

# Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF  
HOLY ROSARY

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ST BERNADETTE



## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH Vigil 6.00pm & 11am  
HOLY ROSARY PARISH 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

ST BERNADETTES Tues & Wed 9.30am  
HOLY ROSARY PARISH Thurs, Fri & Sat 10.am

### Confessions Saturday:

10.30am in Good Shepherd church and  
5.15pm in St. Bernadette's church.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY 17TH MARCH (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

### Mass times:

- St. Bernadette's church at 11.00a.m.
  - Good Shepherd church 10.30 a.m.
  - Good Shepherd church 12 p.m. (Mass in Irish)
- Missalettes will be available to assist the congregation.



A collection in support of the Irish Language will be held outside the church.  
Beidh fáilte romhat chác. Everyone welcome  
May St. Patrick deepen our Faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Morning Lenten Prayers** in St Bernadettes Church will take place each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings commencing at 9.15am.

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## OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary (Renee) Maloney, Maria Sloan, Imelda McGrath,

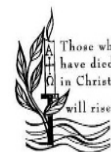
### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sean Dempsey (6pm), Isabella McConville (9am),  
Peggy Brennan (10.30am), Conor McGurk (11am),  
Geraldine Boyle (12.30pm), William Carlin, Norah McGrath,  
Leo Sloan, Liam McKenna

Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord.

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement  
Support Group ☎. 07388191309

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement  
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## ST BERNADETTES FINANCES

The Collection for Needy Parishes will be taken up this weekend.



Thank you for your continued generosity towards the collections taken up in our parish.

## St Bernadette SVP



Thank you, for your ongoing support throughout the year. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require financial help/ support.

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** It is planned to put defibrillators in our Churches. If anyone knows of any organisations who would be willing to sponsor such installation for Charities or would be willing to finance such installation, please leave the names in the sacristy.



**St Bernadette's Children's Liturgy**  
**Dates for Children's Liturgy**  
**February 2025 – June 2025**  
 23rd March; 6th April;  
 4th/18th May. 1st/15th/29th June

**St Bernadette's Retirement Group**

Our next coffee morning and AGM will be Wednesday 19th March after 9:30am Mass. £5 annual registration will be required. Old and new members are most welcome, so come along and meet new friends. You're also very welcome to join us for our weekly walk, we meet at 10:15am in St Bernadette's church carpark every Thursday.

- A date for your diary: Lyric Wed 14th May, Night at the Musicals. £15. If you would like to attend, please submit your name and £15 at our March coffee morning or to a committee member.
- Another date for your diary: 12 noon, Wed 26th March, a guided tour of Crumlin Road Gaol. If interested, £15 must be paid to a committee member or at the coffee morning on 19th March coffee morning.



**Quilting Group:** The regular meetings of the parish quilting group will resume at 2pm on Thurs 20th March in the conference room in the church.

New members are always welcome.

If you are a novice or an experienced quilter, why not come along and join this vibrant parish group.



**Our Annual Holy Rosary Parish Saint Patrick's Celebration Event** is back at Rosario Youth Centre,

469 Ormeau Road. This year our event will be on Sunday 16th March, from 1-6pm. Entry £3 per person, £10 per family. Live entertainment, traditional Irish Stew, Face Painters, Tuck Shop, Tea/Coffee. Bar facilities. All proceeds towards the running costs of Rosario Youth Centre.

**Rathmore Grammar School** warmly welcomes you to join us for an evening of fun and games in our **Grand Sale for Trócaire** on **Wednesday 9 April from 6.30pm to 9.00pm**. There will be plenty of treats available. Try out our challenge activities from penalty shoot-outs to sponge-the-teacher. If you or your business are in a position to donate or contribute prizes to such a worthy cause, please contact the school [info@rathmoregs.belfast.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@rathmoregs.belfast.ni.sch.uk) (all donations will be acknowledged on the evening).

**WITNESSES OF HOPE FROM SCRIPTURE**

ADiocesan online programme for the Sundays of Lent @7pm, available on the Down and Connor Facebook page, and Youtube



Facebook



Youtube

**Lenten Invitation:** Parishioners are invited to join the clergy of our neighbouring parishes to pray Night Prayer together on the **Sundays of Lent at 8.00pm** in this Jubilee Year of Hope, that we might support each other with our presence and prayer.

- Sunday 16th March **St Matthew's Church, Belfast.**
- Sunday 23rd March **Good Shepherd Church, Belfast**
- Sunday 30th March **St Malachy's Church, Belfast.**
- Sunday 6th April **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Carryduff.**
- Sunday 13th April **St Colmcille's Church, Belfast.**

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to **"journey in hope together"**. A short-term pledge is available via

[www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction

**STEP FORWARD AS A PILGRIM OF HOPE THIS LENT!**

As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. We invite you to join us for our new Lenten program, **Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus this Lent**, a 6-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels of Lent and the lives of the Irish saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. They were the great evangelisers of the Christian faith in Ireland. Invite a family member or friend or neighbour to come with you for these weeks of prayer and reflection. All welcome.

**Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre**

**Date: Tuesdays of Lent**

**Time: 6.45 p.m. to 8p.m.**

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
 may the faith you have given us  
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
 and the flame of charity enkindled  
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
 reawaken in us the blessed hope  
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
 May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
 and the whole cosmos  
 in the sure expectation  
 of a new heaven and a new earth,  
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
 reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
 May that same grace spread  
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
 throughout the earth.  
 To you our God, eternally blessed,  
 be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen**



Sunday 16 March 2025

Luke 9:28-36

2nd Sunday of Lent

# In the GOSPEL TODAY

## God's glory

Jesus shone with the glory of God. We can let God's glory shine when we live like Jesus.



I can let God's glory shine when I...

Write, or draw, your ideas in the candle.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for helping me when I try to be like you. Help me to shine with your love. Help me to be kind and loving to everyone I meet. Amen.

Jesus goes up a mountain with his friends. While he prays, Jesus is changed and shines with God's glory! Jesus' friends hear God the Father say, "This is my son. Listen to him."

## LISTEN TO JESUS!

### A voice from the cloud

Put the words in the right order to see what the voice from the cloud said.



### Up, up, up.

There is no path up the mountain. How will Jesus and his friends reach the top? Draw the path you think they would take.



### God speaks to us

Spot the **five** differences between the two pictures of the priest reading from the Gospel.



Answers: "Listen to my son." The differences are the left altar server's hair colour, the cross on the lectern, the colour of the lectionary, the flame of the candles.

