



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 (Isaiah 7:10-14) The waiting of Advent is almost over. Mary's long-expected child is soon to be born. The birth of a child is always cause for celebration. Always, always, always. So it is with the child born in the manger, a cause for celebration in the global community of believers we call Church.

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-7) St. Paul summarises the Good News of Advent, the Good News of our faith: the Son of God, descendant of David, is fully human. The Son of God is Jesus of Nazareth, raised from the dead. We belong to Jesus Christ: sons and daughters of God, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 1:18-24) Matthew's account of how Jesus Christ came to be born, conceived through the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, adopted by Joseph, the fulfilment of all the words spoken by the Lord through the ancient prophets. Truly Emmanuel. Truly God has visited his beloved people.

✠ Parish Penitential Service

The Parish Penitential Service will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30p.m.** A number of priests will be available for open and closed confessions. To help prepare for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, a leaflet has been published which will be used in the Service. This will be distributed at Masses this weekend.

✠ Preparing for Christmas

A special leaflet with the liturgy programme for the Christmas holiday period is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you.

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass at 10p.m. with the Adult Choir.

Christmas Day

9.30a.m. Mass with congregational singing.

11a.m. Mass with the Folk Choir. We invite all of the children of the Parish to come and sing with us at this Mass.

Please note there will be *no evening Mass on Christmas Day.*

All of the information in the leaflet can be found on the Parish website at: www.stbernadettesparish.org and on the church notice boards.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue on **Tuesday from 8a.m. until 7.15p.m.** **Exposition will not take place on Tuesday 27th. December.**

Reflections on the daily Mass readings during Advent are available at the back of the church. It only takes a few moments to read them each day and anything which helps to direct our minds to a spiritual preparation for Christmas is more than worthwhile.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peggy Mossey R.I.P.**, of Rosetta Road, whose funeral took place on Saturday, for **Fr. George McLaverty P.E.**, retired priest of the Diocese whose funeral also took place on Saturday, and for **Paul Close R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, who died recently in Florida.

Anniversaries

Annie Moran, Ursula Curran, Thomas McQuillan, William Lyttle, John Flack, Hugh Burns, Marie O'Sullivan, Gabrielle Smyth, Hugh McEvoy, Edward Winters, Monica Murphy, John Peel, Patricia McNulty, Michael Green, Tom Kennedy, Mary Ann Shannon, John & Mary Anne Keenan.

Hugh Daly, Kathleen McNally, Theresa Gallen, Sarah Walten, John Craig, Michael Kearney, Victor Martin, Sarah Ann Hamilton, Edward Winters, Edward Carville, Patrick Bell, Brendan Gogarty, Clement King.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Parish Carol Service



"Carols By Candlelight" with readings & reflections will take place this **Sunday at 6p.m.** with the **Folk Group, Parish Choir, & the Youth Choir.** As a Parish family, we will come together in peace and serenity to meditate on the events leading up to the birth of Our Saviour. Please make a special effort to attend with your family and friends.

Parish Financial Statement



The Financial Statement for 2015 has now been published. The attached copy gives a comparative summary of the Parish Accounts for the years 2015 v 2014.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,820**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 5 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Thursday 22nd. December - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.** Meet in the church car park.



Parish Pastoral Council

The Council met on Wednesday last. We are delighted to confirm that our **Annual Lenten Programme** for 2017 will be **"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass"**, presented by **Dr. Edward Sri**. This wonderfully inspirational programme will explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and will explain their profound significance. Dr. Sri also presented **"Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother"** the excellent programme which we used in Lent this year. The programme will commence on **Tuesday 28th February at 8.15p.m.** in **St. Bernard's P.S.** and will continue over the five subsequent Tuesdays, finishing on **Tuesday 28th March**. Full details will be announced in January. The members of the Parish Pastoral Council extend their warmest greetings for the festive season and wish all a very happy, holy, peaceful Christmas and New Year.



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

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
Pilates Classes resume on Monday 10th. January.
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday

Zumba Class resumes on Tuesday 10th. January.
Yoga Class resumes on Tuesday 10th. January.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
Irish Dancing Classes resume on 11th. January.
Yoga Classes resume on 11th. January.
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.
Adult Painting Class resumes on 5th. January.

Friday

Youth Club Registration on 13th. January from 6.45p.m. to 7.30p.m. A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from the Management Committee and leaders of St. Bernadette's Youth Club.

Saturday

The Centre is closed for the Christmas holidays.

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children. For further information please contact **Sinead Tel. 07816 779910**.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **December** - **Flo McGarrigle**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 25th. December - Group 6
Michelle Marken, Fiona Kearney,
Elizabeth Quinn.

500 Club



Week 13: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Prize Draw: Irene Maguire & Margaret Woods.**
Each winner receives **£50**.

Coffee Morning



The **Taekwondo Club** will host a **Coffee Morning & Cake Sale** in the **Parish Centre** after Masses this Sunday to raise funds for a **Portable Defibrillator** for the Club. There will be lots of goodies to eat or to take home. We also have a waiting list to join the Club and you can register for that.

Our annual **Christmas Gift** campaign has been launched to help families in Third World countries to become independent and self-sufficient. You can buy an olive tree, chicks, goats, seeds, tools, clean water kits, and lots more! The gift is sourced locally and sustainably from the country where it is needed. So the gifts not only support families in the world's poorest places, they help grow the local economy. Pick up a brochure in the Lourdes Chapel porch or visit: www.trocaire.org/gifts



The President & members of **St. Bernadette's Conference** wish to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who donated items to the **Christmas Food Collection** for needy families and who also contributed to our **Annual Appeal**. Your response was overwhelming and a great testament to the Christian spirit of generosity in our Parish. We offer a special word of thanks to the children and staff of **St. Bernard's P.S.** For their help. Hampers were sent during the week to those in need throughout the local area with the surplus sent to families in distress in other parts of the city. Your sacrifice and generosity has given some hope and comfort to so many poor and unfortunate people. May you each have a very happy Christmas!

Latest News



What's On!



December 13th. To January 7th. Live Christmas Crib at **St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane** from **10.30a.m. To 5p.m.** daily. Crib donations will go to **Tuesday's Child Christmas Appeal** for war-torn children in Gaza, Syria, & Kenya. There will be prayers each day in the crib at **3p.m.** for peace for every child, born and unborn.

December 28th. Laganside Sinfonia perform **"American Classics"** in **Girdwood Community Hub** at **7.45p.m.** with music by Gershwin, Bernstein and more! **Free** admission with a retiring collection for the **Welcome Organisation** (Help the Homeless). For further details please visit www.lagansidesinfonia.co.uk

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