



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 (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31) As with all scripture, this passage needs to be read in the context of the time it was written. While the text may be uneasy to read today, it has a message about using our gifts well and recognising we have them in the first place.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6) St. Paul tells us not to worry about the date of Christ's second coming but to live as though he could come at any moment. For the community of believers are children of the light, they do not belong to darkness.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:14-30) Jesus calls us to respond to God with the same generosity with which God gave to us in our gifts, and not to react with fear that paralyses us. © Intercom

✠ Habemus Choir

Habemus, a Dublin based chamber choir, will return to St. Bernadette's this weekend and will perform at all of the Masses. They will also perform a short 35 minute recital immediately after the Saturday Vigil Mass. The choir welcomes all participation with the music over the weekend. CDs will be available at discounted prices of £10.



#Red Wednesday

Last year **Aid to the Church in Need (UK)** launched **#RedWednesday**, a campaign calling on UK Christians and others to stand up for faith and freedom and to shine a light on the discrimination and violence faced by millions of Christians around the world today. The Northern Bishops discussed it at their late summer meeting and Bishop Treanor is keen that everyone in the Diocese knows about the initiative. On **Wednesday 22nd. November**, everyone is encouraged to wear a red item of clothing in order to highlight the plight of those Christians being persecuted and, of course, to offer prayers for their relief.



Do This In Memory

The "**Do This In Memory**" Programme for children, due to receive their **First Holy Communion** next May, will continue next **Sunday** at the **12p.m. Mass**. Parents, please note the change in the Mass time on this occasion only.



110th. Belfast Scouts

The annual Mass for our **Parish Scout Group** will be held next Sunday at the **10a.m. Mass**.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick McIlroy R.I.P.**, of Glencregagh Drive, whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday.

Anniversaries

Mary Ann Murray, Mary Ann McElkerney, Teresa Quorall, Sr. Theresa Mossey C.P., Anna Heaney, Eileen Hanratty, Laurence Glennon, Ann Milner, Catherine McGrory, Charlie Bradley.

Alice O'Hara, Lieya Blancia Betono, John Watson, Pat McElkerney, Desmond Brown, Susan Curran, William McEvoy, Mary Clare Woods, Teresa Burns, William McEvoy.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

November Pious Lists of the Deceased are available in the Lourdes Chapel Porch. Please put completed lists into the wall box beside Our Lady's Shrine. The names of the dead will be placed on the altar and will be remembered at each of the Masses this month.

Feast of the Nativity



There will be an important change to the **Christmas Mass** times in each church in the local Pastoral Community to better accommodate the large crowds who attend the Vigil Masses. It is planned to have a **Family Mass** at **7p.m.** in **Drumbo, Good Shepherd, St. Bernadette's, and St. Brigid's** churches. The Christmas Masses in this church will be as follows:

Christmas Eve

7p.m. Mass for families with congregational singing.
10p.m. Midnight Mass with the **Adult Choir**.

Christmas Day

9.30a.m. Mass with congregational singing.
11a.m. Mass with the **Folk Choir**.

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

Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year, the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be celebrated as usual on Saturday & Sunday 23rd. & 24th.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,541**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual collection for the **Bishops' Commissions** will take place this weekend. The money raised is used by the **Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference** to fund its various commissions, agencies, and councils.

Team 1 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Thursday 23rd. November - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Wednesday 29th. November - Monthly Lunch in the **Parador** at 1p.m. To book, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371



Bredagh Does Strictly 2 on **Saturday 2nd. December** in the **Whitla Hall** at Q.U.B. 30 volunteers from the Club & local community are currently in rehearsals to present a great evening of fun & entertainment. Get your tickets now Tel. 075521 64004



Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism takes places on the **first Sunday** of each month at **1.30p.m.** by appointment only. **At least four weeks advance notice is required.** Baptism Cards are available from the Sacristy, the book stand in the Lourdes Chapel Porch, or from the Parish Centre. Completed cards must be returned to the Sacristy. A member of the Parish Baptismal Team will contact the parents before Baptism to arrange a home visit in preparation for the sacrament.



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 after Mass.
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
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



Group Leader for **November** - **Maura Presley.**

Mass Rota

6p.m. M. Presley, R. McConvey, C. White.
10a.m. G. Goodall, M. McIvor, J. Lyons.
12p.m. E. Dolan, J. McGarvey,
G. Malone.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 26th. November - Group 10
Elizabeth Kerr, Laura Martin,
Edward O'Hare.

The new rota for Ministers of the Word will be published soon. Some of our readers have retired. We thank them for their dedication over many years. New people are needed to read at weekend Masses especially young people. If you would like to volunteer, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

500 Club



Week 9: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Marie Carnoghan & Brenda Crilly.**
Each winner receives **£50.**

Christmas Cards will be on sale in the Lourdes Chapel Porch from this weekend after all of the Masses. The price is **£3** per pack of 10 cards.

Latest News



The **Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens** will be held in the **Ivanhoe Hotel** on **Wednesday 6th. December** at **12.45p.m.** If you wish to attend, please put your name and number on the list in the Sacristy or telephone **Frances 07800 562398.** *Names must be in by Tuesday 28th. November at the latest.*

What's On!



November 29th. 'The future of Marriage & family in NI' in the **Wellington Park Hotel** at **6.30p.m.** The speakers include Thomas Pascoe - Director of 'Coalition for Marriage UK' Britain's leading campaign group supporting traditional marriage, also David Quinn, the Director of Iona Institute & columnist with the Irish Sunday Times. To book a place, please send an email: tharkin@ionainstitute.ie

December 1st. **Open Arts Community Choir by Candlelight** in **St. Peter's Cathedral** at **7:30p.m.** You are invited to enjoy an evening of festive songs. Guest appearances from Donal Scullion, Bronagh Broderick, Ballyclare Victoria Flute Band & Jonny Mc Geown. Adm. £10. Contact **Breege** Tel. 075235 68500 or www.getinvited.to/openartsni/open-arts-community-choir-by-candlelight/. Group discount available.

December 8th. to 10th. **Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat** for 16 - 35 year olds will take place in **Newbridge College** in **Newbridge, Co. Kildare.** Excellent speakers, inspiring talks & workshops, fantastic music, Free transport, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Donation only! Book online at www.youth2000.ie



"The strength of the family, lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love. For all a family's problems, it can always grow beginning with love." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.