



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 (Daniel 7:13-14) During a time in which their world seems to be falling apart, God's people need to be reassured that God is in charge. The God-like figure of the Son of Man is given sovereignty; he will not be defeated by the forces of evil and his kingdom will never pass away.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 1:5-8) Near the very beginning of the last book in the Bible (and again, near the very end of the book), Jesus describes himself as the Alpha and Omega. In today's English, the Lord is describing himself as the 'A to Z,' the complete guide, we might say, to our lives and our world. It's not that we have a tidy answer for every question or an easy route to every destination, but in Christ we have the assurance that all things are moving towards a final resolution, by his justice and his power.

Gospel Reading (John 18:33-37) The trial of Jesus is, in fact, the trial of those who presumed to put him on trial. It is the trial of every man and woman who has had to choose between right and wrong, between truth and falsehood. The only way to escape this trial is to say – as Pilate does, a moment after the reading ends – 'What is truth?' But cynicism about the truth will only provide a temporary escape from God's righteous judgment. We must all answer for ourselves before Christ. ©Intercom

Reflection

Today then we celebrate Jesus Christ as our King. And not only our King but the King of people everywhere, whether they are Christians or not. We are all called to submit ourselves to the same Truth, the same Reality which governs all things. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End of all things. Through him as the Word of God, we are led to the throne of the one who is all Truth and all Love. "Our hearts will find no rest until they rest in Him."

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Preparing for Christmas

Ballynafeigh Clergy Fellowship presents "Advent. A season of Joy" - a series of four Lectio Divina prayer meetings. This is an opportunity for people from different denominations to come together in preparation for the great Feast of the Nativity. The first venue will be **Cooke Centenary** next **Wednesday 28th.** from 7p.m. to 8p.m., followed by **Good Shepherd Parish Centre** on **Wednesday 5th. December.** All Welcome!

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood, especially for those young men currently preparing for the priesthood, and for those already ministering as priests in our Diocese. Remember also in your prayers those priests who are ill or in any difficulty.

Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Denis Glackin R.I.P.**, brother of a Parishioner, who has died in Canada.

Anniversaries

Susan Curran, William McEvoy, Tom Craig, Alexander Farquhar, Patrick Cassidy, Marie Graham, Malachy McKinley, Eileen McKernan, Frank Small, Lilla McKenty, David & Jane Leckey, Stephen Mossey.

Sarah Heaney, Maureen Small, Winnie Wilkinson, Eileen Ita Canavan, Mary Jane Murray, Gerard McKay, Noel Kearney, Fr. Jim Downey, Genevieve Brennan, Patrick Dunlop, Desmond McKee, Ted, Donald & Frank McQuillan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

From the First Sunday of Advent, 2nd. December, names for inclusion in the weekly Anniversary List of the Dead should be left in the Sacristy one week before publication or submitted by e-mail to:

info@stbernadettesparish.org

November Lists of the Deceased are available at the back of the church. Please put completed lists into the wall box beside Our Lady's Shrine or in the collection baskets. The names of the dead will be placed on the altar and will be remembered at each of the Masses during the month.

Bishop Noel Treanor announced an initiative within the Diocese for those who are deaf and hard of hearing. A **BSL NI Sign Language Mass** will be provided daily from the webcam from St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Visit: www.saintvincentdepaulligoniel.com/webcam. A recording can also be found at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCQJf_QN2zqPzwKx4p6PJ18A This will have subtitles.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,569**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

We need more volunteers to help process the weekly Offertory Envelope collections. If you have previous cash handling experience, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.



Retirement Association

Thursday 29th. November - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 30th. November - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game.

Wednesday 5th. December - "Bah, Humbug!" at the Lyric at 8p.m. The hilarious trials of Ebenezer Scrooge, the richest property developer in Belfast. Adm. £10. Contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 before 30th. November to secure your seat.

Living Youth

Advent – What Is It Really About? SE Belfast CYM would like to invite any Parishioners who are in Year 10 or above to an Advent Programme being held in Holy Rosary Parish Centre on Wednesday 5th., 12th., & on the 19th. December at 4p.m. We will explore Advent, spending time together, and having a bit of fun. We hope to see as many of you there as possible! Please register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/kBaiytqIiAtcjTWm1>

Youth Alpha for ages 16-19 continues each Sunday in St. Joseph's Parish Centre from 7p.m. until 9p.m. until December 9th. You can still join in even if you missed the earlier parts of the programme. Free food and plenty of craic!



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



December - Group 2.

Team Leader - Flo McGarrigle.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 2nd. December

Group 8.

500 Club 

Week 10: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw:** Cathy Woods & Claire Coyle. Each winner 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



Our **Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens** will be held in the **Ivanhoe Hotel** on **Wednesday 12th. December** at **12.30p.m.** If you wish to attend please put your name, number and menu choice on the list at the back of the church or contact **Frances** Tel. 078005 62398. *Names must be in by Sunday 2nd December.*

S.V.P. Christmas Cards will be on sale in the **Lourdes Chapel Porch** this weekend after all of the Masses.

St. Bernard's P.T.A.



Our **CHRISTMAS FAIR** will be held on **Sunday 9th. December** from 10.30a.m. to 2p.m. in the **Parish Centre**. **SANTA** will be there to meet all of the children!

Living Church



If you are interested in being part of a new **Mission Council** in the Diocese to promote and foster mission awareness at home and overseas, please come along and join us for a meeting on **Wednesday 28th November** at **7p.m.** in the **Good Shepherd Centre**, 511 Ormeau Road. All are welcome. For further information please contact **Fr. Conor McGrath** Tel. 9081 2238 or email: c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

Our annual **Gifts of Love** campaign has been launched to help families in Third World countries to become independent and self-sufficient. You can buy beehives, chicks, goats, solar lamps, tools, clean water kits, and lots more! The gift is sourced locally and sustainably from the country where it is needed. So the gifts not only support families in the world's poorest places, they help grow the local economy. Pick up a catalogue in the Lourdes Chapel porch or visit: www.trocaire.org/gifts



What's On!



December 8th. Stormont Rosary For Life at Parliament Buildings (Main Gates) at **3p.m.** For more information contact the **Rosary Crusade for Ireland** Tel. 9027 8484.

August 15th. Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage To Fatima led by the Most Reverend Noel Treanor D.D. 7 nights full board: £715. Discount of £100 if paid in full by December 14th. Contact **Joe Catney** Tel. 9071 4001 or 07776 25631.