



# 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.

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**First Reading (Exodus 17:8-13)** Early in the exodus experience, between their deliverance and their reaching the Sinai wilderness, the Israelites find themselves at Rephidim. This is the setting for their complaint to Moses about a lack of water and his miraculous sourcing of water from a rock. Immediately following that provision, the Amelekite offensive is reported. A fresh reason for panic and despair, it is, again, subverted by the intervention of Moses and the power of the Divine working, it appears, through him.

**Second Reading (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)** This section of the letter includes both warning and exhortation. Persecution from without can be expected, but false and confused teaching from within is as great a danger to the Church. Populist, compromised doctrine is an ever-present attraction. The true pastor will be thoroughly grounded in scripture and will hold fast 'to what you have been taught and know to be true.' This passage could be viewed as identifying a role for 'tradition', alongside scripture, in the Church's teaching mission,

**Gospel Reading (Luke 18:1-8)** The teaching immediately preceding today's Gospel parable has been apocalyptic in tone, with advice about end times. The rhetorical question which concludes today's passage is posed against this backdrop, with its speculation about the capacity of the average believer to remain faithful until the return of the 'Son of Man'. The kind of perseverance which may be required, in the meantime, is characterised by the widow who is the key figure in this story. Her persistence in pursuing the cause is a lesson to the Christian as to the unwavering conviction which needs to underpin faith and accompany prayer. As her resolve bore fruit, so surely, will theirs.

## ✠ Year of Mercy

The **Parish Pastoral Council** warmly invites all Parishioners to join in a **Parish Pilgrimage** for the final **Holy Door Ceremony in Clonard** on the evening of **Friday 28th. October**. As the **Extraordinary Year of Mercy** inaugurated by Pope Francis nears conclusion, the theme for this month's ceremony will be '**Our Lady, Blessed Mother of Mercy.**' Fr. Brendan Keane, C.S.s.R, will lead the ceremony which will consist of introductory prayers, passing through the **Holy Door**, homily and reflection. There will also be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those who wish to do so.

If you would like to attend, and we encourage all to do so, please leave your name in the Sacristy. If you do not have access to personal transport but would like to be part of this pilgrimage, please contact **Mr. Joe McGinnity Tel. 9040 2776** as a lift can be arranged.

It is so easy to get caught up with the trappings of wealth in this life. Grant, O Lord, that I may be free from greed and selfishness. Remind me that the best things in life are free. ©1999-2016 Sacred Space

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gerald Hawkins R.I.P.**, of Knockbrea Gardens, whose funeral took place in the Good Shepherd Church on Wednesday, and for **Margaret Owens R.I.P.**, the mother of Parishioners and of Mrs. Sinead Miller who is a member of staff of St. Bernard's P.S., and whose funeral will take place in the Good Shepherd Church on Monday at 10a.m.

### Anniversaries

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, James & Jane Flynn, Nora Collins, Susan Quorall, Ellen Bradley, Margaret Murray, Meta McEvoy.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

The **Rev. Jim Armstrong** of the **N.I. Hospice** will speak on the "**Management of Bereavement**" in the **Parish Centre** on **Wednesday 19th. October** at **8p.m.** hosted by our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group**. Everyone will be very welcome to attend especially those who have recently suffered a bereavement.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and strain of daily life, and say a silent prayer? Or simply just sit and rest in the presence of the Lord?



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,659**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual collection for the **Propagation of the Faith** will be taken up this weekend. This collection is used to support the young churches throughout the world in the establishment of Parishes, Dioceses, training of catechists and building of seminaries, etc.

**Team 1** will help with the collection this week.



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 20th. October** - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m. Meet in the church car park.

**Wednesday 26th. October** - The "Three Sisters" at 7.45p.m. at the **Lyric Theatre** by award-winning Lucy Caldwell, based on Chekhov's masterpiece and set in Belfast in the 1990's. Adm. £10 (concessionary rate). To book, please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 *as soon as possible*.

**Friday 28th. October** - Monthly Lunch at the **Ivanhoe Hotel**, Saintfield Road at 1p.m. Cost £17. To book a place, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 or **Santha** Tel. 9064 1182.



## 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 17th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.  
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
7.30p.m. Pilates (2 sessions).  
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.  
8p.m. Bowling Club.

### Tuesday 18th.

7p.m. Zumba resumes.

### Wednesday 19th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
2p.m. Speech & Drama.  
5p.m. Children's Soccer.  
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.  
7p.m. - 8.30p.m. Yoga (Two sessions).  
8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday 20th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.  
7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 21st.

9.30a.m. Pilates.  
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

### Saturday 22nd.

10a.m. Taekwondo.  
1p.m. Junior Badminton.  
1p.m. - 4p.m. - Beginners session

### After School Club

**Rosetta 2-4 Club** for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from 2p.m. - 4p.m. For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

The latest edition of the Bulletin is published online each week. Whether at home or abroad, you can keep up-to-date on current news and events in the Parish. Visit our website at: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for October - Anne Sharvin.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 23rd. October - Group 9  
John Conaghan, Win O'Kane,  
Gerry Mooney.

## 500 Club



**Week 4:** Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Geraldine Ritchie & Andrew Martin.**  
Each winner receives £50.

## Apostolic Workers



The **Annual Mass** for **Apostolic Workers** in the Diocese will be celebrated here in **St. Bernadette's** at 2.30p.m. next **Sunday 23rd. October.**

## Retirement



There will be a special Mass in the **Good Shepherd Church** on **Saturday 22nd. October** at 3p.m. to mark the retirement of **Danny Burke** as esteemed Organist, Musical Director and Choirmaster, after more than 50 years of dedicated service to Holy Rosary Parish. All friends and colleagues are cordially invited to attend and light refreshments will be served afterwards in Good Shepherd Centre.

## Living Youth



Are you 17-25? Why not join us on our **Pilgrimage to Rome** from **29th. July - 5th. August 2017**. Cost £800 including flights, transfers, accommodation half board, t-shirts and jacket. Lots of fundraising ideas and opportunities available. £100 deposit required. **The Closing Date is Monday 17th. October.**

## Masses for the Deceased



Mass will be celebrated each day during November for the repose of the souls of relatives and friends whose names have been included in the **November Dead Lists**. If you wish to donate an offering for Masses, please include it in the envelope provided. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box on the wall beside Our Lady's Altar.

## Vocations



A "**Come & See Day**" will be held in **St. Malachy's Seminary**, 120 Cliftonville Road on **22nd. October** from **10a.m. to 4p.m.** Have you ever considered a vocation to the priesthood? This event will provide you with an opportunity to visit our Diocesan Seminary, to meet those young men who are studying for the priesthood and to spend time in prayer and quiet reflection. Please contact **Fr. Kevin McGuckien**, Vocations Director Tel. 9061 4567 or by e-mail to: [k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org](mailto:k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org) Please pray each day for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, for those already ministering as priests in our Diocese, for those preparing for priesthood, and for all sick and retired priests.

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