



# Parish of St. Bernadette



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord (C)

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### Celebrating the Liturgy during Easter Week

9.30a.m. Mass from Monday - Friday. N.B. No 7.30p.m. Mass on Tuesday.

Novena prayers to **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** at the 9.30a.m. Mass on Tuesday.

**Tuesday** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place today.

**Saturday** 6p.m. Vigil Mass  
Confessions at 6.45p.m.

**Sunday 28th. April**  
10a.m.  
12p.m.

"...each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in Paschal Time unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year".

#### Parish Priest

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**First Reading (Acts 10:34,37-43)** It was by passing through water that the Israelites were rescued from slavery and entered into a new life of freedom. For us, it is by passing through the waters of baptism that we enter into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

**Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4)** Baptism is not some 'ornamental' ritual. We are baptised so that we might live a new life, in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading (John 20:1-9)** This is a remarkably understated Gospel reading, yet it states all we need to hear: The tomb is empty; the world is filled with hope. © Intercom

### Reflection

If Christ is not risen, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death, a "proof" of his divinity. Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus.

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### Golden Jubilee

**Wednesday 1st. May** marks the 50th. Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Armstrong. A Mass of Celebration will be held on **Sunday 19th. May** at 3p.m. when many fellow priests, who have been colleagues and friends of Fr. Armstrong down through the years, will join us here in St. Bernadette's for this very special occasion. Members of Fr. Armstrong's family as well as some of the local clergy from other denominations will also attend. All Parishioners and friends of St. Bernadette's are cordially invited.

After the Mass, there will be a finger buffet reception in the Parish Centre. A special presentation will also be made to Fr. Armstrong on behalf of the Parish community. There is a limit to the number of people that can be accommodated and catered for comfortably in the Parish Centre so admission will be by ticket only. These are available from the Sacristy and will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. **Tickets are not required to attend the Mass.**

### Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Aiden Farry R.I.P.** whose funeral took place on Tuesday, and for **Maura Mullally R.I.P.**, the mother of a Parishioner, whose funeral will take place in St. Brigids Church on Wednesday at 12p.m.

#### Anniversaries

Rose King, Mary Gogarty, Leona Hughes, Kathleen Greenwood, Fr. Martin O'Callaghan, Joe Woods.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

### Diocese of Down & Connor

Bishop Treanor's Pastoral Letter to everyone in the Diocese will be distributed after Mass. The letter entitled: "To Follow Jesus Closely" reflects on the unique calling of diocesan priesthood. In his letter the Bishop invites priests and people to work together to help grow a culture of vocational discernment, a culture in which each person can recognize how God calls them to live out Christ's mission of love in the world, but more particularly through priesthood. Following this there will be a special **Novena of Prayer for Vocations** launched by a Vocations Vigil on the evening of Thursday 2nd. May in every Pastoral Area. It is hoped that this Novena will be prayed in every family home for the nine days as we move towards Good Shepherd Sunday on the 12th. May. Our **Vocations Vigil** will take place in **Holy Rosary Church** on **Thursday 2nd. May** at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

### Mass Times

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30a.m. From Monday to Friday this week. **There will be no evening Mass on Tuesday.** The novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be said on Tuesday morning.

The church will be closed after Mass each morning next week.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on **Easter Tuesday.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **Tuesday 30th. April** at 9a.m.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,129**. A sincere thanks for your generosity.

The **Easter Voluntary** collection will be taken up at all of the Masses this weekend.

### 2019/20 Offertory Envelope Boxes

If you have not received your box or if you live outside the Parish, please call into the Sacristy. If you do not have Offertory Envelopes and would like to take a box, please leave your contact details in the Sacristy or e-mail: [info@stbernadettesparish.org](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)



## Retirement Association

**Tuesday 23rd. April** - Ormeau Park Bowling from **11a.m. to 1p.m.** No experience necessary. Equipment supplied. Cost £10 (concession) for the season. Please contact **Seamus** Tel. **077672 71019**.

**Thursday 25th. April** - **Weekly Walk**. Meet in the church car park at **10.15a.m.**

**Friday 26th. April** - Ormeau Park Bowling from **2p.m. to 4p.m.**

**Wednesday 15th. May** - "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the **Lyric** at **7.45p.m.** Follow wilting Southern beauty, Blanche DuBois, as she attempts to escape her former life and past trauma. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due. Contact **Seamus** Tel. **077672 71019** or one of the Committee Members.

**The church car park will be locked after morning Mass each day during Easter week. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the car park after Mass times.**



## Holy Week

Each year, we try to celebrate the ceremonies of **Holy Week** and **Easter** as faithfully as we can. We strive to make the liturgy as prayerful, meaningful, and enjoyable for everyone. It would be impossible to do this without so many people who give their time, effort, and talent to help us to try to do exactly that. May I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who took part in any way in the various ceremonies during the past few days and in the preparation of the church.

Many thanks to all of you who came out to attend the **Parish Penitential Service** on Wednesday evening and who came to each of the ceremonies of **Holy Week**. Your very presence gave great witness to the Lord and clearly showed what a vibrant and strong faith community we have here in St. Bernadette's.

May I wish you and your families every grace and blessing during this season of Easter. May the joy of the Risen Christ fill each of you with great happiness!

*Paul Cunningham P.P.*

Notices for the Parish Bulletin should be sent by **e-mail only** to: [info@stbernadettesparish.org](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org) to arrive **no later than 12p.m. on Tuesday this week.**

## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for April - **Flo McGarrigle**.

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 28th. April** - Group 7

## 500 Club



**Week 31.** Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Nuala Carville & Eileen Lynch.**

Each winner receives **£50.**

Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** as soon as you can. Boxes can be placed in the special bin located at the side of the Sanctuary or left in the Sacristy. Please convert as much coin as possible into bank notes and remember to fill in the Gift Aid form. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make your cheque payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. This will be included in the total Parish contribution to Trócaire.



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**

Latest News



**Clare Lodge Holiday Home** in Newcastle Co. Down is available for day trips, lunches, tea, coffee and biscuits; overnight or weekly stay over, conferences, meetings and more. Everyone welcome. Open all year round. For further information, please contact **Regina** or **Tom** Tel. **4372 2849** or email: [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk)

## What's On!



**April 28th. Feast Of Divine Mercy** will be celebrated in **St. Peter's Cathedral** and **Sacred Heart Church**, starting at **2.15p.m.**, in **St. Paul's Church** starting at **1.30p.m.** **Saintfield Parish** at **2.30p.m.** followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at **3p.m.** Confessions will be available from **2p.m.**

**May 5th. Team Cancer** focus seeks volunteers at **Belfast City Marathon** at our Water Station and Cheer Squads. Help our runners to get over the finish line as they raise funds for local patients and their families living with cancer. Contact **Jade** Tel. **9066 3281** or by email to: [jadeknowles@cancerfocusni.org](mailto:jadeknowles@cancerfocusni.org)

**May 11th. "Darkness into Light Walk"** at **4.15a.m.** in the **Ormeau Park**. Proceeds in aid of Pieta House, a non-profit organisation providing a specialised treatment programme for people who have suicidal ideation or who participate in self-harming. Registration available now at: [www.darknessintolight.ie/](http://www.darknessintolight.ie/)

**May 13th. Friendship Evening** at **Cregagh Presbyterian Church** at **7.30p.m.** The ladies of St. Bernadette's are invited to a re-enactment of the life of the famous hymn writer Frances Alexander. Please contact **Marie** Tel.

## Parish Centre News



The Centre will be closed during Easter Week. Please check with your group leader when your activity will resume after the holiday period.