



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.

Monday 9.30a.m.

Tuesday 7.30p.m. (with Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

Wednesday

9.30a.m.

Thursday

9.30a.m.

Friday - No Mass.

Drumbo 9.30a.m.

Good Shepherd Church 10a.m.

Saturday

6.00p.m. Vigil Mass with the Folk Choir every second Week.

Holy Days of Obligation

9.30a.m.

Confessions

Saturday

6.45p.m. after the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday from 9a.m. to 7.15p.m.

Baptisms

On the first Sunday of each month. By appointment only four weeks in advance.

All Masses are streamed live online via the Parish website: www.stbernadettesparish.org

If you would like to book Anniversary Masses, Baptisms, Marriages etc., please call into the Sacristy or Tel. 9040 1975 at Mass times or send an e-mail to the following address: info@stbernadettesparish.org.

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 15:5-20) This short reading from one of the wisdom writings of the Old Testament lets us know what an awesome reality human freedom is. We are at liberty to choose fire or water, life or death. God respects our freedom to choose, and he permits us to experience the consequences of our choices.

Second Reading (Corinthians 2:6-10) St. Paul's teaching, the teaching of our faith, is not 'a philosophy of our age'; it does not pander to fashion or fad, but places truth before us and invites us to choose in accordance with the truth. It is God's Holy Spirit who shows us the truth and empowers us to live by it.

Gospel (Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37) 'You have heard..... but I say this to you.' This contrast, or antithesis, runs like a refrain through the Sermon on the Mount. Moses gave the law from Mount Sinai; in his Sermon on the Mount, it is Jesus, the new and definitive Moses, who explains the law in all its depth. ©Intercom



The Season of Lent

What are you doing for Lent? Why not travel with Jesus as he enters into his passion? 'No Greater Love' is a biblical programme, based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land. Over five weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus through the scriptures from the garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. The presenter, Edward Sri, leads us on a pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Each week there will be an opportunity to pray and to talk together as members of our Parish Family.

The programme, hosted by the **Parish Pastoral Council**, will begin on **Tuesday 25th February** in **St. Bernard's P.S.** at **8.15pm** and continue each Tuesday evening on **March 3rd, 10th, 24th**, concluding on **March 31st**. **There will not be a session on Tuesday 17th March.** We will finish at approx. 9.30pm approx. We look forward to welcoming you on **Tuesday 25th February**. If you would like more information, please email: ppc@stbernadettesparish.org



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New adorers are needed especially between 2pm and 5pm. All are welcome! "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mk 14:34)

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Colette Loughran R.I.P.**, whose funeral took place on Saturday, and for **Msgr. Tom McGettrick P.E.**, a native of Holy Rosary Parish, who died in Texas on Monday. The 1.15pm Mass today in the Good Shepherd Church will be offered for the repose of his soul. We also remember **Bobby Craig R.I.P.**, whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

Anniversaries

Raymond Glover, George Hayes, Jack Bradley Paddy, Nellie, & Andrew Cunnane, James McGarrigle, Rita White.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved. If you feel the need to speak to someone in strict confidence and would like to make contact with the Group members directly, please Tel. 077 3377 3758.

Sacrament of Confirmation



Warmest congratulations and best wishes to the children of **St. Bernard's P.S.**, **Loughview P.S.**, **Inchmarlo Prep. School**, and **Cairnshill P.S.** who were conferred with the **Sacrament of Confirmation** by **Fr. Michael Sheehan PP, VF**, of the **Parish of Drumbo & Carryduff**. A word of thanks to those who helped prepare the church for this great Parish celebration: the members of the **Church Cleaning Teams**, and **Mrs. Eileen McKeown**, our florist. We also thank the P7 teachers and Learning Assistants who prepared the children so well. We are indebted to the musicians who contributed so much to the liturgy.



Parish Collections

Last week's Parish collection amounted to £1,465. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual collection for **Sick & Retired Priests** will take place this weekend.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 19th. February - "Kiss Me Kate" at the Lyric at 7.30p.m. Music & lyrics by Cole Porter. Adm. £12. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.

Thursday 20th. February - **Weekly Walk**. Meet in the church car park at 10.15am.

Friday 21st. February - **Ten Pin Bowling** at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 11am. Concession rate £2.20 per game. All members invited to take part.

Friday 28th. February - **Monthly Lunch** in the Parador at 1pm. £17 for two courses. To help finalise the catering order, please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Tuesday 24th. - Thursday 26th. March - Our annual trip to **Malahide**. Cost €177 p.p.s bed & breakfast for two nights (including dinner on the Tuesday). Single room occupancy €282. If you wish to go, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371.



Diocesan Vocations Weekend

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place in **Drumalis Retreat Centre**, from **Friday 6th. - Sunday 8th. March**. If you wish to attend or would like further information contact: **Fr. Kevin McGuckien**, at **23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT** Tel. 9061 4567. Email: k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.

No Mothers & Toddlers this week.

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.

Wednesday

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday

7p.m. Art Class.

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. New members are always welcome!

Ministers of the Eucharist



February - Group 4.

Team Leader - **Anne Sharvin**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 23rd. February.

Group 6.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 22**: **Eileen Hodgson & Roseanne Hanna**. Each receives £50.

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to anyone in 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.



Mother's Day Treat

Clare Lodge in Newcastle is offering a three night stay from **Friday 20th. - Monday 23rd March**. Tel. 4372 2849 email clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk for further information.

Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage** to **Lourdes** will take place from **July 7th. - 14th**. Prices per person sharing:

5 nights - July 8th. - 13th. £650.

7 nights - July 7th. - 14th. £725.

Youth Team July 5th. - 14th. £590 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: **5 nights - July 8th. - 13th. £550**. All flights from Belfast International.

Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. 9077 0162 or contact us by email to: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com. A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

Living Youth



Living Youth, along with other organisations across Ireland, are running 'Stay Awake for Homelessness' - a fundraising event on **28th. February** from **8pm. - 6am.** for young people aged 17- 25. to raise awareness and raise vital funds for homelessness, by staying awake all night. All proceeds will go towards **St. Patrick's Mercy Door Soup Kitchen** and **Morning Star House**. If you are interested, please email s.mullan@downandconnor.org or Tel. 9023 2432.

What's On!



February 19th. Why Support Life? A discussion on the future of the pro-life movement in NI in **QUB Catholic Chaplaincy, Elmwood Avenue** at **7pm**. The panel, chaired by **Brett Lockhart QC**, features key figures in the pro-life movement including Dawn McAvoy, Dr. Andrew Cupples, Patrick Gallagher, Kate Meenagh, and Sarah Haire. All are welcome to attend !

May 19th - 24th. NI Cancer Pilgrimage To Lourdes. £695 (with price reduction for cancer patients) will include: return flights from Belfast International, full board Hotel Agena, five nights based on twin/double/treble rooms. For enquires and/or a booking form please Tel. 07933 938981 or by Email to: mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk