



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 (1 Kings 19:16, 19-21) Elijah and Elisha were two very significant Prophets in the Old Testament, Elisha succeeding Elijah in the prophetic ministry. To follow in God's way often demands huge sacrifice, as indicated in the reading. Total self-giving is seen in its perfection in Christ's death on the Cross

Second Reading (Galatians 5:1, 13-18) St. Paul gives some straight advice; once free from sin, Christ intends us to remain free. The new life in Christ is not always lived by heroic gestures, rather in every day circumstances, in the normal run of life. How can we say we love the God who we cannot see if we refuse to love our brothers and sisters who we can?

Gospel Reading (Luke 9:51-62) Jesus resolutely takes the road for Jerusalem as his followers pledge to follow him wherever he goes.



Mass Times

There will be a change to Mass times during **July & August**. Mass will be celebrated each weekday at **9.30a.m.** There will be no Tuesday evening Mass until September. The novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be said during Mass on Tuesday mornings.

A leaflet giving details of **Summer Mass Times** is available in the church porches and on the notice boards. Please take a copy home with you or check the Parish website at:

www.stbernadettesparish.org



First Friday Visits

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month. The sick, housebound, and those Parishioners who are in hospital and nursing homes will be attended by the priest during the coming week



St. Bernard's P.S.

Mass will be celebrated on **Monday** at **9.30a.m.** for the children of the **P7** classes who will be moving to their new schools in September. We pray for them as they leave St. Bernard's and move forward to the next stage of their education. Parents, grandparents, guardians, families, and the wider Parish community are invited to join us for this very special celebration.

The summer edition of the **Diocesan E-Newsletter** is now available to view at www.downandconnor.org including an item on the official opening of our church. See also Twitter & Facebook.

This is the **final Parish Bulletin** before the summer break. A list of announcements will be available on the **Notice Boards** in the porches during the summer months. The next edition of the **Parish Bulletin** will be published on **Sunday 28th. August**.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Louise Foley, Ellie McCance, Patrick Lamph, Arthur McDade, Arthur Howard, Brigid Maginn, Kathleen Morgan, Patrick McEvoy, Mary Winters, John Curran, Con McCann, Kathleen McCrumlish, Elizabeth Cunningham, Susan Jones.

Vincent Keown, Teresa McKay, Brendan Wright, Ellen O'Neill, Thomas Forde, Geraldine James, Patrick Torney, Mabel Wilson, Mary McGarrity, John Duffy, Elizabeth Downey.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will *not* take place during July & August. We will resume at 8a.m. on **Tuesday 6th. September**. Thank you to everyone who attended so faithfully each week since last September.

Children's Liturgy



The **final** Children's Liturgy session before the summer break takes place this Sunday at the **12p.m.** Mass. There will be a **party** afterwards for the children in the **Parish Centre**. Sincere thanks to the Leaders who present the Children's Liturgy programme each Sunday.

Parish Pastoral Council



Members of the Council will distribute copies of their **Annual Report for 2015/16** after all of the Masses this weekend. The Council is comprised of very enthusiastic people from a varied range of backgrounds who draw on their experience to assist the Parish Priest in an advisory capacity. The Report gives an account of their work throughout the year. Many thanks to each of the members of the Council for their excellent contribution to the life of the Parish.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,182**. 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

Tuesday 28th. June - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 11a.m.

Thursday 30th. June - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 1st. July - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 2p.m.

Summer Break

All regular activities, with the exception of bowling and walks, will cease for the months of July and August.

Notification of Special Events

As there will be no Parish Bulletin issued during the summer period, Members will be advised of any special events by way of notices in the Church porch.

Advance Notice

A **Walking Tour of the Battle Sites of the 1916 Rising** will take place on **Wednesday 7th September**, led by a renowned historian and writer, lasting for approx. 2hrs 30 mins. Numbers will be limited and those interested should contact **Geraldine Tel. 078459 33371** for further details.



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9040 1169 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays only from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday 27th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.

Tuesday 28th.

7p.m. Zumba Fitness Class.

Wednesday 29th.

8p.m. Taekwondo

Friday 1st.

9.15a.m. Pilates

Saturday 2nd.

10a.m. Taekwondo

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children **Monday & Tuesday only** this week from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Contact **Sinead Tel. 07816 779910** for details.

The Centre will be closed for the holiday period. Please check with your group leader when your particular activity will resume.

New & past editions of the Parish Bulletin and webcam recordings can be viewed at:
www.stbernadettesparish.org

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for July - **Maura Presley**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 3rd. July - Group 5
Sean O'Hare, Carl Stewart,
Damian McAnaney, Sandra McKillop.

500 Club



Week 40: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Arthur Kennedy & Maureen Rice.**
Each winner receives £50.

Marie Curie Cancer Care



A huge thank you to all Parishioners and friends for donating so generously to Marie Curie at the Tea Party last Sunday. We raised a grand total of **£850**. Many, many thanks!

Thank you to all who gave so generously at the **Coffee Morning** hosted by **Rachel Smith** in the Parish Centre on 17th April. Rachel reached the summit of **Kilimanjaro** on 19th June, raising much-needed funds for **ChildReach International**.

The month of **June** is traditionally dedicated by the Church to foster devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. **Special Seven Day Candles** for your prayer intentions are available from the Sacristy. These can be used at home or placed on the **Sacred Heart Altar**. Price £5 each. Marian candles are also available. Please enquire in the Sacristy after Mass.

Retired Teachers Needed



Sólás is a special needs charity which supports children and young people with a broad range of additional needs including autism and ASD. We need experienced retired teachers to help with our Educational Development Programme '**Back on Track**', in schools in the Belfast area, providing one-on-one support to primary school children with educational needs. These are voluntary positions and one morning per week in required. Full induction and ongoing support will be provided. For further details and an information pack, please contact **Anne Tel. 9024 7600 or 07729 779242** or send an email to: anne@solasht17.com

What's On!



June 30th - July 6th. A **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated on each day during graduation celebrations, in the **Catholic Chaplaincy, Elmwood Avenue** at **12.45p.m.** (Sunday excluded). All graduates, families, and friends are most welcome to attend. Tea & coffee will be served after Mass.

July 2nd. Rally for Life in Belfast city centre. Join thousands of people from across Ireland for this fun-filled family day out and pledge your support for unborn children. Press reports show that additional political pressure is being placed on local politicians to introduce new laws on abortion. Mass will be held in **St. Malachy's Church** before the Rally at **12:30p.m.** For further details contact the **Rally for Life Committee Tel. 9027 8484** or click on www.rallyforlife.net