



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 (Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19) In anticipation of today's Gospel, we are reminded that the Lord has no regard for 'personages', or whatever, in worldly terms, might appear to set one man above another. On the contrary, the kind of integrity and authenticity which are the fruits of humility are what matter in God's sight. The verses come from a section of Ecclesiasticus where guidance on offerings and sacrifices is being proposed. These, the writer implies, must not be divorced from honourable conduct and a concern for justice.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18) In the final extract we hear from this letter, Paul is presented as announcing his end, in earthly terms. There is recourse to the athletic metaphor which has occurred previously. As the disciples scattered at the time of Jesus' arrest and trial, Paul, it appears, has been left without support where the crunch came for him. Any temptation to recrimination gives way, however, to a powerful confession of faith in the providence of the Almighty and the promise of heavenly reward.

Gospel Reading (Luke 18:9-14) This parable follows immediately on from the story of the persistent widow of last week's gospel, and could be seen as continuing the theme of fruitful prayer. If persistence in prayer was the lesson to be drawn from her experiences, then humility in prayer is what we seem to learn from the example of the tax collector. As so often in Luke, the outcast, or underdog, is the one with the real insight. We learn, from this tax collector, a fitting approach to prayer. The Pharisee epitomises, on the other hand, a wholly undesirable disposition before the Lord. It is characterised by a deep-seated complacency and self-righteousness.

Year of Mercy

The **Parish Pastoral Council** warmly invites all Parishioners to join in a **Parish Pilgrimage** for the final **Holy Door Ceremony in Clonard** on the evening of **Friday 28th October** at **7.15p.m.** As the **Extraordinary Year of Mercy** inaugurated by Pope Francis nears conclusion, the theme for this month's ceremony will be **'Our Lady, Blessed Mother of Mercy.'** Fr. Brendan Keane, C.S.s.R, will lead the ceremony which will consist of introductory prayers, passing through the **Holy Door**, homily and reflection. There will also be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those who wish to do so.

If you would like to attend, and we encourage all to do so, please leave your name in the Sacristy. If you do not have access to personal transport but would like to be part of this pilgrimage, please contact **Mr. Joe McGinnity Tel. 9040 2776** as a lift can be arranged.

The ceremony starts at **7.15 pm** and should conclude by **8.30p.m.** Pilgrims should assemble at the front of Clonard Church prior to the 7.15p.m. start.

Our Faithful Departed

Anniversaries

Terence McCartan, Fr. Jim Sherlock, Josephine Flynn, Elizabeth Hannon, Ruth Clarke, 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, Mary Devlin, Marie Flood, Timothy Hannon, Martin McCabe, Hannah Totton, Alice McHugh, Mary Catherine Murray, Tom Bradley, Genevieve Brennan, Donald & Ted McQuillan .

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Mission Sunday

Today is **World Mission Sunday** with the theme: **'Every Christian is a Missionary'**. Pope Francis in his message for Mission Sunday says: **"On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family"**. Over 1,200 Irish people: priests, sisters, and lay people are working throughout the world as missionaries.

We welcome the **Down & Connor Apostolic Workers** to St. Bernadette's today for their **Annual Mass at 2.30p.m.** **Bishop Farquhar & Fr. Brian O'Kane S.M.A.** will concelebrate.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,670**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 2 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 26th. October - The "Three Sisters" at **7.45p.m.** at the **Lyric Theatre** by award-winning Lucy Caldwell, based on Chekhov's masterpiece and set in Belfast in the 1990's. Adm. £10 (concessionary rate). To book, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** *as soon as possible*.

Thursday 27th. October - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.** Meet in the church car park.



Youth Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Can you play a musical instrument? Then come and use your talent with the Youth Choir. We sing at the 12p.m. Sunday Mass once each month and also at the major celebrations at Easter and Christmas. Contact **Owen** Tel. **074720 11248**. See the notice boards in the church for times and dates of rehearsals and Masses etc. You will be made very welcome!



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. Pilates (2 sessions).
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 25th.

7p.m. Zumba resumes.

Wednesday 26th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.
7p.m. - 8.30p.m. Yoga (Two sessions).
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday 27th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.
7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 28th.

9.30a.m. Pilates.
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday 29th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1p.m. Junior Badminton.
1p.m. - 4p.m. - Beginners session

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910**.

The latest & past editions of the Parish Bulletin & webcam recordings of celebrations in the church are available online at www.stbernadettesparish.org

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for October - **Anne Sharvin**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 30th. October - Group 9
Mollie Hayes, Valerie O'Brien,
Brian O'Rourke.

500 Club



Week 5: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Frances Noonan & Ted Rennick.**
Each winner receives £50.

Masses for the Deceased



Mass will be celebrated each day during November for the repose of the souls of relatives and friends whose names have been included in the **November Dead Lists**. If you wish to donate an offering for Masses, please include it in the envelope provided. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box on the wall beside Our Lady's Altar.

The **Annual Mass for our Deceased Parishioners and Friends of the Parish** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 8th. November** at **7.30p.m.** This is an occasion for everyone to pray for their own deceased relatives and friends as well as for Parishioners who prayed with us over the years in the celebration of the liturgy in St. Bernadette's.

Parish Pastoral Council



The Council met on Wednesday 12th. October and adopted the Constitution and revised Mission Statement as prepared earlier. The former is available to view on the Parish web-site. Our Mission Statement reads as follows:

'We, the Pastoral Council of St. Bernadette's Parish, inspired by the love of Jesus, will try to develop a vibrant and inclusive spiritual community which welcomes the active participation of everyone in the faith life of the Parish.'

In addition to the arrangements made for a Parish Pilgrimage to Clonard for the Year of Mercy, information on which is also contained in this Bulletin, members spent some time considering a choice of two faith development programmes for next Lent. We are veering towards a wonderful programme on the Mass also by **Dr. Edward Sri** who produced *'A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother'* and used earlier this year. Information on the agreed programme will follow.

What's On!



October 23rd. National Childbirth Trust Charity Sale of excellent Nearly New Baby, Mother and Children's items in **St. Bernadette's Parish Centre** at **1p.m.**

November 9th. *"The Joy of Love- The Church's care for the family"* a discussion on Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter on the family with **Fr. Nick Austin SJ** at **7.30p.m.** in **St. Brigids Church**. Everyone very welcome!

November 13th. Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in **St. Patrick's Church** at **3p.m.**