



# Parish of St. Bernadette

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday 20th. November 2016. (C) Vol.14 No. 13  
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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 (2 Samuel 5:1-3)** This reading comes from the golden age of the Jewish monarchy with the anointing of David and subsequently his son, Solomon. What is the nature of leadership? How can the will of God be best expressed in the one who leads? Two points of interest: Firstly, the qualities of a king; to be a shepherd *and* a commander. The second point of interest is the manner in which he is chosen; the mandate from God, affirmed firstly by the tribes and then in agreement with the elders.

**Second Reading (2 Colossians 1:12-20)** It seems appropriate at the end of the year to give thanks to God. This letter was sent to this small city in Asia Minor around the year A.D. 80, while Paul was in prison. The affirmation of the power of God seems as much for Paul's benefit as for ours. God rescues us from darkness; redeems us and forgives our sins. The second part of the reading is a hymn of praise to Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Reading (Luke 23:35-43)** The gospel finds us at Calvary. Despite everything that Jesus has endured, he now has to cope with the taunts of the bystanders, the soldiers and one of the criminals. To borrow the image from the first reading, they think they are executing a commander; but Jesus is a shepherd. From his first appearance at the Jordan and in the Synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus has spoken of a different type of kingdom. Every time he has used the phrase, 'the kingdom of heaven might be compared to,' there is the anticipation of this kingdom. When he speaks finally to the thief, this anticipation comes to its completion in the promise of paradise.



## Eucharistic Adoration

The **Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate** will visit St. Bernadette's next weekend for a renewal of the Parish Adoration. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament has brought so many graces to our Parish and to the lives of the 40 or so people who attend each week. "**Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?**"



## Parish Pastoral Council

The Council met on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Parish Pilgrimage on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October to the final Holy Door Ceremony in Clonard for the Year of Mercy was greatly enjoyed by all the Parishioners who attended. **Fr. Brendan Keane** delivered a most inspiring homily on the theme of **'Mary, Mother of Mercy.'**

A number of council members have now viewed the resources which we are considering for our Lenten 2017 Faith Development Programme, i.e. Dr. Edward Sri's **'A Biblical Walk through the Mass'**. A few details have yet to be settled but we hope to make a definite announcement shortly. The details will appear in the Parish Bulletin.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maurice McHugh R.I.P.**, of **Saintfield Road**, whose funeral took place on **Monday**, also for the relative of a Parishioner, **Eileen Hackett R.I.P.**, whose funeral took place in Eskra, Co. Tyrone on Saturday.

### Anniversaries

Ann Milner, Catherine McGrory, Charlie Bradley, Alice O'Hara, Lieya Blancia Betono, Tom Craig, Pat McElkerney, Desmond Brown.

William McEvoy, Mary Clare Woods, Teresa Burns, John Watson, Susan Curran, William McEvoy, Alexander Farquhar, Patrick Cassidy.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Mass will be celebrated each day during November for the repose of the souls of relatives and friends whose names have been included in the **November Dead Lists**. If you wish to donate an offering for Masses, please include it in the envelope provided. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box on the wall beside Our Lady's Altar.

Our King has been chosen for us by God but it is for each one of us to profess our allegiance to him. We do this not just saying so in so many words but by taking on board the fullness of his life and teaching which we find in the Gospel.... And, as members of his Body, we too in some strange way share in that Kingship. Today we are called to work together to expand the reality of his Kingdom in our families, in our society and in the world... ©1999- 2016 Living Space



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,610**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual collection for the **Bishops' Commissions** takes place this weekend. The money raised is used by the **Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference** to fund its various commissions, agencies, and councils.

Team 1 will help with the collection this week.



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 24th. November** - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m. Meet in the church car park.

**Monday 28th. November** - "A United Kingdom" at the QFT at 6.20p.m. The story of an interracial romance that changed the world. Adm. £4. To book, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 0784593 3371 as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 30th. November** - Monthly Lunch in **Eight South, 14 The Square, Carryduff** at 1p.m. Cost £17. For bookings please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 or **Veronica** Tel. 9040 2776 as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 14th. December** - "The Nativity - What the Donkey Saw" at the **Lyric** at 7.45p.m. Adm. £10. Contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 *before 3rd. December*.



## 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 21st.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.  
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
7.30p.m. Pilates (2 sessions).  
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.  
8p.m. Bowling Club.

### Tuesday 22nd.

7p.m. Zumba.  
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

### Wednesday 23rd.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
2p.m. Speech & Drama.  
5p.m. Children's Soccer.  
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.  
7p.m. - 9.30p.m. Active & Relaxing Yoga.  
8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday 24th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.  
7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 25th.

9.30a.m. Pilates.  
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

### Saturday 26th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.  
1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton.

### After School Club

**Rosetta 2-4 Club** for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from 2p.m. - 4p.m. For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

The church is open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. (Tuesdays until after the 7.30p.m. Mass.).

## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for November - **Maura Presley**.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 27th. November - Group 2  
**Arthur Foster, Mary McHugh,  
Peter Livingstone, Marie McKinney.**

A new **Rota** for **Ministers of the Word** is now available for collection from the Sacristy. A special word of thanks to all of our Readers but especially to those who are retiring down after many years of faithful service.

## 500 Club



**Week 9:** Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Mary Kearney & Michael Lynch.**

Each winner receives £50.

A **Lunch for Senior Citizens** will be held in the **Ivanhoe Hotel** on **Wednesday 7th. December** at 1p.m. If you wish to attend, please put your name and number on the list in the Sacristy or contact **Frances** Tel. 07800 562398. *Names must be in by Tuesday 29th. November at the latest.*

Latest News



**Christmas Cards** will be on sale in the **Lourdes Chapel** Porch this weekend after all of the Masses. The price is £3 per pack of 10 cards.

## Apostolic Workers



A **Coffee Morning** will take place in the **Lounge** in the **Parish Centre** after both Masses next Sunday. Your support can make such a big difference to the missionary priests, religious, and lay workers to help the poor and deprived in the Third World. Everyone welcome! Help us to help the Missions!

## St. Joseph's College P.T.A.



Our annual **Christmas Fair** will be held in the school on **Tuesday 6th. December** from 7p.m. to 9p.m. Buy unique handcrafted gifts for the family, mulled wine, home-baked goodies and lots more! Carols by **Cantiunculae!** Admission **free!** All welcome! If you would like to have a stall at a cost of £20 per table, please Tel. 9049 1280.

## What's On!



**November 23rd. Mass for Deceased Members of the Knights of St. Columbanus** in **St. Patrick's Church, Donegall St.** at 7.30p.m. Families and friends of the deceased are most welcome to attend.

**November 26th. "Welcome Day for Refugees"** in **St. George's Church, High Street** at 2p.m.

**November 27th. "The Mercy of God in Art"** presented by **Dr. Eileen Kane** at 4p.m. in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue.** This event has been arranged by **Bishop Treanor** to mark the closing of the Jubilee of Mercy. All welcome! Admission free!

**November 27th. 'Mass of Hope'** in **Clonard** at 3p.m. hosted by **Suicide Awareness & Support Group.** All families bereaved from all denominations are most welcome to attend.