



# 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Genesis 22:1-2, 8-13, 15-18)** This narrative commences by telling us that God tested Abraham. He tests both his faith and his obedience. God seems to be going back on his promise, for Abraham's progeny is dependent on Isaac. Nonetheless Abraham's faith in God is paramount and he jumps the fence. St Paul cites Abraham as the example for all who have their salvation through faith in God (Rom 4). It is often noted that God's prevention of the killing of Isaac is indicative of the refinement of the Jewish people, contrasting starkly with the barbarity of neighbouring civilisations who practiced human sacrifice.

**Second Reading (Romans 8:31-34)** This reading seems to bring obedience into a perfect circle. God does not spare his Son, in order to give us everything. It is as though God is 'obedient' to his impulse of love. Christ, in obedience to the Father and the demand of his love for us, died and was raised and at the right hand of God intercedes for us. Without obedience, nothing would have changed.

**Gospel Reading (Mark 9:2-10)** Christ is the crossroads at which all the pathways of the Old Testament converge. The presence of Moses and Elijah is all-important. Christ fulfils the law and the prophets. Peter blunders with his notion of three tents, in which he puts Christ on the same footing as the other two. For a moment, the darkness abates, the rising sun is here. A Trinitarian light touches the scene, yet the beloved Son will die. The sacrifice of the Father in surrendering the New Isaac evokes a kind of inner obedience to the love he bears for us. The obedience of Jesus is implicit in his reference to his death and resurrection.

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## ✠ Lenten Programme

Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!, a four-session Parish conversation based on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of Love', will begin next Tuesday, in St. Bernard's P.S. at 8.15p.m.

'The Christian Vision for the Family' is the title of our first session. The programme will deal with the reality of family life in today's world. We will also look at the challenges posed by consumer culture to stability in family life and the foundational role of God's love in our teaching on the permanence of married love and its openness to new life.

Please come long to this extremely worthwhile programme which sets the tone for the huge event taking place in Dublin in August (more information on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris)).

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from 8a.m. until 7.15p.m. New adorers are always welcome! Please drop if only for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the strain of daily life.

**Reflections** on the daily **Mass** readings during **Lent** are available at the back of the church. It only takes a few moments to read them each day and anything which helps to direct our minds to a spiritual preparation for Easter is more than worthwhile.

## Our Faithful Departed ✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joan Galway R.I.P.**, the sister of a Parishioner, who died recently.

### Anniversaries

Margaret Murray, Peter O'Kane, Pat McEvoy, Malachy Roberts, Annie Richardson, Brian Moore, Andrew Dougal, James Beggan, Michael Logue, Catherine Lena Boyle, Liam Kennedy, Anne Kerr, Fr. Dan McBride, Mary Murtagh, Tom Forde, Alice Martin, Fr. Bernard McCullagh, Fred Boles.

John McGrath, Eileen Forde, Thomas Gilmore, William & Frances O'Rawe, Dan Cashman, Jim Sweeney, Gavin McElkerney, Tommy Breen, Elizabeth Roberts, Florence Fitzsimons, Henry Loughran, Moya Kennedy, Elizabeth Allen, Peggy McMullan, George Burns, Joseph Dowd, Catherine O'Neill, Maureen Campbell.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

## Confirmation



**Fr. Eugene O'Hagan**, Chancellor of the Diocese, will preside at the Sacrament of Confirmation for the boys & girls of Primary 7 of **St. Bernard's P.S.** And **Loughview Integrated P.S.** next **Wednesday** at **4p.m.** Please remember the children in your prayers on the occasion of this important milestone in their young faith lives.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,947**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



## Retirement Association

**Tuesday 27th.-Wednesday 28th. February - Annual trip to Malahide.** Cost €195 p.p.s B & B for two nights, with dinner on Tuesday evening. Single room occupancy €275. To book, contact **Geraldine** Tel. 0784593 3371

**Thursday 1st. March - Weekly Walk.** Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Thursdays 8th. & 15th. March - Visits to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum.** Booking is essential. Please contact **Michael** Tel. 077202 19798

## ✚✚ Lenten Event

“One Family, Healing Hearts” will take place in **Drumbo** on **Sunday 4th. March**. The **I AM Worship Band** will lead a day of **Worship and Reflection**, providing music for the **9a.m. & 12p.m. Masses**, a “One Family” Workshop at **3p.m.**, and an evening of **Praise and Worship** from **7.30p.m.** We extend a warm invitation to people both young and not so young from **St. Bernadette's** and from around our local Pastoral Community to join us for this wonderful celebration of faith. Please register by contacting the Parish Office Tel. 9081 2238 or [drumbo@downandconnor.org](mailto:drumbo@downandconnor.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 or coffee and a chat after Mass.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

### Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

### Wednesday

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.

### 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 **March - Maura Presley.**

### Mass Rota

6p.m. M. Presley, R. McConvey, C. White.

10a.m. G. Goodall, M. McIvor, J. Lyons.

12p.m. E. Dolan, G. Malone.

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 4th. March - Group 2**

**Arthur Foster, Mary McHugh,**

**Peter Livingstone, Marie McKinney.**

## 500 Club



**Week 23:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Mark Crean & Maureen O'Kane.**

Each winner receives £50.

## Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **July 10th. - 17th.** Prices per person sharing:

**5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £650.**

**7 nights - July 10th. - 17th. £725.**

**Youth Team July 8th. - 17th. £590 (age 16 - 25).**

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: **5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £550.** All flights from Belfast International. Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. 9064 6040 or contact us by email to: [dcpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:dcpilgrimage@gmail.com). A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

**We need nurses** (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (from 11th.-16th. July). Subsidised fare for nurses is £520. Please Tel. 9064 6040 or by e-mail to : [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

The **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** is under way. **Trócaire Boxes** are now available in the church. Please take a box home with you, fill it, and return it at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



## What's On!



**February 25th. Cake Sale** after 10a.m. & 12p.m. Masses in **St. Bernadette's Parish Centre** hosted by McCullough -Curran School of Irish Dancing to raise funds to send the dancers to the World Dancing Championships. Please drop in and buy some delicious baked goodies!

**March 10th. Rally For Life** in **Dublin** protest the repeal of the 8th. Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies in Ireland. Assemble at **Parnell Square** at **2p.m.** For details visit: [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net) or Tel. 9027 8484

**March 16th. Mass of Thanksgiving** in **Our Lady & St. Patrick's College, Knock** at **7.30p.m.** to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the College. All past pupils, parents, staff and former governors are warmly invited to attend. For further details Tel. 9040 1184 or email: [office@olspck.org](mailto:office@olspck.org)



“To be open to a genuine encounter with others "a kind look" is essential. A kind look helps us to see beyond our own limitations, to be patient and to co-operate with others, despite our differences.” Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.