



Parish of St. Bernadette



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

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Celebrating the Liturgy during Easter Week

9.30a.m. Mass from Monday - Friday. N.B. No 7.30p.m. Mass on Tuesday.

Novena prayers to **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** at the 9.30a.m. Mass on Tuesday.

Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place today.

Saturday 6p.m. Vigil Mass

Confessions will be at 6.45p.m.

Sunday 8th.

April

10a.m.

12p.m.

"...each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in Paschal Time unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year".

Parish Priest

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First Reading (Acts 10:34, 37-43) Paul crosses the threshold of Cornelius' house - a highly symbolic step - and in doing so the early Church crosses a threshold and the distinction between Jew (Peter) and Gentile (Cornelius) crumbles. In this daring step Peter is guided by a vision. Interestingly, although guided by his vision Peter must still use all his rational powers to interpret his vision. Significantly, the experience of others will confirm Peter's interpretation. This is surely instructive - interpretation is best done in the body, i.e. with and within the Church. Cornelius' household is full of expectation and as Peter sees the gathered family and friends he proclaims his faith in Jesus the Christ - 'you must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea....'

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4) The author stresses the pre-eminence of Christ, encouraging believers to remain focused on Christ and on spiritual things. Although not part of today's readings, I'm afraid I can't pass this up! Of huge relevance is the author's questioning of those Christians who 'like grovelling to Angels and worshiping them' (2:18). The author all but asks a question that is hugely relevant today: Why settle for angels when you can have Christ? Can I really say that my true life - my primary life - motivation - lies hidden in my relationship with Christ in God?

Gospel Reading (John 20:1-9) This gospel reading leaves us with an empty tomb and we're left to wonder; did the penny drop? Certainly, the author implies it did - until that very moment (the sight of the empty tomb) we're told '...they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' © Intercom



Reflection

Peter and his fellow disciples are called "apostles", people sent out on a mission, "ambassadors for Christ", Paul calls them. We, too, share that mission. We are not just disciples, followers of Jesus. We are also meant to be his living ambassadors.

The Good News about Jesus is not to be kept a secret. There are many people out there waiting to hear it. They are depending on you and me, members of Christ's Body, to tell them. © Living Space 2018



Mass Times

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30a.m. From Monday to Friday this week. **There will be no evening Mass on Tuesday.** The novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be said on Tuesday morning.

The church will be closed after Mass each morning next week.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on **Easter Tuesday**. We will resume on **Tuesday 10th. April at 8a.m.**

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Karl McConvey R.I.P.**, of Mount Michael Park, whose funeral Mass will take place in St. Malachy's Church on Easter Tuesday at 1p.m.

Please remember the Walls family in your prayers. **Gráinne Carol**, Paul and Olivia's dearly loved daughter, was born in the R.V.H. on Holy Thursday and passed away some hours later on the same day. The funeral Mass for Gráinne Carol will take place in the Good Shepherd Church on Easter Monday.

Anniversaries

Mary Ann Campbell, Louis O'Keeffe, George Black, Bernard Murtagh, Una Flynn, Sean Gilmore, Alice Kavanagh, Margaret Peel, Sean McCann, James Joseph Jones, Bernard Murtagh.

Dan Murray, Catherine Hunter, Winnie Woloczko, Thomas Callan, Caoimhe Rooney, Michael Clarke, John Rooney, William Daly, Margaret McEvoy, Isabelle McGrogan, Brendan Cassin.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Calendar of Feasts



The feast of **Divine Mercy** will be celebrated on **8th. April**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confession, and Mass for the feast will be held next **Sunday at 2.15p.m.** in **St. Peter's Cathedral**. Attended car parking will be available. All are welcome!



"God loves a cheerful giver". Our Lord especially appreciates those who find joy in the happiness of others." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,652**. A sincere thanks for your generosity.

The **Easter Voluntary** collection will be taken up at all of the Masses this weekend.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 / 2019

There are still a number of boxes to be collected from the back of the church. The boxes have been sorted in **alphabetical street order**. **Please look for your street name when collecting your box**. You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from H.M. Government at **no extra cost** to yourself if you sign a **Gift Aid Form**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. A box of envelopes will be issued to you in a few days. Please give us your support



Retirement Association

Thursday 5th. April - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.**

Wednesday 25th. April - "The Colleen Bawn" at the **Lyric** at **7.45p.m.** A financial crisis forces Hardress Cregan to choose between true love and family honour, a dilemma which leads to the forming of a horrifying plan. Boucicault's masterful interweaving of plot and character, comedy and suspense, has been captivating audiences since it premiere in 1860. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible.

! Protect Your Belongings

When you are in the church, please do not leave any valuable items such as mobile telephones or hand-bags unattended. If you are leaving your seat, please take all personal belongings with you and remember not to leave any valuable items on display in cars in the car park.



Holy Week

Each year, we try to celebrate the ceremonies of **Holy Week** and **Easter** as faithfully as we can. We strive to make the liturgy as prayerful, meaningful, and enjoyable for everyone. It would impossible to do this without so many people who give their time, effort, and talent to help us to try to do exactly that. May I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who took part in any way in the various ceremonies during the past few days and in the preparation of the church.

Many thanks to all of you who came out to attend the **Parish Penitential Service** on Wednesday evening and who came to each of the ceremonies of **Holy Week**. Your very presence gave great witness to the Lord and clearly showed what a vibrant and strong faith community we have here in St. Bernadette's.

May I wish you and your families every grace and blessing during this season of Easter. May the joy of the Risen Christ fill each of you with great happiness!

Paul Cunningham P.P.

Notices for the Parish Bulletin should be sent by **e-mail only** to: **info@stbernadettesparish.org** to arrive no later than 12p.m. on Tuesday this week.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for April - Flo McGarrigle.

Mass Rota

6p.m. E. Mooney, C. Foster.

10a.m. G. Mooney, J. McGinnity, E. McGrath.

12p.m. F. McGarrigle, G. Flanagan,
E. McGettrick, N. McGarvey.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 8th. April - Group 7

Nicholas J. McCafferty, Kathleen Leyden,
Nicholas M. McCafferty, Estelle McGrath.

500 Club



Week 28 Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw**: **Patricia Campbell & Peggy McCann**.

Each winner receives **£50**.

Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** as soon as you can. Boxes can be placed in the special bin located at the side of the Sanctuary or left in the Sacristy. Please convert as much coin as possible into bank notes and remember to fill in the Gift Aid form. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make your cheque payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. This will be included in the total Parish contribution to Trócaire.



Coffee Morning



A **Coffee Morning** will take place in the **Lounge** in the **Parish Centre** after both Masses next Sunday hosted by a youth Parishioner, **David O'Hare**. David will climb Kilimanjaro in September to raise funds for the charity **Hope for Children**. The aim of the charity is to help vulnerable children have access to education and a happy childhood. Drop in for a cuppa, some goodies, and give whatever you can afford! David will be happy to discuss the project with you. Everyone will be very welcome!

Car owners! Please note that the church car park will be **locked after morning Mass each day during Easter week**. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the car park after Mass times.

What's On!



April 6th. - 8th. Focolare Movement in Stranmillis College with Open Day 7th. April. (£10 donation). Keynote talk from **Brian Rowan**. Families welcome. There will be separate programmes for children. For more information Email: **nirlfoc@focolare.ie** Tel. **9066 1028** or visit our website: **www.focolare.org/ireland**

April 7th. Annual Pioneer Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Ven. Matt Talbot in Dublin. Coach leaving **St. Anne's Church, Finaghy** car park at **8a.m.** calling at St. Michael's, Michael Ferguson Roundabout, Twinbrook, Lagmore, Lisburn. Mass at 12.30p.m. For full details please contact **Josephine** Tel. **9061 7116**, **Ian** Tel. **9061 6601**, **Adrienne** Tel. **9066 2352**

Parish Centre News



The Centre will be closed during Easter Week. Please check with your group leader when your activity will resume after the holiday period.