



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.

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First Reading (Proverbs 8:22-31) In the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, Wisdom is personified in a female form as one of the most cherished characteristics of God and indeed of human beings. This is fascinating considering that the passage was written in the context of a patriarchal society that normally emphasised a male image of God. Woman Wisdom appears alongside God as the universe is created in order and tranquillity.

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-5) The Second Reading and the Gospel specifically mention the three persons of the Blessed Trinity and the role of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The central theme in this reading from the letter to the Roman Christians is that we have been justified by faith in Jesus Christ. Paul also recognises that when suffering is embraced it has the potential for significant human and Christian transformation leading to a new state of being.

Gospel Reading (John 16:12-15) In this passage from John, we get a glimpse of his implicit Trinitarian thinking as he endeavours to show the relationship between the Father, Son and Spirit through a link with the teaching of Jesus. This Trinitarian sensibility which is evident in the Gospel of John resembles very closely that of Paul, in the sense that Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. While today's feast focuses on the central mystery of our faith, a mystery based on the way the Father, Son and Spirit relate to one another, the readings also address the way God relates to us, a God who is present and active in the very core of our being.



First Eucharist

Warmest congratulations and best wishes to the children from the P4 classes of **St. Bernard's P.S.** and **Cregagh P.S.** who made their **First Holy Communion** on Saturday. A word of thanks to those who helped prepare the church for this great Parish celebration: the members of the Cleaning Teams who gave up some of their time last Sunday to clean the church, the members of the P.T.A., parents, and friends who provided the food and refreshments for the children and their families in the Parish Centre.

Parents are asked to encourage their children to show respect to the Blessed Sacrament by keeping their hands joined from when they leave their seats until they return again after receiving Holy Communion. These traditional outward signs are meant to reflect our inner attitude of reverence and prayer. **Children should not receive the Sacred Host by hand until after they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

Next Sunday is the feast of **Corpus Christi**. Parents and the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday are invited to the Sunday Masses. Children should wear their special First Communion clothes.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Adrian Adams R.I.P.**, of Knockbracken Park, whose funeral took place here on Friday.

Anniversaries

Brigid Boles, John Lavery, Gerard Murray, Francis Leyden, Donal Lavery, Pat Foster, John (Desmond) Bateson, Rose Devine, James McKenna, Patrick John Curran, Arthur McQuoid, Gerard Maguire, Gerald Murray.

Sarah McFall, Mary Christine Galway, James Gerard Kieran, Catherine Boyle, Paul Kearny, Mary Leyden, Margaret Clements, Donal Faughnan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Official Opening of the Church



Next **Sunday**, **Bishop Noel Treanor** will preside at the official opening of the church at **12p.m.** This is a major event in the history of the Parish as we approach the 50th. Anniversary of the building of the church in 1967. The Parish choirs will join together for this great celebration. All Parishioners and friends are most welcome to attend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues next **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New adorers always welcome especially between 3p.m. & 5p.m.! Why not drop in for a few minutes of silent prayer to the Lord. Volunteers are particularly needed to attend between **3p.m. & 5p.m.** "Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,696**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 5 will help with the collection this week.

The Irish Bishops' Conference has announced the first of three special annual collections beginning next weekend for the support of the **World Meeting of Families 2018** to be held in Dublin. In 1994, Pope St. John Paul II asked for the World Meeting of Families to be established as an international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration, drawing participants from around the globe. It seeks to strengthen the bonds between families and to bear witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family for all of society. *There is no envelope* for this particular collection.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 24th. May - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 11a.m. *More female bowlers are needed to join us.* No previous bowling experience required and all of the necessary equipment will be supplied.

Wednesday 25th. May - Monthly Lunch in Belvoir Golf Club at 1p.m. To help finalise the catering order, For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371** as soon as possible.

Wednesday 25th. May - "Northern Star" by Stewart Parker, based on the story of Henry Joy McCracken at the **Lyric Theatre** at 7.45p.m. Concession rate £10. For bookings, please contact **Anne** Tel. **90643 031** as soon as possible.

Thursday 26th. May - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 27th. May - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 2p.m.



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9040 1169 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays only from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday 23rd.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 24th.

7p.m. Zumba Fitness Class.

Wednesday 25th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
8p.m. Taekwondo

Friday 27th.

9.15a.m. Pilates
7p.m. Youth Club - Registered members only!

Saturday 28th.

10a.m. Taekwondo

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910** for details.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for May - **Jim McGettrick**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 29th. May - Group 12
Robert Madine, Faustina Graham,
Roseanne Hanna, Maura Presley.

500 Club



Week 35: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Maureen O'Rourke & Pat Colquhoun.**

Each winner receives £50.

Coffee Morning



Orla McNally, a Youth Parishioner, will host a Coffee Morning, after both masses this Sunday. Orla has a 5 day canoeing expedition in Sweden as part of a cross community Girl Guide Group completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Please come along and give Orla and the girls from the neighbouring churches your support!

Parish Pastoral Council



At this year's penultimate meeting last week, we spent some time discussing the final two chapters of 'Living Communion', the study book which we have been using all year. The theme this month dealt firstly with transition, coping with change of Parish personnel, clergy and PPC members, and how a Council can support such changes and those involved. Our second focus required us to have a look at strengthening relationships with other parish organisations, and beyond, to bodies within the Pastoral Area and the Diocese. Working with other Parish Councils can be extremely rewarding as sharing of knowledge, skills, experience and expertise can produce enhanced successes.

Church Restoration Fund



Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the "Festival Brass" concert in the church on Friday evening. We were treated to top class professional musical entertainment by the band and Parish choirs. We also discovered some great new talent in the Parish with the young soloists. Thanks also to everyone who helped arrange the event.

What's On!



May 23rd. A Concert of Sacred Music & Vespers featuring the acclaimed **University of Notre Dame** (Indiana, USA) **Folk Choir** in **Holy Family Church**, Limestone Road at **7.30p.m.** Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of Parish Funds. Refreshments served afterwards.

May 27th. & 28th. The Annual **Knights of St. Columbanus St. Oliver's Walk**. Visiting seven beautiful churches in **Drogheda**, will be held on both Friday and Saturday. The Camino style walk starts from Our Lady of Lourdes Church and follows a 3.2 km route to St. Peter's Church where the National Shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett is located. Walkers can complete the walk at their own pace or even over the two days and they will get their Camino style passport stamped at each church. Full details on: www.stoliverswalk.com

June 4th. Cappella Caeciliana in Concert at 7.45p.m. in the **Church of St Michael the Archangel**, Finaghy Road North. Admission *free*. Retiring collection.

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