



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 (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6) Cyrus was a good person. He did have some blind spots: egotism and narcissism. We would even, like Isaiah, question whether or not he knew God. This doesn't matter when it comes to God's plan for us. Cyrus even became known as the 'Lord's Messiah'! God called him for a purpose. He was to become an instrument in God's hands for his work of salvation.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5) This is the earliest letter of the New Testament. It is a letter of assurance, comfort and gentle admonition and appeasement. It also has elements of encouragement and pastoral concern. Paul is worried about the community he has left behind. He is encouraging them to persevere.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 22:15-21) Should politicians leave their religious and moral beliefs at the doorstep of Government Buildings? Is there a place for religion in shaping the future of any country? Is it possible to divorce politics and religion? How many of our public representatives are elected because of their religious and moral stance on an issue? Can the secular be separated from the sacred? These are just some of the questions raised by today's gospel. Because we are spiritual in nature it is absurd to think that the two – politics and religion – could ever be separated. There is an effort by some to create a secular state; to take God out of the equation altogether. They would be much better approaching it from the perspective of learning from both for the good of society. Just as science augments the faith journey and faith the scientific route, so too has secularism something to teach religion and vice versa. Religion and culture are intertwined. © Intercom



Golden Jubilee

The 50th. Anniversary Mass to celebrate the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church will take place next **Sunday 29th. October at 3p.m.** Bishop Anthony Farquhar will preside. The liturgy will include many of the parts of the Mass of Dedication that was celebrated fifty years ago. Many of the priests who served here down through the years will be present. All Parishioners, our former Parishioners, and friends are most welcome to attend.

The Anniversary Mass will be followed by a Buffet meal served in the Parish Centre. **Admission is free by ticket only!** Tickets are available from the Sacristy.



First Eucharist

The "Do This In Memory" Programme for children, who will receive their **First Holy Communion** next May, begins this **Sunday** at the **10a.m. Mass**. We wish to thank the leaders for giving their time to organise the programme this year and the many volunteer parents who will help at the various Masses.

Sunday morning Mass next week will be at 10a.m. only. The 50th. Anniversary Mass for the Dedication of St. Bernadette's Church will be celebrated at 3p.m.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Cunningham R.I.P.**, of Lancedean Road, whose funeral took place in Holywood on Thursday, and for **Mary McCaffrey R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in the church of St. Colmcille on Saturday.

Anniversaries

Ellen Bradley, Margaret Murray, Meta McEvoy, Terence McCartan, Fr. Jim Sherlock, Marie Flood, Josephine Flynn, Elizabeth Hannon, Mary Devlin, Mary McGlade, Mollie Hutton, Harry Majury.

Kathleen Murray, Kathleen Cooke, Mollie McHugh, James Shortt, John Murray, Cassie Maguire, Hugh Bennett, John Merriman, Mollie McHugh, William Roberts, Rose Lavery.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

World Mission Sunday



The theme for World Mission Sunday 2017 is 'Reach Out, Spread the Joy.' We are asked to reflect on the universal call to Mission of all the baptised, and will be invited to donate what we can to support the development of young churches internationally. This special Sunday provides Catholics with the opportunity to unite with their missionary sisters and brothers overseas, and to recommit themselves to bringing the Joy of the Gospel to everyone they meet in their daily lives at home and at work.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,600**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual collection for the **Propagation of the Faith** will be held this weekend.

Team 3 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Thursday 26th. October - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 27th. October - Monthly Lunch in Castlereagh Hills Golf Club at 1p.m. Please contact Geraldine Tel. 078459 33371 before 23rd. October if you wish to attend.

Wednesday 1st. November - "Frank Carson - a rebel without a pause" starring Dan Gordon as the great comedian at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. Tickets £16. If you wish to attend, contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.



Fund-Raising Concert

St. Agnes' Choral Society presents "The Gift of Music" on **Saturday 11th. November** at 7.30p.m. in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Carryduff. Tickets £12.50 (includes light refreshments). Tickets available from Charlie Tel. 07850 203835, Eamon Tel. 078023 54799 or the Parish Office Tel. 9081 2238 option 2. Proceeds in aid of St. Bernadette's Church Restoration Fund and the Lighthouse Charity which offers support to families bereaved through suicide

November Pious Lists of the Dead & envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists should be placed in the collection baskets at weekend Masses or in the wall box beside Our Lady's Shrine or left into the Sacristy. The lists will be placed on the altar at all Masses during November.



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/coffee after Mass.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.

8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

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 October - Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 29th. October - Group 6
Michelle Marken, Fiona Kearney,
Elizabeth Quinn.

500 Club



Week 5: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Anne Greer & Mary Mulholland.**

Each winner receives £50.

Apostolic Workers



The annual church-door collection held last week has raised £2,200 so far. We wish to thank everyone for your most generous support. Help us to help the Missions!

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC met on Wednesday 18th. Members heard a brief report on the very successful Faith and Life Convention which took place recently in Our Lady and St. Patrick's College. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the keynote speaker gave a most invigorating talk on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on **Love in the Family** (available from Veritas) and urged all the laity to read it in full as a preparation for the forthcoming World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August. He also urged the laity to give of their talents and become involved in some capacity in the life of their Parish.



Members also agreed that the Faith Development programme to be presented in St. Bernadette's Parish next Lent will be the Amoris **'Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!'** which has been developed also as preparation for the above celebration and is an *'exciting and interactive journey of reflection on love, marriage and the family.'* You can preview this programme by logging on to www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris. There will be further information available during the next few months following training for programme facilitators.

What's On!



November 2nd. "Light from the Life and Work of Luther" an evening of prayer, friendship and reflection with Catholic scholar Rev. Dr. Hubertus Blaumeiser, at **7p.m.** in **Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, 77 University Street.** The talk will be followed by dialogue and refreshments. All are welcome. Suggested donation £5 to help cover expenses. Supported by Focolare, Corrymeela and the Fitzroy/Clonard Fellowship.

December 15th. Candlelight Christmas, featuring **Fr. Liam Lawton, Baritone Karl McGuckin, Fra Fee**, with the choirs of Clonard and St. Dominic's Grammar School. A limited number of tickets are available for £20 from Clonard Reception & St. Dominic's Grammar School Office. Tickets are also on sale online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/candlelightclonard2017

Please remember to pray each day for more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life and especially for those priests who are ill or in any difficulty.