.

Saturday 6p.m. Vigil Mass Confessions will be at 6.45p.m.

Sunday 23rd. April 10a.m. 12p.m.

"...each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in Paschal Time unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year".

Parish Priest

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First Reading (Acts 10:34, 37-43) The hospitality that the Roman officer Cornelius provided to Peter was a key to breaking down the apostle's anti-foreigner prejudices. Peter's address follows the pattern of the Easter *kerygma* (proclamation): a summary of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus followed by a call to repentance. While Jesus directed his mission to the Jewish people, the significance of his life is for all humanity.

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8) Both the suggested reading and its alternative ask the followers of Jesus to set aside their old ways in favour of resurrection newness. Our life is 'hidden with Christ in God' (Col 3:3). It was the Jewish custom to remove all yeast from the household for the Passover. The Resurrection involved only one man, but he has given a remarkable lift to creation.

Gospel Reading (John 20:1-9) This may be the original account of the Resurrection because it is the most simple. Mary Magdalene visits the tomb of Jesus out of devotion to him. Finding it empty, she runs to Peter and the 'beloved disciple' (presumably the author of the gospel). She is *apostala apostolorum*, the one sent to those who were sent to proclaim the Good News. The three run back. John gets there first, but gives way to Peter, out of respect for his seniority. The reference to the burial cloths discredits the story that the body has been stolen. This text repeats the Fourth Gospel's preference for faith rather than signs as a reason for following Jesus. © Intercom 2017



Mass Times

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30a.m. each morning this week. **There will be no evening Mass on Tuesday.** The prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be said on Tuesday morning.

The church will be closed after Mass each morning next week.



Reflection

Easter is not only a time for celebration, for bunnies and Easter eggs, for new clothes and fancy bonnets - it is also a time for deep inner renewal. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the meaning of our Baptism and Confirmation. We need to remember that as we break and share together the unleavened bread of the Eucharist, we share the Body of Christ, and that body embraces both Jesus and the whole community. 1999- 2017 Living Space

Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Communion receive Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season, which lasts for 50 days after Easter through to Pentecost Sunday.

Please note the changes to Mass times during **Easter Week**. Mass will be at 9.30a.m. each day from **Monday to Friday**. There will be no evening Mass on **Tuesday**. The novena prayers to Our Lady will be said on Tuesday morning. On **Easter Saturday**, the **Vigil Mass** will be at 6p.m. followed by confessions at 6.45p.m.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

John J. Fitzpatrick, Maura McGurk, Leo McFall, Gretta McEvoy, Kathleen McMenamin, Rose King, Mary Loughran, Colm Maginnis, Imelda Deignan, Veronica McKenna, Marie Russell, Patrick Gilroy, Peter Joseph McEvoy, Sheila Wright.

Thomas J. Durcan, Eileen Curran, Bernard Duffy, Kathleen Gilchrist, Seamus Woods, Ellen Woods, Mary C. Curran, Daniel McLaughlin, Susan Short, John McElkerney, Molly McLarnon, Thomas Miley, Joseph Murdock, William Martin, John Stewart, Mamie McQuillan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Calendar of Feasts



The feast of **Divine Mercy** will be celebrated on **Sunday 23rd. April**. Jesus said "whoever approaches the fount of life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment".

The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confession, and Mass for the feast will be held next **Sunday** at 2.30p.m. in **St. Peter's Cathedral**. Attended car parking. Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will **not** take place on **Tuesday**. We will resume on **Tuesday 25th. April** at 8a.m.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,497**. A sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 4 will help with the collection this week.

The **Easter Voluntary** collection will be taken up at all of the Masses this weekend.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 19th. April - "Red" at the **Lyric** at 7.45p.m. 1958. New York. Artist Mark Rothko is at the height of his career. But is his latest lucrative commission threatening to damage his integrity - and his creativity? Adm. £10. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible.

Thursday 20th. April - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.**

Friday 28th. April - Monthly Lunch in the **Bureau, Whiteabbey** at **1p.m.** Cost £17. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371**.

† The Ragged Saint

A Triduum in honour of **St. Joseph Benedict Labre** (The 'Ragged' Saint) will be held in **St Malachy's Church** from **Monday 24th. - Wednesday 26th. April**. Mass will be celebrated each evening at **7p.m.** The guest speakers will be:

Monday 24th. April - **Maria Garvey** - a founding member of the L'Arche Community in Ireland. 'The Way of The Heart - Encountering Love in the Margins'

Tuesday 25th. April - **Fr. Peter McVerry SJ** - 'The Kingdom of God - What I've Learned from the Homeless.'

Wednesday 27th. April - **Fr. Brendan McManus SJ** - 'Walking in the Dark - a Faith for Tough Times.' Everyone will be most welcome!



Holy Week

Each year, we try to celebrate the ceremonies of **Holy Week** and **Easter** as faithfully as we can. We strive to make the liturgy as prayerful, meaningful, and enjoyable for everyone. It would be impossible to do this without so many people who give their time, effort, and talent to help us to try to do exactly that. May I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who took part in any way in the various ceremonies during the past few days and in the preparation of the church.

Many thanks to all of you who came out to attend the **Parish Penitential Service** on Wednesday evening and who came to each of the ceremonies of **Holy Week**. Your very presence gave great witness to the Lord and clearly showed what a vibrant and strong faith community we have here in St. Bernadette's.

May I wish you and your families every grace and blessing during this season of Easter. May the joy of the Risen Christ fill each of you with great happiness!

Peter Armstrong P.P.

Notices for the Parish Bulletin should be sent by **e-mail only** to: **info@stbernadettesparish.org** to arrive no later than 12p.m. on Thursdays.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for April - **Flo McGarrigle**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 23rd. April - Group 1
**Gerard Malone, Brendan Kerr (snr),
Maura Macklin.**

500 Club



Week 30: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Lily McQuade & Joe McGinnity**.
Each winner receives **£50**.

Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** as soon as you can. Boxes can be placed in the special bin located at the side of the Sanctuary or left in the Sacristy. Please convert as much coin as possible into bank notes and remember to fill in the Gift Aid form. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make your cheque payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. This will be included in the total Parish contribution to Trócaire.



Golden Jubilee



"Hail Gladdening Light" a concert to celebrate the **50th. Anniversary** of the opening of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Friday 19th. May** at **7.30p.m.** We are delighted to welcome **Cappella Caeciliana**, conducted by **Donal McCrisken**, with guest organist **Stephen Hamill** and **Fr. Eugene O'Hagan**, tenor, a member of **The Priests**. The programme will include the Hallelujah Chorus and Widor Toccata. The event will also mark the inauguration of the rebuilt and extended organ in the church. Tickets £15 are now on sale in the Lourdes Chapel Porch after weekend Masses, from the Sacristy, or book online at **www.caeciliana.org**, or from **Matchetts, 6 Wellington Place**, or **Bread & Banjo Bakery, Ormeau Rd.** Students & under 25s are *free*. All proceeds will go to the church organ fund and Cappella Caeciliana 2018 CD recording.

Car owners! Please note that the church car park will be locked after morning Mass each day during Easter week. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the car park after Mass times.

What's On!



April 24th. **Tom McCormack**, co-producer of the film, "The Call to Fatima", will speak on the importance of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima for our time in **St. Teresa's Parish Centre, Glen Road** at **7.15p.m.** His work is based entirely on the writings by Sister Lucia of Fatima. All are welcome.

May 9th. - 13th. **St. Agnes' Choral Society** continue their 60th Anniversary celebrations with the hilarious family comedy musical **Me and My Girl** in **The Grand Opera House**. Tickets can be purchased online at **www.goh.co.uk** or via the Box Office Tel. **9024 1919**

Parish Centre News



The Centre will be closed during Easter Week. Please check with your group leader when your activity will resume after the holiday period.