



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 (Jonah 3:1-5,10) The Prophet Jonah is unlike any of the other prophets. His story is often regarded as a children's story but is best understood as a parable. Holding a moral lesson, parables are stories that tell us something about ourselves and also reveal to us something about God and God's ways of engaging. They invite us to a new understanding.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) In this passage, Paul is expressing his own opinions with regard to celibacy and marriage, rather than speaking on behalf of Jesus. Aware of the immoral difficulties that exist in the surrounding pagan culture, Paul's desire is to save people from any hardships they may encounter. Believing that time was running out, Paul was at pains to encourage people to continue the Lord's work for the benefit of all believers.

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:14-20) John is arrested and Jesus' public ministry begins. He is entrusted with God's plan for a world on fire with the fullness of life – a world marked by harmony and inclusion, justice and acceptance, truth and authenticity, a world in love with the God of all creation. Jesus will invite people to change their way of thinking and to adopt the 'Good News'. He needs companions in order to do this. In today's gospel, Jesus invites people to join him. © **Intercom**



Living Youth

The Commission or Living Youth is tasked with supporting faith development among young people through innovative programmes in Parishes throughout the Diocese. Over 1,990 young people are on the John Paul II Award, 1,500 11 & 12 year olds on the GIFT Programme, and 120 16-18 year olds are on the Alpha Programme. This year, 40 young people will travel on the annual Taize Pilgrimage. A team will also travel with Habitat for Humanity to Malawi. A large team will volunteer at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August. All of this work is supported by a 500-strong team of volunteers across the Diocese.

Our annual collection takes place this weekend. We thank you for your most generous donations in the past and ask for your continued financial support. We will all benefit from a thriving young Church where young people are not only welcomed and respected in our Parishes, but also encouraged to play their part in living and celebrating their faith. You can find more information about us in our Newsletter which is available in the church porches. If you know a young person who would like to be involved in our programmes, or if you would like to volunteer with us, our contact details are in the Newsletter.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Tony Martin R.I.P.**, of Mt. Merrion Gardens, whose funeral took place on Monday, for **Fr. Gregory Cormican R.I.P.**, former Parish Priest of Coleraine, whose funeral took place on Wednesday, and for **Bernie Heverin R.I.P.**, of Wynchurch Road, whose funeral took place on Thursday.

Anniversaries

James Moran, Jack Bradley, William Clarke, Ellen Jane Gallagher, Anna Napier, Hugh Corry, Annie McGeehan, Hugh Murray, Paddy Matthews, Madge McNee, Jean Jamieson, Gerard Ward, Tom Conaghan, Eoghan McGeehan, Jane Boyle, Teresa Mossey.

Perry Carnaghan, Joan O'Hara, Willie Martin, Brigid Rooney, Molly Armstrong, Tom Flanagan, Nicholas Murtagh, Margaret Curran, Jim Hunter, Margaret Walsh, John Kavanagh, Joe Curran, Brendan McMullan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Octave for Christian Unity

The Service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is in the **Ballynafeigh Methodist Church** this Sunday at **3p.m.** There will be a special address given by the **Director of Living Church, Paula McKeown**. All are invited to come along and be involved in this special moment of prayer.

Vocations



Have you felt called to serve Christ in the Church as a priest? A retreat will take place in **Drumalis** from **Friday 16th** until **Sunday 18th February**. For further information please contact: **Fr. Kevin McGuckien** Tel. **90614567** kevinmcguckien@downandconnor.org



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,141**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual collection fund the **Down & Connor Diocesan Youth Commission** will take place this weekend.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 24th. January - Annual Lunch in the **Errigle Inn** at **1p.m.** Two courses **£17**. To make a booking, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **0784593 3371** as soon as possible.

Thursday 25th. January - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.**
Monday 29th. January - "The Darkest Hour" at **QFT**, Adm.£4. A thriller starring Oscar-nominated Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill who within days of becoming the Prime Minister tries to negotiate a peace treaty with Nazi Germany. For bookings please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **0784593 3371** as soon as possible.

Tuesday 27th.-Wednesday 28th. February - Annual trip to **Malahide**. Cost **€195** p.p.s B & B for two nights, with dinner on Tuesday evening. Single room occupancy **€275**. To book, contact **Geraldine** Tel. **0784593 3371**

Wednesday 11th. April - **42nd Street** in the **Grand Opera House** presented by **St. Agnes' Choral Society** at **7.30p.m.** Contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031**



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 or coffee and a chat after Mass. All are welcome!
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
8p.m. Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Class.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga Class.
8p.m. Taekwondo.
8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

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 **January** - **Jim McGettrick**.

Mass Rota

6p.m. **D. O'Hare, J. McGarvey.**
10a.m. **M. McLaughlin, J. McLaughlin,**
A. Martin, R. / J. George.
12p.m. **J. McGettrick, S. McGrath.**

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 28th. January - Group 8
John Conaghan, Eamon Foster,
Gerry Mooney.

500 Club



Week 18: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Colette Murphy & Briega Falloona.**
Each winner receives **£50**.

Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2018** will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at **£4** each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations. Buy one now before they are all gone!

Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **July 10th. - 17th.** Prices per person sharing:
5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £650.
7 nights - July 10th. - 17th. £725.

Youth Team July 8th. - 17th. £590 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in **Accueil Notre Dame: 5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £550.** All flights from **Belfast International.** Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. **9064 6040** or contact us by email to: **dcpilgrimage@gmail.com.** A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

What's On!



January 25th. "Legislating for Life" a lecture by **Lord Alton of Liverpool** in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** He is a Catholic and strongly holds a "pro-life" position. Everyone welcome!

January 28th. St. Joseph's College 25th Anniversary Celebrations. The College will be open for past pupils, parents, and staff from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Come along and revisit! Light Refreshments will be served.

February 1st. St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2018 "Anxious hearts and wounded lives: The place of the New Sacred." in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** with **Fr. Paul Murray O.P.** Fr Paul is an Irish Dominican priest, poet, author and professor, born in Newcastle, Co. Down, and is a past pupil of St. Malachy's College. His brother, Fr. Michael Murray, is a priest in Down and Connor. Fr. Paul presently lives in Rome and lectures in the **Angelicum University.** He was a friend and adviser to **Mother Teresa of Calcutta.** All are welcome!



"Love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. I love this person, and I see him or her with the eyes of God, who gives us everything for enjoyment". *Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.*