



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.

Monday 9.30a.m.

Tuesday 7.30p.m. (with Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

Wednesday

9.30a.m.

Thursday

9.30a.m.

Friday - No Mass.

Drumbo 9.30a.m.

Good Shepherd Church 10a.m.

Saturday

6.00p.m. Vigil Mass with the Folk Choir every second Week.

Holy Days of Obligation

10a.m.

Confessions

Saturday

6.45p.m. after the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday from 9a.m. to 7.15p.m.

Baptisms

On the first Sunday of each month. By appointment only four weeks in advance.

All Masses are streamed live online via the Parish website: www.stbernadettesparish.org

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.28-29) The reading speaks of gentleness and restraint, rather than lavishness. These are qualities that are good for the soul - and good for the planet.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24) Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant, is the one to whom we turn in all the demands of discipleship, including our efforts to preserve and cherish God's creation.

Gospel (Luke 14:1.7-14) Jesus proclaims his message not with severity, but with talk of feasting and celebration. There is no contradiction between the restraint the Gospel demands and the joy it promises. ©Intercom



Creation

This Sunday marks the annual **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, when we celebrate the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Pope Francis said: "We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years. We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."



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



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is at the centre of our life as a Parish community. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** resumes on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New volunteers are needed to attend so that someone is always present before the Blessed Sacrament. Drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and stress of daily life? Pray for your own needs and for those who need you to pray for them "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mk 14:34)

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Anne McGlone, Paddy Woods, Thomas Flanagan, Joe Woods, Edward O'Hara, Patsy Vize.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved over the last few years. To speak to someone in confidence Tel. **077 3377 3758**.

Bethany Bereavement Support offers training as a Parish-based group ministry which aims to help those bereaved and grieving. Support is offered on an individual basis in the home, to groups in drop-in centres, by phone calls, by helping at funeral liturgies and also at remembrance services. A full training course is offered over a 10-evening period. The next Training Course is planned to begin on **26th. September** at **120 Cliftonville Road**, please contact **Claire Dowds** Tel. **075578 82183**, or by email to: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com

Mass Times



The normal weekday Mass schedule resumes this week. Mass will be celebrated at **9.30a.m.** each day except on **Tuesdays**, when Mass will be at **7.30p.m.** with the novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. **Mass will not be celebrated here on Friday mornings.** There will be Masses at **9.30a.m.** in **Drumbo & Carryduff Parish**, and at **10a.m.** in the **Good Shepherd Church**. The church will remain open for private prayer each weekday until **6p.m.** (Tuesdays until after the 7.30p.m. Mass) and from **8a.m. to 6p.m.** on Fridays. The church will open on **Saturdays** at **5p.m.**

Parish Choir



The choir sings each Sunday at the 10a.m. Mass. We need new members to join us. An ability to read music is not required. Please come along and speak to our Parish Organist, **Marty Lavery**. You will be made most welcome.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,403**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

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

Tuesday 4th. September - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m.

Thursday 6th. September - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 7th. September - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

Wednesday 18th. September - "Shirley Valentine" by Willie Russell at the **Lyric** at 7.45p.m. Tickets: £12. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 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.

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.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday

7p.m. Art Class.

Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

7p.m. - 7.30p.m. **Youth Club Enrolment. *Members must be 8 years or older on enrolment.*** Parents must attend and agree to supervise at least **one** night for each junior member and **two** nights for each senior member registered. The Club will resume on **Friday 13th. September** at 7p.m. - 8.15p.m. for Juniors and 8.30p.m. - 10p.m. for Seniors.

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Monday - Friday** for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Call **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

Notices for the Parish Bulletin should be sent by **e-mail only** to: info@stbernadettesparish.org before 12p.m. each Thursday. Anniversary insertions should be sent one week before publication. The latest & past editions of the Parish Newsletter are available on the Parish website at: www.stbernadettesparish.org

Ministers of the Eucharist

September - Group 3.

Team Leader - **Jim McGettrick**.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 8th. September.

Group 4.

500 Club

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 50:**

Tony Barr & Philip O'Rawe

Each receives £50

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to anyone in need. We can provide direct financial assistance and essential items such as food, fuel, and household items. Do you need our help? Tel. 9035 1561.



Apostolic Workers

We will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass next **Wednesday 4th. September**. New members will be made most welcome! Please help us to help the Missions! Our **Annual Retreat** led by **Fr. Martin Kavanagh** will take place in **Drumalis** on **Saturday 7th. September** from 9.30a.m. and finishing after Mass at 5pm. Cost £40. Booking is essential. Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371.

Lima Mission

The **Third World Group** will accept annual sponsorship payments in the **Lourdes Chapel Porch** for **Fr. Coney's Children's Centres** in **Lima** after Mass this weekend. 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.

Diocese of Down & Connor

Online bookings for this year's **Faith & Life Convention** are now open. We hope that you will be able to join us on **Saturday 28th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College**. Our theme will be "**Faith in a Better World**". The Keynote Speaker will be **Michel Camdessus**, the former director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. Michel's address will be followed by a panel discussion where together we can reflect on the variety of issues that we face in society today. The highlight of the day for many people is the variety of workshops on offer and this year we have an impressive line-up of local and international speakers. For further information and to book, please visit: www.faithandlifeconvention.org

What's On!

September 5th. Information Evening in **Our Lady & St. Patrick's College**, Knock at 7.30 p.m. for the parents of Primary 7 pupils who are seeking entry to Year 8 in September 2020.

September 7th. "Precious Life" March and Rally at **Custom House Square** to show politicians that abortion is not in our name! Mass will be celebrated at 1p.m. in **St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street**. Flyers are available in the church porches.