



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 (Amos 8:4-7) The prophet Amos was a fervent champion of the poor, the downtrodden and the oppressed of his day. In this reading, he condemns the exploitation of the poor. He warns his listeners to treat others justly and to be aware of the evils of greed – a message which is as pertinent today as it was in the time of Amos.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 2:1-8) Paul encourages us in this passage from his first letter to Timothy to think of others and to pray for them, especially for those in authority – again, this advice applies as much in the world we live in today as it did when Paul wrote this letter to Timothy.

Gospel Reading (Luke 16:1-13 - Shorter version 16:10-13) In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell us frankly that we cannot be slaves to God and money. He invites us to make definite and prudent choices about which master to follow in our lives. Each of us are stewards of the gifts God has given to us and Jesus gently but firmly reminds us that we have a great responsibility entrusted to us to use those gifts properly and faithfully.



Reflection

We need to be constantly reminded that we are the stewards and never the owners of what we possess. We have no absolute right to anything we have. "I can do what I like with my money and property because it's mine" is not a statement any committed Christian can make. So the question of a successful life is not "How much did you make?" but "How did you use what you had to creative purposes for the general welfare of all?" That is the way to make the friends Jesus talks about in the Gospel.

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Church Opening Times

The church is open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. (Tuesdays until after the 7.30p.m. Mass.). This also provides the opportunity for everyone to enjoy and appreciate the splendid results of the work carried out during the recent refurbishment programme.



Vocations

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood, for those who are preparing for the priesthood, and for those who are already ministering as priests in our diocese. It would be a great help. Remember also those priests who are ill.

Special candles are available from the Sacristy that you may wish to place at Our Lady's Altar or at the Sacred Heart Altar. Candles cost £5 each.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rosaleen Lynch R.I.P.**, a former Parishioner, who died on Wednesday.

Anniversaries

Mary Toye, Mai Cush, Lawrence Devlin, Annie Holmes, Dominic Cullen, Kathleen Gibney, Selina Quinn, Annie Watters, Daniel McKavanagh.

Willie McGlinchey, John Hannaway, Annie Stranney, Aidan McCourt, Declan Kelly, John Boyle, Brian Feeney.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

International Day of Peace



Next Wednesday is **International Day of Peace**. The theme for 2016 is "**The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace**." Many churches of various denominations in Belfast have joined together in an initiative to encourage people to visit any of the churches and say a prayer that peace will prevail in our divided community and throughout the world. **St. Bernadette's** will be one of the churches featured on this special day. Please support the initiative by visiting any of the participating churches on Wednesday. More details will be published in the local press.

Eucharistic Adoration



"Praise God in difficult moments. Seek God in quiet moments." Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is 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, and simply say a silent prayer? Or just sit and rest in the presence of the Lord? Volunteers are particularly needed to attend between **3p.m. & 5p.m.** **"Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"**



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,589**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The **Autumn Voluntary Collection** will be taken up this weekend.

Team 4 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 20th. September - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at **11a.m.**

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

Friday 23rd. September - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at **2p.m.**

Wednesday 28th. September - **Monthly Lunch** in the **Belfast Boat Club** at **1p.m.** Cost **£17 p.p.** To make a booking, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371** as soon as possible.

Wednesday 28th. September - "**St. Joan**" by George Bernard Shaw at the **Lyric Theatre** at **7.45p.m.** Adm. **£10** (concessionary rate). To make a booking, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** *as soon as possible*.



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 19th.

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 20th.

Zumba resumes on 20th. September at 7p.m.

Wednesday 21st.

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. Contact Maeve Tel. **077 1383**

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday 22nd.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 23rd.

9.30a.m. Pilates.

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday 24th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. Junior Badminton.

1p.m. - 2:30p.m. - Beginners session

2:30p.m. - 4p.m. - Improvers 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**.

New & past editions of the Parish Bulletin and webcam recordings can be viewed at:
www.stbernadettesparish.org

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **September** - **Jim McGettrick**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 25th. September - Group 5

Sean O'Hare, Carl Stewart,

Damian McAnaney, Sandra McKillop.

500 Club



Week 52: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Pamela McKeown & Liz Kerr.**

Each winner receives **£50.**

The new cycle of the 500 Club begins on **19th. September**. Many thanks to all loyal members and promoters for your support. Promoters can pick up new Promoter's Cards and envelopes in the Sacristy. All annual subscriptions (**£52**) are now due. Cheques should be made payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. The proceeds make an important contribution to the running costs of the Parish. Please help us to continue with the draw by joining if you are not already a member. There are two prizes each week of **£50** plus a bonus week at the beginning of December when we have prizes of **£250, £150** and **£100**. Registration forms are available in the Sacristy.

Lima Mission



The **Third World Group** will be collecting annual sponsorship payments for **Fr. Coney's Children's Centres** in Lima after the **12p.m. Mass** this **Sunday**. If you would like to sponsor a child within the Centres please speak to us after Mass. We will be happy to give further details. Many thanks to all our sponsors for your continued support.

Faith & Life Convention



The third **Diocesan Faith and Life Convention** will take place on **Saturday 24th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. This is a forum for people to gather together from Parishes throughout the Diocese, to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to our everyday lives. The theme for this year is "**Faith in a World in Need of Mercy**". A creche will be available this year to facilitate parent delegates accompanied by small children.

Registration is available online at:

www.faithandlifeconvention.org

Apostolic Workers



Our **Annual Church-Door Collection** will take place after all Masses next weekend. Help us to help the Missions!

What's On!



September 30th. A Night At The Races at **8p.m.** in the **St. Malachy's Parish Centre**, Alfred Street. Admission **£5** including refreshments. All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund.

October 13th. & 15th. , 27th. & 29th. Accord has some places available on these pre-marriage courses for couples preparing for marriage. A comprehensive programme delivered by trained facilitators. Please contact us for further information or to book a place. Tel. **9033 9944**. Email: belfast@accordni.com