



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 (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20) God desires that we learn and develop practical wisdom that we might live intelligently and honestly, not by human cleverness, but by obedient reverence to the commandment to love. Without such reverence, wisdom may be selfish and worldly, jealous and petty, and grow to become selfishness that thinks only of one's self. The wisdom we aspire to is marked by care and concern for others, especially the most vulnerable: even when it is the cause of misunderstanding and resentment towards the wise.

Second Reading (James 3:16-4:3) The gifts of the Holy Spirit we receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation are to bear fruit in Christian discipleship. Truthfully, few of us if asked to describe our best selves, would use the words obstinate, contrary, selfish, or labels of that ilk; and nevertheless, the trials and pressures of trying to outdo one another and gain an advantage bring those behaviours to the fore sometimes. We pray for the grace to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the ordinary, everyday circumstances of life and to grow in those gifts given to us.

Gospel Reading (Mark 9:30-37) There is something in a small child's smile of trust that impels us to smile back in return. They are so utterly vulnerable and dependent on the adults in their lives for everything: warmth, comfort, security, food – and they reward us with smiles, wonder and a trust that everything we will do will be for their protection and benefit. May we too have the grace to be in God's presence in the world with that same active faith, hope and trust. ©Intercom



Parish Choir

The choir sings each Sunday at the 10a.m. Mass. We need new members to join us *especially male voices* and young adults. The tradition of choral singing helps make such an important contribution to the celebration of the Eucharist. If you like singing, please come along and speak to the Parish Organist **Marty Lavery**. An ability to read music is not required and you will be made most welcome.



Children's Liturgy

The **Children's Liturgy** takes place each Sunday at the 12p.m. Mass. The Children's Liturgy Team brings the message of the gospel to the young members of our Parish family. Story-telling and art are used as ways of helping the children to understand the meaning of God's word. The priest will invite the children from P2 to P5 to go to the **Children's Liturgy Room** at the beginning of Mass and return to their parents /guardians after the Homily. New leaders & helpers are needed. Diocesan Child Protection procedures apply. If you can help out please contact **Michele** Tel. 077112 61886.

Special Seven Day Candles for Our Lady's & the Sacred Heart Shrines. £5 each from the Sacristy.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Annie Stranney, Aidan McCourt, Declan Kelly, John Boyle, Brian Feeney, Colette Gormley, Annie Morgan, Catherine Lord, Arthur Collins, Bob Coburn.

Elizabeth O'Rawe, Therese Curran, James Miley, Celine Maguire, Daniel Ritchie, Patrick Loughran, James Kavanagh, Robert McCullough.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Living Church



Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fifth **Faith and Life Convention** on **Saturday 29th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. Doors open at 8.45a.m. with registration taking place from 9a.m. The Convention begins at 10a.m. This year we are delighted to welcome **Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga**, S.D.B. as our keynote speaker. In the afternoon each delegate will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty seven. The workshops fill up quickly so it's best to book now! Online booking is available at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org Cost per delegate £20.

Altar Servers



More children and young people are needed to serve at Mass at weekends. Candidates must have received First Holy Communion. The role is not restricted to primary school children. Secondary level students will be most welcome. Parental permission forms are available from the Sacristy.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,656**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 26th. September - Monthly Lunch in the **Belfast Boat Club** at 1p.m. Two courses plus tea/coffee £17. Booking is essential. Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 as soon as possible.

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

Youth Alpha

If you are aged 16-19! Join us at the Youth Alpha course. The series will run for 10 weeks (**September 30th. - November 11th.** in **St. Brides Hall** and from **November 18th. - December 9th.** in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre**) from 7p.m. until 9p.m. Each evening is based around a short video and discussion and some food. Transport from non-host parishes will be provided. The course is **free!** Sign up by emailing your interest to s.farrell@Ddownandconnor.org Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/>

Latest News



We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to vulnerable individuals and families who are in great need. We can provide direct financial assistance and essential items such as food, fuel, and household items. Do you need our help? Tel. 9035 1561



Church Refurbishment

The work completed thus far includes the removal of old cabling throughout the building, new lighting in the sanctuary, Our Lady's shrine, the Sacred Heart Shrine, and in some of the ancillary rooms. Cabling the new emergency lighting has also been completed.



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or e-mail: parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org

Monday

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.
8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Classes.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga advanced.
8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Relaxation Yoga.
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

September - Team 3.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 30th. September - Group 10.

500 Club

Week 1: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Gerald Robinson & Marie McKinney.**

Each winner receives £50.

Try your luck at winning some cash! The new cycle of the **500 Club** began last week. For just £1 per week you have 2 chances weekly to win £50. All annual subscriptions (£52) are now due. Cheques should be made payable to: **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**. Many thanks to all loyal members and promoters for your support. Promoters can pick up new Promoter's Cards and envelopes in the Sacristy. If you would like to join the 500 Club, please leave your name, address, and contact number in the sacristy after Mass. New members are always welcome!

Apostolic Workers

Our **Annual Church Door Collection** will take place after all Masses this weekend. Donation envelopes & Gift Aid forms are available from our members. Please take an envelope, give whatever you can afford, and sign the Gift Aid form. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, or left in the Sacristy. Your donation can make such a big difference to the missionary priests, religious, and lay workers who are helping the poor and deprived in the Third World. Help us to help the Missions!

Junior Badminton

St. Bernadette's Junior Badminton Club meets each **Saturday** in the **Parish Centre** from **1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.** To encourage new members, we are offering **free taster sessions** until the end of the month. Racquets will be provided if needed. Children, between the age of 8 - 18 years are welcome to come along and give it a try!

What's On!

September 28th. Marie Curie invite you to take part in our **7km Twilight Walk** at **Barnett Demesne**. Sign up at www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk or Tel. 9088 2060.

October 7th. Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith.

Following the passing of the referendum removing the protection for unborn babies in Ireland, we ask you to come and pray the Rosary on the Coasts of Ireland for the protection of unborn babies & for the strengthening of the Catholic Faith here. Sign up to a location in Ireland at: www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

October 20th. Catholic Young Adult Conference at **QUB Catholic Chaplaincy**. Brilliant talks and workshops on how to be a courageous Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr. Andrew Black, Fr. Conor McDonough, and Maria Steen. Cost: £10 including lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place Tel. 077533 79110 or by email to: cyaconference16@gmail.com

The church remains open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. (Tuesdays until after the 7.30p.m. Mass).