



# 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Exodus 17:22-24)** At the time the prophet Ezekiel was speaking and writing, the Jewish people were in exile in Babylon. He was a very visionary man and he foretold that God would take a twig from the top of the cedar and plant it in Zion, another name for Jerusalem. Under God's guidance that twig would grow into a great cedar tree. Using this image Ezekiel was imagining a time when God would lead his exiled people back to the land of their ancestors.

**Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)** Paul's unshakable faith enables him to live with confidence and trust. His deepest wish is that he may please the Lord in his life and ministry on earth as he makes his pilgrim journey from exile to the fullness of life with the Lord.

**Gospel Reading (Mark 4:26-34)** Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and relationships, and give thanks. ©Intercom



## Reflection

The tiny mustard seed grows into a very large shrub, so big that it can provide shelter for birds in its branches. This is clearly a parable of encouragement. We need to remember that when these words were written the Church was still relatively small. It consisted of tiny communities scattered in cities, towns and villages all over the Mediterranean area. Without the communications media which we take for granted today they were to a large extent cut off from each other much of the time. ©1999-2018 Living Space



## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on **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. All are welcome! Come and pray in the very presence of the Lord.



## Pray for Vocations

Please pray for **Deacon Tony McAleese** who will be ordained to the priesthood this **Sunday** by **Bishop Noel Treanor** in **St. Vincent de Paul Church, Ligoniel**. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood, for those who are already ministering as priests in our diocese, and for sick and retired priests.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Fr. Frank Harper P.E., R.I.P.**, priest of the Diocese of Down & Connor, whose funeral took place in Newcastle on Wednesday.

## Anniversaries

John Curran, Adrian Adams, Martha Marshall, James Keenan, Nicholas Cunningham, Rose Corry, Marie Woods, William Pollock, Patrick Campbell, Lucy McGarrity, James E. McLoughlin, Elizabeth McKay, Maureen Kelly, Ann Devlin, Thomas Lundy, William Bernard McShane.

James Moran, Eileen Moran, Catherine Doyle, Margaret Duffin, Molly Clarke, Kathleen Jordan, Patricia Collins, Brendan O'Gorman, Elsie Rice, Sarah Jane McEvoy, Brendan Cassidy, John McKnight.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

## World Meeting of Families 2018



Please support the 4th. National Collection for WMOF2018, to be taken up in our Parish next weekend. **Single day tickets** for the **Final Mass** are **free** and will be available to book from **25th. June** at: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Closing-Mass-ticket-only](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Closing-Mass-ticket-only) N.B. you will need a ticket for the Final Mass. Tickets will be sent to your own email address.

The **WMOF Icon of the Holy Family** will be visiting **St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street** on **Saturday 23rd. June** with Mass at **5.30p.m.** until **Tuesday 26th. June** at **1p.m.** Everyone is very welcome to venerate the icon during these times.



**"The love of parents is the means by which God our Father shows his own love."**  
Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,491**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual **Peter's Pence Collection** will take place this weekend. The money raised is used for the charitable work of the Pope. Pope Francis has shown us by his word and by his example the special concern he has for the poor and those on the periphery of society. He has said that he wants a Church which is poor and there for the poor. He has a special concern for the victims of human trafficking and modern forms of slavery. He has appealed on many occasions for support for the many Christians who suffer persecution because of their faith. The Holy Father's own personal life style is marked by great simplicity.

There are some Offertory Boxes still to be collected from the Sacristy.



## Retirement Association

**Tuesday 19th. June** - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No experience needed. All equipment supplied.

**Thursday 21st. June** - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Friday 22nd. June** - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

**Friday 29th. June** - Monthly Lunch in the Parish Centre at 1p.m. Booking essential, please contact **Seamus** Tel. **077672 71019** *before* Monday 25th. June if you wish to attend.



## Parish Centre News

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

### Monday

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

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

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

8p.m. Bowling Club.

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

### Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

### Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

2p.m. Speech & Drama.

5p.m. Children's Soccer.

5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Class.

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

8p.m. Taekwondo.

8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

### Thursday

8p.m. - 9p.m. **Free Essential Oil & Wellness Classes.**

### Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only! **This is the last session before the summer break!**

### Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

### 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



Group Leader for **June - Team 4**.

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 24th. June - Group 7**

## 500 Club



**Week 39:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Julie McEvoy & Colette Loughran.**

Each winner receives £50.

## Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **July 10th. - 17th.** There are a few places still available for the departure on **11th. July.** Price per person sharing: **5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £650.** If you are interested, please contact the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. **9064 6040** or email: [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org).

## St. Bernadette's Church



The **50th. Anniversary Booklet** was launched by the Diocesan Archivist, **Fr. Thomas McGlynn**, last Tuesday evening. Copies are available in the church porches and at the back of the church. The booklets are **free** so please take a copy. It is very well written and produced and a fine memento of the history and beauty of our Parish church. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the production of the booklet and also to the wonderful celebration of the special Mass.

Do you want to do something that is satisfying and of great service to your community? Then become a Saint Vincent de Paul volunteer.

Latest News



Volunteers are needed in our shop on the Ormeau Road. Join an exciting, energetic and fun team for as little as 2 hours a week. Morning and afternoon sessions available. No previous experience required. Please call in and see us or Tel. **9024 7699**.

## Apostolic Workers



Last year, Fr. Armstrong kindly donated a number of items from the church which were no longer needed following the major refurbishment programme. These included vestments, statues, a processional cross, and most notably the very large tabernacle that was built into the rear wall in the sanctuary. Everything was sent to Africa. We are pleased to report that the tabernacle has been installed in a church in Malawi. The other items have been distributed to Parishes in Northern Malawi. A picture of the tabernacle will be posted on our Parish website. Help us to help the Missions!

**The Legion of Mary church-door collection which was held last weekend raised £1,011. We thank everyone for your most generous support.**

## What's On!



**June 13th. - 21st. Clonard Solemn Novena.**

**June 19th. The Poor Clares in Belfast 1924-2012:** This book written by **Fr. Martin Magill** will be launched on after **7p.m. Mass** at **Sacred Heart Church**, Oldpark Road. The book will be on sale priced £10 in the parish centre adjoining the church.