



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

First Reading (Isaiah 50:5-9) It's hard not to retaliate in kind, to instead stand there quietly and be treated unfairly; until such time as the anger quietsens and the temper fades, and the voice of reason, of love, of peace can prevail – or not! Isaiah's suffering servant and the paradox of the Cross, run contrary to many peoples' expectations of religion to provide comfort, support and peace. Accepting the cross; dying to selfishness; trying, hoping, wanting to do the right thing is the way to knowledge of our truest self and true happiness.

Second Reading (James 2:14-18) Our lives demonstrate what we believe. There are many in our families, our communities, throughout the world who bear the burden of the Cross on a daily basis, bearing the marks of the crucified Christ. When we reach out to them in their suffering, assist them in their need, generously giving the gifts of time and presence, we give an account of the resurrection hope and faith within us.

Gospel Reading (Mark 8:27-35) Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.....not changed, not bent to my needs, wants or desires. It can be so easy to reduce God to who I want Him to be, to constrain, even domesticate the God of mystery; it's rather more difficult to let God reveal himself fully in my life. May we not put God to death because he fails to meet our human expectations? ©Intercom



St. Bernard's P.S.

Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday** at **9.30a.m.** to mark the beginning of the new academic year for all of the children, the teaching & support staff in the school. Parents, grandparents, guardians, families, and the wider Parish community are invited to join us for this very special celebration.



Altar Servers

More children and young people are needed to serve at Mass at weekends. Candidates must have received First Holy Communion. The role is not restricted to primary school children. Secondary level students will be most welcome. Parental permission forms are available from the Sacristy.



Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much *wants* to see you!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Please drop in during the day to spend a little time in silent reflection in the very presence of the Lord.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Mary Shepherd, Colette Gormley, Edward Kelly, Monica Callan, Harry Philips, Mary Toye, Mai Cush, Lawrence Devlin, Annie Holmes.

Ann Conaghan, Dominic Cullen, Kathleen Gibney, Selina Quinn, Annie Watters, Daniel McKavanagh, Willie McGlinchey, John Hannaway.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Living Church



Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fifth **Faith and Life Convention** on **Saturday 29th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. Doors open at 8.45a.m. with registration taking place from 9a.m. The Convention begins at 10a.m. This year we are delighted to welcome **Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga**, S.D.B. as our keynote speaker. In the afternoon each delegate will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty seven. The workshops fill up quickly so it's best to book now! Online booking is available at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org Cost per delegate £20.

Youth Alpha



If you are aged 16-19! Join us at the Youth Alpha course. The series will run for 10 weeks (**September 30th. - November 11th.** in **St. Brides Hall** and from **November 18th. - December 9th.** in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre**) from **7p.m.** until **9p.m.** Each evening is based around a short video and discussion and some food. Transport from non-host parishes will be provided. The course is **free!** Sign up by emailing your interest to s.farrell@Ddownandconnor.org Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-vouth-series/>



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to £1,711. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The **Autumn Voluntary** collection will take place this weekend.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 18th. September - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No experience needed. All equipment supplied.

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

Friday 21st. September - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

Sunday 23rd. September - "Station Island" at the Lyric at 8p.m. Seamus Heaney's literary pilgrimage, steeped in ritual, memory, and ghostly visions, exploring his complex relationship with his homeland, his faith and the past. Adm. £10. Limited tickets. Please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031**.

Wednesday 26th. September - Monthly Lunch in the Belfast Boat Club at 1p.m. Two courses plus tea/coffee £17. Booking is essential. Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371** as soon as possible.



Church Flower Arrangers

Do you have previous experience of flower arranging? Would you like to help with the preparation and care of the flowers in the church? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy!

Latest News



We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to vulnerable individuals and families who are in great 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**



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. **9079 3023 Option 3** or e-mail: parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org

Monday

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

No Mothers & Toddlers today.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.

8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Classes.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga advanced.

8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Relaxation Yoga.

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

September - Team 3.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 23rd. September - Group 9.

500 Club

Week 52: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Marie Moss & Kathleen Duffin.**

Each winner receives £50.

Try your luck at winning some cash! The new cycle of the **500 Club** will begin on **17th. September**. For just £1 per week you have 2 chances weekly to win £50. All annual subscriptions (**£52**) are now due. Cheques should be made payable to: **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**. Many thanks to all loyal members and promoters for your support. Promoters can pick up new Promoter's Cards and envelopes in the Sacristy. If you would like to join the 500 Club, please leave your name, address, and contact number in the sacristy after Mass. New members are always welcome!

St. Bernadette's Youth Club

The **Youth Club** has for many years played a key part in the development of young people in the Parish. Many of them have progressed to become junior leaders which has proved to be a vital part of their development to adulthood and enhanced their future career prospects. The Youth Club provides a safe and controlled environment for young people to socialise and to develop lasting friendships. The current team need immediate help to continue to provide this service to our young people. We need enthusiastic parents and past members with a mix of skills and a keen interest in developing the young people of the Parish. Child Protection training, induction training and guidance will be provided. Further information is displayed on the notice boards in the church. If you can help, please express your interest by sending an email to us at:

saintbernadettesyouthclub@gmail.com

Junior Badminton

St. Bernadette's Junior Badminton Club meets each **Saturday** in the **Parish Centre** from **1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.** To encourage new members, we are offering **free taster sessions** until the end of the month. Racquets will be provided if needed. Children, between the age of 8 - 18 years are welcome to come along and give it a try!

What's On!

September 18th. Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass in **St. Malachy's Church** at **7p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

September 21st. Culture Night! Trócaire presents 'Sumud: Everyday Resistance' - an award-winning 12 minute documentary about life under Israeli occupation in the West Bank, told through the stories of Palestinian women. Screenings between **5-6p.m.** in **Room 21, Ulster University, York Street.** Admission **Free** & all welcome.

September 28th. Marie Curie invite you to take part in our **7km Twilight Walk** at **Barnett Demesne.** Sign up at www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk or Tel. **9088 2060**.