



# 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 (Numbers 6:22-27)** In our first reading we find the priestly blessing from the Book of Numbers: an ancient blessing still used in Jewish Synagogue services today, long since adopted by Christians. It is a blessing we might also use at home.

**Second Reading (Galatians 4:4-7)** We are sons and daughters of God: brothers and sisters in faith. Our identity as God's children has implications for who we are and how we live.

**Gospel Reading (Luke 2:16-21)** Formerly the Feast of the Circumcision, today now has a broader focus, centring on the role of Mary in her capacity as mother, treasuring all these things and pondering them in her heart.

## Calendar of Feasts

**Friday 6th. January** is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation**. The **Vigil Mass** will be on **Thursday** at **7.30p.m.** and at **10a.m.** on **Friday**.

"Epiphany" means a "showing" or 'revelation' and, at this time, we are remembering and celebrating three 'revelations' or 'showings' of God: Christmas, today's feast, and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.



## First Friday Visits

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month. The sick, housebound, and those Parishioners who are in hospital and nursing homes will be attended by the priest during the coming week.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes next **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 say a silent prayer or simply just sit and rest in the very presence of the Lord?



## Mass Times

Mass and novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will resume on **Tuesday** at **7.30p.m.**

**The church will be open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. This week.**

**Sunday 8th. January** is the feast of the **Baptism of The Lord**. The **Parish Baptismal Team** will host a service at **1p.m.** for children who were baptised in St. Bernadette's in the past year. We warmly welcome their parents and families to join us.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Florence McKay R.I.P.**, mother of a Parishioner, who died in Co. Tyrone last weekend.

## Anniversaries

James Conlon, Gerry O'Reilly, Annie Curran, James McGarry, Sheelagh Sloan, Jerry Devine, Mary & Michael Rice, Brigid Dunlop, Hugh Heery, Senan Sharvin, Dessie Burns, Margaret McClean, Josie Blaney, Eileen Gogarty, Charles Heaney, Margareta Murphy, Tommy McConn, Iris Magee.

Raymond Flynn, James Sherlock, James Murray, Bernadette Carson, Patrick Cunnane, Rose Woods, Joseph White, John Henry Melville, John Brehony, Patrick McGonigle, Clare Heery, Patrick Flynn, Gertrude McKinney, Margaret Cullen, Peter McKenna.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Dublin has been chosen as the venue by Pope Francis to host the next **World Meeting of Families in August 2018**. Started by Saint John Paul II, and held every three years, this major world event celebrates family as the cornerstone of our lives, and the fundamental building block of society and the Church. Families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin from 22-26 August 2018 to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "**The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**".



The Holy Father invites families across the world to reflect on this theme throughout the Christmas season. A "**Prayer Before The Crib**" has been published. This is displayed at our own Parish crib in the church. A limited number of bookmark-size copies are available at the crib or from the Sacristy. You may also find lots of information about the World Meeting 2018 at our website:

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£3,010**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The monthly collection for the **Support of the Priests** will be taken up at all of the Masses this weekend.

**Team 1** will help with the collection this week.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from the Inland Revenue 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. Please give us your support.



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 5th. January** - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.**  
Meet in the church car park.

The Chairman & Committee wish all of our members a peaceful and healthy New Year!



## Diocesan Pilgrimages

The **Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee** will host the **Emerald Ball** at **Titanic, Belfast** on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, **Thursday 16th. March**. The evening will commence with drinks at 7p.m., to be followed by a sumptuous four course dinner at 8p.m. There will be a high-end luxury ballot and dancing to a live band. Dress is formal and monies raised will support for the sick and the young people who help them. Tickets are £60 each and available from the **Pilgrimage Secretary, Sinead** Tel. **906 10477**. The Emerald Ball promises to be the highlight of the social calendar so be sure to reserve your tickets early.



## 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 2nd.

Pilates Classes resume on Monday 10th. January.

### Tuesday 3rd.

Zumba Class resumes on Tuesday 10th. January.

Yoga Class resumes on Tuesday 10th. January.

### Wednesday 4th.

Irish Dancing Classes resume on 11th. January.

Yoga Classes resume on 11th. January.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday 5th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 6th.

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

### Saturday 7th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.

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

## Ministers of the Eucharist



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

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 8th. January** - Group 8  
**John Conaghan, Eamon Foster,**  
**Gerry Mooney.**

## 500 Club



**Week 15:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Prize Draw: Kathleen Madine & Marie Holmes.**  
Each winner receives £50.

## Diocesan Directories



The **Down & Connor Directory for 2017** will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at **£4** each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations. Buy one now before they are all gone!

## School Events



Pupils and parents seeking entry to Year 8 in the intake for September 2017 are invited to attend the following schools:

### Wednesday 11th. & Thursday 12th. January

St. Malachy's College at **7p.m.**

### Saturday 14th. January

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Knock from 9.15a.m. - 12.30p.m.

St. Dominic's High School from 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Our Lady & St Patrick's Knock from 9.15a.m. - 1p.m.

### Thursday 19th. January

St. Joseph's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

St. Mary's C.B.G.S. - 7.30p.m.

### Saturday 21st. January

Assumption Grammar, Ballynahinch from 10a.m. - 1p.m.

## Golden Jubilee



2017 marks the 50th. Anniversary of the opening of St. Bernadette's Church. The foundation stone was laid on Wednesday 8th. September 1965. The formal dedication was on Sunday 29th. October 1967 by Bishop William Philbin D.D. The Parish Priest was Canon Daniel Murphy P.P.V.F. with Fr. Liam Mullan, the first priest in residence at St. Bernadette's. The church had been designed to cater for the large influx of Catholics into the Ormeau/Rosetta area and to relieve pressure on the old Holy Rosary Church on the Ormeau Road. On Sunday 28th. February 1988, the Parish of St. Bernadette was formally established. The first Parish Priest was Fr. Fred MacSorley. Plans are in progress to mark this special year with a number of events. This information will be published in the coming weeks and it is hoped that Parishioners and friends of St. Bernadette's will join in the celebrations.

## What's On!



**January 19th. Aquinas Young Musicians Concert in Drumbo at 7p.m.** The programme includes Vivaldi's Gloria and a variety of solo pieces performed by A-Level students. Everyone welcome!