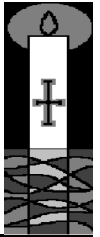




Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 (Acts 2:42-47) Luke's description of the 'Jerusalem Spring' is an enduring vision statement. The ideal Christian community remains faithful to the teaching of the apostles; it has a common life; it celebrates the 'breaking of bread', Luke's term for the Eucharist; it makes regular time for prayer. Each of these elements, named in the opening verse, is then briefly described. The joyful witness to Christian living added to their numbers.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:3-9) The opening lines are a blessing and follow a format that was familiar to Jewish ears. 1 Peter was written in the context of the persecution of Nero (65 AD), hence the reference to 'trials' and 'testing'. The letter is addressed to the generation that came after the apostles, who did not see Christ, but still loved him.

Gospel Reading (John 20:19-31) The appearance of the disciples neatly expresses the Easter message. The Risen Jesus was a transformed person. Otherwise, how could he suddenly 'appear' in a locked room? Here, once again, John shows a preference for faith over physical signs of God's presence. Thomas' profession, 'My Lord and my God' (v.28), is a highpoint of New Testament Christology. But Thomas was standing before a wounded man, a reminder of the lowliness as well as the sovereignty of God's Word. The breath of Jesus (v.22) is a symbol of his Spirit: his mission of bringing God's mercy now belongs to the Church. © Intercom 2017



Reflection

..we are reminded that everything that is in the Gospel is to help us to come to that stage of faith by which we believe "that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" and that, through this belief, we may find life. Untold numbers of people have tried this and found that it is altogether true. They have found in following Christ a meaning, a direction and a very special quality to their lives which cannot be found anywhere else. May that be our experience too.
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Divine Mercy

The feast of **Divine Mercy** is celebrated today. Jesus said "**whoever approaches the fount of life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment**".

The Divine Mercy Chaplet, confession, and Eucharist for the feast will be held this afternoon at **2.30p.m.** in **St. Peter's Cathedral**. Everyone is welcome!

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood, especially for those who are preparing for the priesthood, and for those who are already ministering as priests in our diocese. It would be a great help. Remember also those priests who are ill or in any difficulty.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Kathleen Richardson, Samuel Watson, Flora Craig, Anne Morrison, Shaun Sherlock, Kathleen Rooney, Mary Maguire, Margaret McKenna, Mrs. Noble, Matthew White, Peter O'Hara, James McEvoy.

Rita Murtagh, Kathleen Greenwood, Thomas Patrick Donnelly, Madge Colgan, Maureen O'Kane, Teresa Wilkinson, Eithne Carlin, Maureen O'Hare, Brigid Murtagh, Margaret Elms.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Eucharistic Adoration



"Praise God in difficult moments. Seek God in quiet moments." Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes next **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and strain of daily life, and simply say a silent prayer? Or just sit and reflect in the presence of the Lord? We need more adorers at lunch time and in the afternoon. *"Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"*

Lost & Found



A black ladies bag containing a sum of money was found in the church on Easter Sunday. The owner should contact the Sacristan.

Fr. Armstrong is convalescing and is not due to resume duties in the Parish until Monday 8th. May. If a priest is required urgently during this period, please tel. **07850 730510**. Mass requests etc. should be left in the Sacristy.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,217**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 5 will help with the collection this week.

Volunteers are needed to join our Parish Collection Counting Teams. If you have previous cash-handling experience and can spare 30 minutes or so once every six weeks, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.



Retirement Association

Thursday 27th. April - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 28th. April - Monthly Lunch in the Bureau, Whiteabbey at 1p.m. Cost £17. For bookings, please contact Geraldine Tel. 078459 33371.

Wednesday 10th. May - "Me and My Girl" in The Grand Opera House with St. Agnes' Choral Society at 7.30p.m. Tickets £25. There are a limited number of tickets available. For bookings, please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.



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 24th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday 25th.

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

Wednesday 26th.

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.

Thursday 27th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 28th.

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Youth Club Registration.

Members must be 8 years or older on enrolment.

Parents must attend and agree to supervise at least **one** night for each junior member and **two** nights for each senior member registered. The Club resumes on **Friday 5th. May**. Volunteers are needed to help out. Please contact the Chairman, **Jim Woods**, or the leader in charge for more details. Supervisors at the Youth Club must complete an Access N.I. check.

Saturday 29th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.
1p.m. - 4p.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 April - **Flo McGarrigle**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 30th. April - Group 10
Arthur Foster, Mary McHugh,
Peter Livingstone, Marie McKinney.

500 Club



Week 31: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Patricia McGreevy & Nuala Knowles.**
Each winner receives **£50.**

Please return your **Trócaire Lenten Box** As soon as you can so that the total Amount collected in the Parish can be sent off. The amount collected so far is **£4,947** including cheques payable directly to **Trócaire**. Sincere thanks to everyone for your most generous donations. You can continue to give to **Trócaire** throughout the year by using the wall-box at the back of the church.



Golden Jubilee



"Hail Gladdening Light" a concert to celebrate the **50th. Anniversary** of the opening of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Friday 19th. May** at **7.30p.m.** We are delighted to welcome **Cappella Caeciliana**, conducted by **Donal McCrisken**, with guest organist **Stephen Hamill** and **Fr. Eugene O'Hagan**, tenor, a member of **The Priests**. The programme will include the Hallelujah Chorus and Widor Toccata. The event will also mark the inauguration of the rebuilt and extended organ in the church. **Tickets £15 are now on sale in the Lourdes Chapel Porch** after weekend Masses, from the Sacristy, or book online at **www.caeciliana.org**, or from **Matchetts, 6 Wellington Place, or Bread & Banjo Bakery, Ormeau Rd.** Students & under 25s are *free*. All proceeds will go to the church organ fund and Cappella Caeciliana 2018 CD recording.

Legion of Mary



Next weekend, the **Legion of Mary** will hold its **Annual Church-Door Collection** in support of the Morning Star House and Regina Coeli House which provide a home and shelter for the homeless. The hostels rely on the generosity of Parishioners to enable them to continue to provide this service on behalf of the Catholic community. In spite of the difficult financial circumstances faced by everyone at this time the hostels ask you to consider this worthwhile cause as worthy of your support

What's On!



April 24th. to 26th. Triduum in honour of St. Joseph Benedict Labre (The 'Ragged' Saint) in **St Malachy's Church** at **7.30p.m.** Excellent guest speakers each evening.

April 24th. Tom McCormack, co-producer of the film, "**The Call to Fatima**", will speak on the importance of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima for our time in **St. Teresa's Parish Centre, Glen Road** at **7.15p.m.** His work is based entirely on the writings by Sister Lucia of Fatima. All are welcome.