



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 9a.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 (Samuel 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23) David shows mercy to someone who had sought to harm him. Mercy is not a generic, spineless matter: it is a concrete decision in favour of those who have not shown one favour.

Second Reading (Corinthians 15:45-49) As a wise teacher and catechist, St. Paul finds it useful to draw comparisons and contrasts between the sinful Adam and the sinless Christ. Indeed, he 'nicknames' Jesus 'the last Adam.' In Adam, sin had the first word, but in Christ, sinlessness had the last.

Gospel (Luke 6:27-38) There is only one way Jesus can have spoken these words with conviction: he was convinced of the love of God the Father. Only those who know that are loved by God can find the wherewithal to love those who do not love them. ©Intercom



Reflection

Loving one's enemies is not being soppy about them. Nor is it about peace at any price, not a question of projecting a gentle, loving image but a passion to restore justice, dignity and right relationships between people. How many wars, how many millions of deaths could have been avoided if we had followed this path?

...Jesus is not offering us an option today but the only way that makes sense, the only way that is truly human. Jesus himself is our model. As he hangs naked, stripped of all dignity, the victim of unspeakable violence, this moment, contrary to all appearance, is the moment of his triumph, the triumph of love over hate, violence and murder. It is a message our violence-ridden cultures desperately need to learn.

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Mass Times

Mass on **Tuesday** this week will be at **9.30a.m.** with the novena prayers to Our Lady. *There will not be Mass at 7.30p.m.*

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 9.30a.m. Mass until 7.15p.m.



Pray for Vocations

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

Remember those young men currently preparing for the priesthood, and for those already ministering as priests in our Diocese. There are several priests who are ill at this time. Remember them in your prayers as well as those priests who may be in any difficulty.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Elizabeth Gavin, Betty O'Rawe, Liam Kennedy, Michael Logue, Jimmy Sweeney, Eileen Forde, Dan Cashman, Gavin McElkerney, George Burns.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Names for inclusion in the weekly Anniversary List of the Dead should be submitted at least one week in advance to: info@stbernadettesparish.org

Bereavement Support

On **Tuesday 5th. March** at **8.15p.m.** in the **Parish Centre**, we warmly invite you to a talk "**Coping with Grief**" with **Fr. Martin Magill** recounting the grief he has encountered in his work with The Four Corners Festival. Members of the Bethany Group will be available afterwards. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone will be very welcome.

Candle of Atonement



The Candle of Atonement will be lit at the beginning of all of the Masses this weekend to coincide with the special meeting of Bishops and Religious Superiors with Pope Francis being held in Rome to discuss 'the safeguarding of minors in the Church. We pray for the victims who have suffered such terrible abuse. We are also asked to keep in our prayers those attending the conference.

Womens' World Day of Prayer



The ladies of St. Bernadette's are invited to attend a service to mark the **Women's World Day of Prayer** in **The Salvation Army Temple, Cregagh Road** on **Friday 1st. March** at **8p.m.** For further information please contact **Marie** Tel. **9079 2226**.

Prayer For Today



Calm me, O Lord, as you stilled the storm,
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease,
Enfold me, Lord, in your peace.
Amen.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,535**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from the Inland Revenue at **no extra cost** to yourself if you sign a **Gift Aid Form**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. Please give us your support.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 27th. February - Monthly Lunch in the **Fairy Tree, Ormeau Club** at **1p.m.** For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 9070 1207 or **Mary** Tel. 9070 1112 as soon as possible.

Thursday 28th. February - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at **10.15a.m.**

Friday 1st. March - Ten Pin Bowling at the **Ice Bowl, Dundonald** from **10.30 - 11.30a.m.** £2 per game.

Tuesday 19th. - Thursday 21st. March - Our annual trip to **Malahide**. Cost €187 p.p.s bed & breakfast basis for two nights (including dinner on Tuesday). Single room occupancy €262. For Bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371.

Wednesday 27th. March - "The Sound of Music" with **St. Agnes Choral Society** in the **Grand Opera House** at **7.30p.m.** Limited tickets: £31 each. Contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible. Early booking is essential.



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 & 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. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday

10a.m. - 11a.m. **Yoga For All**. £42/6 weeks. Limited spaces left! Contact **Rachel** Tel. 07802 469676 or email: rachelaoverton@gmail.com

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.

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Ministers of the Eucharist



March - Group 1.
Team Leader - Maura Presley.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 3rd. March.
Group 10.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 23: Bernie Collins & Tony Bradley.**
Each receives £50

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

Latest News



Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **July 9th. - 16th.** Prices per person sharing:
5 nights - July 10th. - 15th. £650.
7 nights - July 9th. - 16th. £725.

Youth Team July 7th. - 16th. £590 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: **5 nights - July 10th. - 15th. £550.** All flights from Belfast International. Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. 9077 0162 or contact us by email to: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com. A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

NURSES! We need volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame from 10th.-15th. July. Registered nurses active on the NMC live register & newly registered nurses are welcome. For more information, please send your contact details to: lourdes@downandconnor.org

The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima** led by Bishop Noel Treanor from **15th. to 22nd August.** 7 nights full board in the Hotel Avenida: £715 includes tax & insurance. Pilgrimage Directors Fr. G. McCloskey PP & Fr. S. Gilmore PP. For bookings and further details please contact **Joe** Tel. 9071 4001 or 077764 25631.

What's On!



March 1st. HOPE03 "Quiz Night" in the **Ivanhoe Hotel** at **7.30p.m.** in aid of their Philippines projects. There is no admission charge but any donations will be gratefully received. Everyone welcome!

March 15th. 'Strictly Come Dancing' in **Drumbo Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** hosted by the Down & Connor Youth Team. Tickets £15 each from the Parish Office Tel. 9081 2238 **Option 2.** All money raised will go to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

April 23rd.-3rd. May Drumbo Parish Pilgrimage To Rome, Assisi & Cascia led by Fr. Conor McGrath & Fr. Dominic McGrattan. Due to cancellations spaces have become available. Including Divine Mercy Sunday in Rome. Cost: £945 p.p.s. Application forms are available from the Parish Office Tel. 9081 2238 **Option 2.**