



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 (Ezekiel 18:25-28) Ezekiel's teaching centres on inner conversion; a new heart and a new spirit. It invites us to awareness of who we are and what we are. This is premised on knowing the God of mercy and forgiveness. In fact, when it comes to sin and our turning away from it, God suffers from amnesia!

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-11) There is an urging in this reading to stay united: 'be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.' Unity is to be found in our belief in Christ and in the Spirit that is with us.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 21:28-32) Jesus has just arrived in Jerusalem. The chief priests are questioning his authority to teach and pronounce on things that a carpenter's son couldn't possibly know about. The parable of today's gospel goes some way to answer their scepticism. The story holds a mirror up to the self-righteous. It invites them to see themselves as they really are. © Intercom



Golden Jubilee

The 50th. Anniversary Mass to celebrate the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Sunday 29th. October at 3p.m.** Bishop Anthony Farquhar will preside. All Parishioners, our former Parishioners, and friends will be most welcome to attend. The Parish choirs will combine to accompany this special liturgy. It is hoped that some of the priests who worked here over the years will also be present. Please make a note in your diary to attend!

Everyone attending the Anniversary Mass will be invited to enjoy a Buffet meal in the Parish Centre. **Admission is free by ticket only!** Tickets are available from the Sacristy.



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 week. Please remember to pray for the sick of our Parish and those who care for them.



Day For Life

Today is the "**Day for Life**". The theme for 2017 is: '**Fostering a Culture that Protects Life and Respects Women**'. It is a day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. We are drawn to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need. We pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those who are concerned about their pregnancy.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert McCullough R.I.P.**, of Cooneen Way, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 11a.m.

Anniversaries

Colette McGowan, Mrs. Gerard Wilson, Peter F. Cassidy, Frances Winters, Billy Walsh, Kathleen Adams, Edward Murtagh, Annie Cooke, Joseph McElhatton, Dermott O'Hara, John Gallery, James McElwee, Katie Hamilton, Janet Byrne, John Richardson, Brian Clifford, Martin Stranney.

Thomas McLorinan, Frank McGowan, Josephine Wieglib, Lena Bennett, Hugh Bennett, John McMahon, Maureen Hamilton, Betty Finlay, Gordon Kennedy, Thomas Tierney, Ethna Kearney, Kathleen Maguire.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

World Meeting of Families 2018



A special icon of the **Holy Family** has been written to mark the year of preparation for **WMOF 2018**. It was blessed and anointed by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin during a celebration of the Eucharist at Knock Shrine. During the months ahead, the icon will be brought to a number of churches around Ireland. The itinerary for the Diocese of Down and Connor is as follows:-

Monday 2nd October - Holy Family Church, Belfast.

Wednesday 4th October - Corpus Christi Church, Springhill Grove, Belfast.

The icon will be on view in each church for public and private prayer. There will be a petition box in front of the icon, into which you are invited to put your intentions. The icon will return in June 2018, to other Parishes in the Diocese.

There will not be a Mass at 9.30a.m. on Monday. The Requiem Mass for Robert McCullough R.I.P. will be celebrated at 11a.m.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,996**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The monthly collection for the **Support of the Priests** will take place this weekend.

Team 5 will help with the collection this week.

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The old £1 coin will *cease to be legal tender* from **15th. October 2017**. Our bank has advised that these coins will not be accepted in the church lodgements from that date.



Retirement Association

Thursday 5th. October - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.



Sale of Graves

The **Parish of Glenavy and Killead** have a limited number of Burial Rights available in the graveyard of **St. Joseph's Church, Chapel Road, Glenavy**. The cost of the burial right will be similar to that of Milltown Cemetery. Each grave will take up to three interments. Applications forms are now available from the Parish Office Tel. **9442 2278** weekdays 10a.m - 3p.m.



Marian Devotion

October is traditionally a special time of devotion to Our Lady. The custom of saying the rosary is a powerful way to pray for our special intentions and can gain many graces for us during this month. The annual **Rosary Procession** from **St. John's Church** on the Falls Road will take place next **Sunday 8th. October at 3p.m.** This is organised by the Legion of Mary. See the church notice boards for details.



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 **October** - **Anne Sharvin**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 8th. October - Group 3
Tom McGonigle, Jacinta Lyons,
Moya Beatty, Patricia McFlynn.

500 Club



Week 2: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Deirdre McBrien & Helen Lunny.**

Each winner receives **£50**.

Try your luck at winning some cash! The new cycle of the **500 Club** began on **18th. September**. For just £1 per week you have 2 chances weekly to win £50. All annual subscriptions are now due, cheques should be made payable to: **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**. A big thank you to all our promoters and members. If you would like to join the 500 Club, please leave your name, address, and contact number in the sacristy after Mass, new members are always welcome!

Apostolic Workers



The **Apostolic Workers** will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 4th. October**. New members will be made most welcome! Help us to help the Missions!

Church Flower Arrangers



Due to illness and retirement, we need experienced people to help share the work of creating our floral displays. This includes our upcoming 50th. Anniversary, the major feasts, and weekly maintenance. Ideally, you must be available during the daytime. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

What's On!



October 1st. Calling all dancers! Cairde Rince Céilí na hEireann - **St. Bernadette's Branch Céilí Mór** in **St. Joseph's College** from **3p.m. - 6p.m.** Dancing to the **Ardmore Céilí Band**. £5 admission.

October 3rd. Celtic Psalms with **Kiran Young Wimberley** and the **McGrath family traditional musicians** in **Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church (St John's)** at **7.30p.m.** Enjoy hearing and singing psalms set to trad. Irish and Scottish melodies - and some refreshments! Suggested donation at the door: £10.

October 6th. Cardinal Cahal B. Daly Memorial Lecture "Go the extra mile". Reflections on the practice of dialogue. A lecture in **Queen's University** in **Lecture Theatre PFC/OG/007** at **7p.m.** with **Archbishop Paul Gallagher**, a native of Liverpool, who is the Secretary for Relations with States in The Secretariat of State, Vatican City. All are welcome but we ask that you inform us of your intention to be present. Tel. **9066 5409**, email: **stbrigidsparishoffice@gmail.com**

October 14th. - 16th. Special Triduum in honour of St. Gerard Majella in Clonard. The Blessing of babies and expectant parents will take place at all Masses on 16th. For further information: **www.clonard.com**

Special Seven Day Candles for Our Lady's & the Sacred Heart Shrines. £5 each from the Sacristy.