



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

Parish Bulletin



Sunday Cycle C Psalter Week 2
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th February 2022



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Holy Rosary Parish 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

St Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am

Given the current public health emergency the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass **has been extended UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. The faithful are encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass whenever possible or to participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on the webcam

Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St. Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues, Wed 10.00 – 12 noon
Holy Rosary Parish: Weekdays 10.30 – 5pm.

REGULAR VISITS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Regular visits to the sick, housebound and those in nursing homes have been suspended because of the concerns over Covid-19. Given the recent announcement by the Minister for Health easing restrictions and regulations relating to Covid-19, home visitation can be resumed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the current Covid situation it is not possible to use the confessional box, but the sacrament of reconciliation is available on request in the sacristy after Mass or at the door of the parochial house.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tue. 22nd Feb Chair of Peter
Wed. 23rd Feb St. Polycarp

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS & VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE Friday 25th February

Lord, we are so sorry for what some of us did to your children: treated them so cruelly, especially in their hour of need. We have left them with a lifelong suffering. This was not your plan for them or us. Please help us to help them. Guide us, Lord, Amen.

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Louie Sarah Finn, Rosaleen Daly, Brian O'Connell, Patrick McGrath, Sr. Deirdre O'Leary, Kathleen Clarke, Clarice Murray, Jackie Burns, Joe Magee (*Months Mind 11am*).



Anniversaries:

Deborah McKay (6pm), Una O'Callaghan, Vera Kane, Andrea McManus.

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ . 07733773758

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ . 07818090323

ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Collection (13th Feb) £ 746.55

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances through a standing order, PayPal, or parish envelopes.



SVP

Many thanks to Parishioners for your continued support and generosity. Without your help our work would not be possible.

Donations can continue to be made online at www.SVPNI.co.uk or telephone 02890750161.

If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at 02890351561 and you will be directed to one of our Conference Members.



See online bulletin for Children's Activities.

RELAXATION OF COVID-19 RELATED REGULATIONS & RESTRICTIONS

The Minister for Health recently announced a significant easing of restrictions and regulations relating to Covid-19. The Diocese has reviewed and amended its advice to parishes accordingly. The Diocese continues to strongly recommend a number of protective measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of parish communities, especially those who are anxious or particularly vulnerable. These measures reflect the ongoing public health advice. The significant points to note are:

1. **Social Distancing:** Parishes may remove measures put in place to ensure social distancing, such as closed off pews. However, while we no longer have to observe social distancing in the church, one area in the church will remain with closed off pews for those who may wish to continue social distancing
2. **Face Coverings:** the Diocese **strongly recommends that face coverings continue to be worn at all times in the church.**
3. **Cleaning routines:** the requirement for cleaning/sanitizing churches after every gathering is removed.
4. **Hand Sanitizers:** Hand sanitizers will continue to be provided at the entrances. Hand sanitizing when entering and exiting the church is strongly recommended.
5. Congregational singing is permitted.
6. The sign of peace remains suspended at this time.
7. Those administering Holy Communion should continue to sanitize their hands before & after distribution, & wear face coverings.
8. Communion in the hand should remain the norm. Coming to receive Holy Communion (or a blessing) will revert to pre-Covid arrangements from next weekend, as will the distribution places for Eucharistic ministers.
9. For the time being, holy water fonts will remain empty.
10. Missalettes/ bulletins should be taken home or disposed of after use.

The pandemic is not over, and we will continue to live with the risks and effects of COVID-19 for some time. As a result, it is important that, in a spirit of Christian solidarity, we all do what we can to care for each other.

THANK YOU

Given the easing of many of the COVID restrictions, it seems an opportune time to say a big thank you again, to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to keep us all safe over the past two years. So, on behalf of all the parishioners and priests, thank you to the stewards & to those who have sanitized the church after every ceremony. Thanks also to Gillian and the teams of volunteers who keep the church clean on a regular basis. While the sanitizing of the church is no longer required after every gathering, the welcoming of parishioners & guests to our church by the stewards has been greatly appreciated. The Parish Pastoral Council is developing a ministry of welcome to continue this good work.



LAUDATO SI' – GROUNDING THE TEACHING IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* highlights the beauty of the earth and our role as stewards of this great gift of creation. To care for our common home there are many changes that we all need to make and the first change is a change of heart, an ecological conversion.

Join Prof John Barry, Fr Tim Bartlett and Rev Cheryl Meban in conversation as they explore *Laudato Si'* and how we can each embrace change in our everyday lives to care for the earth.

You can attend in person on **Thursday 24th Feb** at 7pm in St John's Church, Falls Road. Parking available and venue on main bus route. Online viewing via parish

webcam www.stjohnsfallsroad.org

“NO GREATER LOVE” LENTEN PROGRAMME

The Living Church office will be offering the “*No Greater Love*” programme on-line during Lent this year. (This programme started in parishes in 2020 but the pandemic restrictions meant that the course was never finished.) There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. Further details will follow.

To book your place on this online program please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022 13th – 18th July 2022

This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage, our first since 2019, will, due to the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, be smaller and different from previous pilgrimages. Cost is £685.

For Further information: To request a booking application, or with further queries, please contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email us: lourdes@downandconnor.org

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

Discernment is the process by which we try to answer this question – where is God leading us as a Church at this moment in history? In any genuine process of discernment, listening is key – listening to God, listening to the Scriptures and to the Tradition of the Church, and also listening to the People of God. The synodal path is a discernment process with listening at its core.

The word 'Synod' is a Greek word (*synodos*) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up synod are 'syn', meaning together, and 'hodos', meaning way or journey. As baptised people, as the People of God, we are all on a journey together. Therefore, listening to each other is a key part of this process. The Church wants to listen to our views. In the coming weeks we will **all** be invited to share our views. Perhaps the key question for each of us to reflect on and pray about, could be expressed in this way: *what do I think the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church at this time?*

Pope Francis identifies the two interrelated goals of this process of listening: “to listen to God, so that with Him we may hear the cry of His people; to listen to His people until we are in harmony with the will to which God calls us.”



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The ladies of St. Bernadette's parish are invited to attend an interdenominational service in St. Anthony's Church, Willowfield at 8pm on Friday 4th March. For further details please contact Marie on 02890792226.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BREDAGH GAC

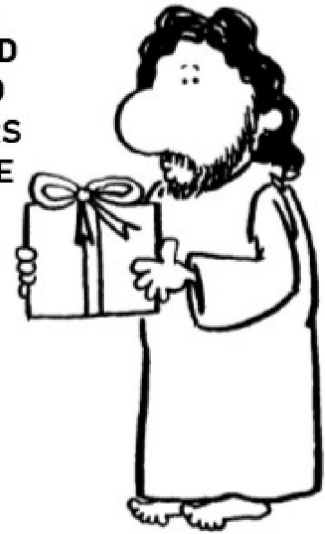
Congratulations to Bredagh GAC and Chairman Malcolm MacFarlane on his recent award. Malcolm was the winner of the Ulster award at the annual GAA President's Awards.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Jesus showed us how
to love others

