



# 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.

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**First Reading (Amos 6:1, 4-7)** In our first reading today, the prophet Amos remains faithful to his reputation as a fearless champion of the poor and the oppressed. He warns the wealthy of his day against selfishness and greed and warns them of the consequences of their actions.

**Second Reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16)** Paul gives Timothy some sound advice about being a disciple of Jesus in our second reading today. He encourages Timothy to persevere in both his ministry and his personal holiness, even in the face of persecution. It is sound advice for all of us to reflect and act upon in the daily living out of our own faith.

**Gospel Reading (Luke 16:19-31)** Today's Gospel is definitely a wake-up call for each of us. We are reminded that we all can easily (and, perhaps, deliberately) cocoon ourselves from recognising the needs of others, especially the poor and needy around us. Those who have plenty are prompted not to neglect others, especially those who are less fortunate – there is a message in this Gospel for me and for you, if only we care to listen to it closely and act accordingly.



## Reflection

It is so easy to get caught up with the trappings of wealth in this life. Grant, O Lord, that I may be free from greed and selfishness. Remind me that the best things in life are free.

Love, laughter, caring and sharing.  
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## Church Opening Times

The church is open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. (Tuesdays until after the 7.30p.m. Mass.). This also provides the opportunity for everyone to enjoy and appreciate the splendid results of the work carried out during the recent refurbishment programme.



## Vocations

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood, for those 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.



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** It is a great opportunity to come together in peace and serenity to pray to Our Saviour. There are around 40 dedicated people who attend each week. Many more are needed. Please drop in if even for a few minutes to pray for each other.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Ann Conaghan R.I.P.**, of Glenholm Avenue, whose funeral took place on Thursday, and for **Nuala Lyne R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, who died recently in Australia.

## Anniversaries

Annie Morgan, Catherine Lord, Arthur Collins, Elizabeth O'Rawe, Therese Curran, Bob Coburn, Celine Maguire, Patrick Loughran, James Miley.

James Kavanagh, John Kelly, John Bogues, Bobby Devine, Colette McGowan, Peter F. Cassidy, Mrs. Gerard Wilson, Frances Winters, Kathleen Adams.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

## Church Webcam



After the success of our webcam trial over the Easter Period, a new permanent webcam has been installed in the Church. All Masses and special liturgies will now be broadcast live via the Parish website. We are very grateful to the **Order of the Knights of Saint Columbanus** for their generous donation towards the cost of this project.

Go to [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and click on "**Watch live**" on the left panel of the homepage. It is also possible to watch broadcasts of several previous celebrations held in the church.

It is hoped that broadcasts will enable Parishioners who are sick and housebound, and who have access to the internet, to be a part of the daily celebration of the Eucharist. If you have a relative or friend who would like to use live-streaming and may not be familiar with the internet, please help them to access the service via whichever device they can easily learn to use.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,718**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

**Team 4** will help with the collection this week.

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 28th. September** - Monthly Lunch in the **Belfast Boat Club** at **1p.m.** Cost **£17 p.p.** To make a booking, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371** as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 28th. September** - "St. Joan" by George Bernard Shaw at the **Lyric Theatre** at **7.45p.m.** Adm. **£10** (concessionary rate). To make a booking, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** *as soon as possible*.

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



## 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 26th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.  
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
7.30p.m. Pilates (2 sessions).  
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.  
8p.m. Bowling Club.

### Tuesday 27th.

7p.m. Zumba resumes.

### Wednesday 28th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
2p.m. Speech & Drama.  
5p.m. Children's Soccer.  
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.  
7p.m. - 8.30p.m. Yoga (Two sessions).  
8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday 29th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.  
7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 30th.

9.30a.m. Pilates.  
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

### Saturday 1st.

10a.m. Taekwondo.  
1p.m. Junior Badminton.  
1p.m. - 2:30p.m. - Beginners session  
2:30p.m. - 4p.m. - Improvers session

### After School Club

**Rosetta 2-4 Club** for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910**.

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## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for October - **Anne Sharvin**.

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 2nd. October** - Group 6  
**Michelle Marken, Rose Dawson,**  
**Elizabeth Quinn.**

## 500 Club



**Week 1:** Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Eileen Toner & Marie Bradley.**  
Each winner receives **£50**.

The new cycle of the 500 Club began last week. Many thanks to all loyal members and promoters for your support. Promoters can pick up new Promoter's Cards and envelopes in the Sacristy. All annual subscriptions (**£52**) are now due. Cheques should be made payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. The proceeds make an important contribution to the running costs of the Parish. Please help us to continue with the draw by joining if you are not already a member. There are two prizes each week of **£50** plus a bonus week at the beginning of December when we have prizes of **£250, £150** and **£100**. Registration forms are available in the Sacristy.

## Apostolic Workers



Our **Annual Church-Door Collection** will take place after all Masses this weekend. Apostolic Work Ireland was formed in 1923. We work as committed lay people and religious to pray for and to support the work of our Irish Missionaries (and others) wherever they serve. The fruits of our fund raising and the work of our own hands makes a difference. We get the help directly to those who need it.

We provide materials, vestments, sacred vessels, funding for churches, education and medical aid, among other things. Following the refurbishment of this church, we are delighted and extremely grateful to Fr. Armstrong for the gift of the tabernacle which was removed from the sanctuary wall. This will be sent to a Parish in the Third World.

The church gate collection is extremely important. Your financial help will allow us to continue to support the important work carried out by the many missionary priests and sisters around the world.

Please give whatever you can afford. Take a donation envelope and return it as soon as possible. If you pay tax, please remember to sign the Gift Aid Form Thank you for your support. Help us to help the Missions!

## What's On!



**September 30th. A Night At The Races** at **8p.m.** in the **St. Malachy's Parish Centre**, Alfred Street. Admission **£5** including refreshments. All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund.

**October 9th. The Dedication of Studies Mass** will be held in the **Chaplaincy, Elmwood Ave.** at **8p.m.** The celebrant will be the **Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown**. All students, staff, family & friends welcome! Daily Mass at **12.15p.m.** Sunday Mass at **8p.m.**