



Parish of St. Bernadette



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Holy Week

Sunday Masses

10a.m. Adult
Choir
12p.m.

Monday

9.30a.m. Mass.

Tuesday

7.30 p.m. Mass &
Novena to Our
Lady of Perpetual
Help.

Wednesday

9.30a.m. Mass.
7.30p.m. Parish
Penitential
Service.

Holy Thursday

9.30a.m. Morning
Prayer of the
Church.
7.30p.m. Mass of
the Lord's Supper
with the Adult
Choir.
10p.m. Holy Hour
at the Altar of
Repose.

Good Friday

9.30a.m. Morning
Prayer of the
Church.
3p.m. Celebration
of the Passion of
the Lord with the
Adult Choir.
7.30p.m. Stations
of the Cross with
the Folk Choir.

Holy Saturday

10a.m. Morning
Prayer of the
Church.
12p.m. - 1p.m.
Confessions.
9p.m. Easter
Vigil with the
Adult Choir.

Easter Sunday

10a.m.
12p.m. with the
Folk Choir

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7) Any parent or teacher advances in wisdom through listening. The best responses to their children's needs or questions only follow deep listening and reflection. A Christian view of these important relationships and responsibilities adds further perspective. Since 'the Lord has opened my ear,' and because 'he provides me with speech,' no one need be left to rely only on their own natural aptitudes or abilities. God leaves no disciple unaided.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11) Our most significant and enduring relationships in life tend to be formed with people who have put themselves out for us. A self-sacrificing love is characteristic of parents, spouses, deeply committed friends, among others. These relationships are a key to understanding how God in Jesus loves us. This passage is St Paul's great hymn of praise for the incarnation, death and exaltation of Jesus. Paul sees and extols Jesus' readiness to sacrifice himself fully for others (which he terms *kenosis*, 'self-emptying').

Gospel Reading (Mark 14:1-15:47) The gospel accounts of the Passion frequently call forth the question of why the innocent suffer. Today's second reading helps us by pointing out that this is to ask the wrong question. The several details which underscore Jesus' innocence (e.g. the attempt to arrest Jesus 'by some trick'; Jesus is betrayed; false and conflicting evidence is offered; Pilate sees that jealousy drives the chief priests to act against Jesus, etc) serve to place the emphasis in the Passion on the readiness of God's Son, despite his distress, to sacrifice himself out of love for others. © Intercom 2018

✠ Holy Week

The **Parish Penitential Service** will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30p.m.** A number of priests will be available for open and closed confessions.

Holy Thursday

The **Solemn Mass of Chrism** will be celebrated in **St. Peter's Cathedral** at **11a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

Good Friday

A shared **Service of Prayer for Good Friday** will take place in the **Ormeau Park** at **11a.m.** organised by the Churches in the Ballynafeigh area. Everyone is cordially invited.

The times for all of the **Holy Week Ceremonies** being celebrated in the Parish are included in a leaflet which is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** next Tuesday. Exposition will *not* take place on **Easter Tuesday**. We will resume after the Easter break on **Tuesday 10th. April**. Many thanks to everyone who attend each week. We hope you have a very Happy Easter!

Daily Reflections for each day of **Holy Week** 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 **Catherine (Kay) Topping R.I.P.**, of Trinity Lodge, whose funeral took place on Tuesday, and for **Jack Rennick R.I.P.**, brother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place on Saturday in St. Matthew's Church.

Anniversaries

Patrick Quinn, Vincent Lamph, Fr. John Byrne, George Walsh, Daniel McCartan, John McGowan, Gerald Greene, Malachi Devlin, Michael Bannon, Michael Joseph Finn, Patrick Forde, Rita Reilly, Frank Campbell, Gerard O'Hara, Luke Murtagh, Charlie Higney, Lucy Magee, James McFarlane.

John Barr, Mary Donnelly, Eileen O'Connor, Josephine Dolan, Patrick Carlin, Nancy Feeney, Winifred Murdock, Thomas Rocks, John McQuade, Flora Craig, Tom Boyle, Frank McGeough, Vincent McCaughan, Owen Colgan, Mary Coyle, Mary Cunningham, Jim Agnew.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Parish Penitential Services



Sunday 25th. March at **3p.m.** in **St Colmcille's.**
Sunday 25th. March at **4p.m.** in **St. Brigid's Church.**
Monday 26th. March at **7:30p.m.** in **Good Shepherd Church.**
Tuesday 27th. March at **7:30p.m.** in the **Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Drumbo.**



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to £1,418. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The collection for **Catholics in the Holy Land** will be taken up on **Good Friday** at the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 / 2019

Please collect your new box at the back of the church after Mass. The boxes are sorted in **alphabetical street order**. **Please look for your street name when collecting your box**. You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from H.M. Government 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. A box of envelopes will be issued to you in a few days. Please give us your support!



Retirement Association

Wednesday 28th. March - Monthly Lunch in the **Parador** at **1p.m.** Two courses: £17. Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371** if you wish to attend.
Thursday 29th. March - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.



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.
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga 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.

Thursday

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

The Youth Club is closed. Enrolment will be on Friday 13th. April from 7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m.

Saturday

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Monday - Wednesday** this week for P1 - P7 children from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910**. Happy Easter everyone!

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **April** - **Flo McGarrigle**.

Mass Rota

6p.m. E. Mooney, C. Foster.

10a.m. G. Mooney, J. McGinnity, E. McGrath.

12p.m. F. McGarrigle, G. Flanagan,
E. McGettrick, N. McGarvey.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 1st. April - Group 6
Michelle Marken, Fiona Kearney,
Elizabeth Quinn.

500 Club



Week 27: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Liam McSorley & Maura Foster**.

Each winner receives £50.

Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday** or as soon as you can.



Boxes can be placed in the special bin located beside the Sanctuary or left in the Sacristy. Please convert as much coin as possible into bank notes and remember to fill in the **Gift Aid** slip. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make your cheque payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**.

Lenten Programme



The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank, most sincerely, all who attended the **Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!** Parish Conversation Programme. Our Lenten programmes have always enjoyed tremendous support and commitment and it is most gratifying that the planning and preparations of the PPC have been rewarded by the consistent attendance of Parishioners over the past four weeks. It has been a most enjoyable experience and proved to be an excellent preparation for the forthcoming World Meeting of Families in Dublin. Well done attendees!

Prepare for the big event in Dublin by reading Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on Love in the Family - **Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love**. Copies available from the Sacristy Price £5.

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris

What's On!



April 6th - 8th. Focolare Movement in Stranmillis College with Open Day 7th. April. (£10 donation). Keynote talk from **Brian Rowan**. Families welcome. There will be separate programmes for children. For more information Email: nirlfoc@focolare.ie Tel. **9066 1028** or visit our website: www.focolare.org/ireland

April 7th. Annual Pioneer Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Ven. Matt Talbot in Dublin. Coach leaving **St. Anne's Church, Finaghy** car park at **8a.m.** calling at St. Michael's, Michael Ferguson Roundabout, Twinbrook, Lagmore, Lisburn. Mass at 12.30p.m. Free afternoon in Dublin. For full details please contact **Josephine** Tel. **9061 7116**, **Ian** Tel. **9061 6601**, **Adrienne** Tel. **9066 2352**



"The truth is that family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.