



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 (Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7) For the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus (also known as Sirach), keeping the Law of Moses is the ultimate wisdom. In Leviticus 19:17-18, observant Jews are counselled against taking revenge. Sirach echoes that teaching and warns that divine punishment will be visited on those who harbour anger and resentment.

Second Reading (Romans 14:7-9) St. Paul reminds Christians in Rome that they belong to Christ in life and in death. It follows that the death of the Christian, as well as his or her life, has witness value. This has implications for parish and faith community. Funerals, for instance, provide opportunities for memorable and graced liturgical celebrations that are quite unique. If we celebrate funerals well (and the records show that we do!) it is because Jesus is Lord of the dead and the living.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:21-35) Perhaps Peter is weary of hearing Jesus talk about forgiveness. Perhaps he is puzzled by Jesus' own seemingly endless forgiving of wrongs. He bluntly asks: 'How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' As is his habit, instead of answering the question directly, Jesus tells a story. This one is about a king and his subjects, linking the story vaguely with 'the kingdom of heaven'. One clear message emerges: forgiveness received is for passing on to others. This echoes the Lord's prayer: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'. Genuine forgiveness is 'from the heart' (v.35). © **Intercom**



Golden Jubilee

The 50th. Anniversary Mass to celebrate the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Sunday 29th. October** at **3p.m.**. Bishop Anthony Farquhar will preside. All Parishioners, our former Parishioners, and friends will be most welcome to attend. The Parish choirs will combine to accompany this special liturgy. It is hoped that some of the priests who worked here over the years will also be present. Please make a note in your diary to attend!

Everyone attending the Anniversary Mass will be invited to enjoy a Buffet meal in the Parish Centre. **Admission is free by ticket only!** Tickets are available from the Sacristy.

Do you have an original copy of the booklet for the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church in 1967? If you do, please contact Michael in the Sacristy.



Vocations

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood, especially for those young men 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

Paddy McCafferty, Mary Forde, Patricia Aherne, Alphonsus McClean, Sarah T. Murray, Claire O'Kane, Joseph Smith, Frank Grego.

James Speight, Brenda Oliver, Charlie Murtagh, Alice McGrath, James Bredin, Mary Shepherd, Colette Gormley, Genevieve Brennan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Reflection



....we ourselves should be grateful that our God is ready to accept us back at any stage once we express sorrow for our sins and wish to be reunited with him in love. God – as the life of Jesus clearly manifests again and again – is ready to accept the sinner back at any time, even at the 11th hour. God has a notoriously short memory as far as our past is concerned. This is something that we should be deeply grateful for. ©1999- 2017 Living Space

Church Refurbishment Update



The painters have been busy this past week on the exterior of the church. Their work involved the repair and painting of stonework where electrical cables were recently removed. Moss and algae was removed from the large cross at the top of the church. An anti-fungal treatment was applied followed by a primer and weather - resistant paint. Inside the church, four defective light units in the nave and sanctuary were repaired. There is an on-going maintenance issue with the nave lighting units. They are almost obsolete and are expensive to replace or repair.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,483**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 4 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 26th. September - "The Weir" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. A chilling drama set in a small town in Leitrim. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.
Wednesday 27th. September - Monthly Lunch in the Belfast Boat Club at 1p.m. To book, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 as soon as possible.
Thursday 28th. September - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.



Faith & Life Convention

The **Diocesan Faith and Life Convention** will take place on **Saturday 30th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. **Cardinal Kevin Farrell**, Prefect of the newly-created Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, will be the keynote speaker. Further information and registration details can be found in the church porches or register online at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org



Habitat For Humanity

Be part of the exciting ongoing partnership between **Living Youth** and **Habitat's Global Village Programme** in Ethiopia at the end of July/Start of August 2018 (*12 days – dates to be finalised). This is a unique opportunity where you will join a team working alongside families in need. This will be Living Youth's fifth team to Ethiopia. The personal donation is £500; personal fundraising target £1600. For further information and online applications please contact: kieraoneill@livingyouthni.org



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 1st. October - Group 1
Arthur Foster, Mary McHugh,
Peter Livingstone, Marie McKinney.

500 Club



Week 1: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Madeline Logue & Maura Macklin**
Each winner receives £50.

Try your luck at winning some cash! The new cycle of the **500 Club** began on **18th. September**. For just £1 per week you have 2 chances weekly to win £50. All annual subscriptions are now due, cheques should be made payable to: **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**. A big thank you to all our promoters and members. 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!

Diocese of Down & Connor



The **Diocesan Liturgy Seminar 2017**, entitled 'Putting on Christ - A journey of Transformation: The Rite of Christian initiation in Action' will be held on **Saturday 23rd September** from 1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m. in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre**, Derryvolgie Avenue. Registration from 1p.m. It will be presented by **Jane Ferguson**, a member of The Council for Liturgy of the Irish Bishops' Conference. The Seminar is open to all and the cost is £10 per person. To book, please contact: **Malachy McKeever** Tel. 07760 108 903 e-mail: liturgy@downandconnor.org

What's On!



September 26th. Aquinas College, Silver Jubilee Mass in **Good Shepherd Church** at 11a.m.

September 27th. Beginning Experience. Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday evening from 8p.m. to 10p.m. in **St. Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue**. All welcome. Please contact **Phil** Tel: 9020 7645 or **Marie** Tel: 078961 19669

October 1st. Calling all dancers! Cairde Rince Céilí na hEireann - St. Bernadette's Branch Céilí Mór in **St. Joseph's College** from 3p.m. - 6p.m. Dancing to the **Ardmore Céilí Band**. £5 admission to include light refreshments. Contact. **Pauline** Tel. 07711 396394

November 11th. Loss and Blessings Day at Tobar Mhuire Crossgar from 10.30a.m. - 4p.m. Spend a day to remember your dead friends and relatives. Price £30 which includes tea/coffee and light lunch. For bookings and further information Tel. 4483 0242

Mount Oriel Nursery - staff required. Contact **Rhona** Tel. 9070 1264 rhona54@hotmail.co.uk

Special Seven Day Candles for your prayer intentions are available from the Sacristy. These can be used at home or placed at **Our Lady's & the Sacred Heart Shrines**. Price £5 each.