



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 9a.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 (Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10) Ezra publicly proclaims the law before the assembled nation. The people are so moved by the proclamation of God's law, that they throw themselves to the ground and weep, but Ezra encourages them to rejoice for 'the joy of the Lord is my strength' and they leave for a festive banquet. Receiving the Word of God is always a joyful occasion.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) The old nation consisted of individual Jews who formed a national community but now the Church consists of interrelated members within the Body of Christ. There are no longer individuals, but parts of one Body, so that the Body of Christ is indivisible. Each member has an individual task which is not for oneself, rather for the whole Church for each of us 'have been given to drink of the one Spirit'.

Gospel Reading (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21) Jesus proclaims the words of Isaiah in the synagogue of his hometown and applies them to himself, words which sound blasphemous to the hearers. He steps out of the obscurity of his boyhood in Nazareth and into his public role of Messiah. In Jesus is the fulfilment of the promises of God which he will carry out in the guise of the Servant of God, in whose Spirit Isaiah long ago prophesied. ©Intercom



Reflection

For it is in mutual giving and receiving as one Body that we enable each other to experience the enrichment (overcoming our poverty), the vision (banishing our blindness), and the freedom (removing the oppressions and addictions) which Jesus wishes us to have. ©1999- 2019 Living Space



Confirmation

The **Service of Light** for P7 children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Monday at 7p.m.** Confirmation will take place on **Monday 11th. February** at **4p.m.**



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 week. Please remember to pray for the sick of our Parish and those who care for them.



Children's Liturgy

The **Children's Liturgy** takes place each Sunday at the **12p.m. Mass.** The Children's Liturgy Team brings the message of the gospel to the young members of our Parish family. Story-telling and art are used as ways of helping the children to understand the meaning of God's word. We need new leaders & helpers. Diocesan Child Protection procedures apply. If you can help out, please contact **Margaret** Tel. **077875 61178**.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Josephine Fallon R.I.P.**, of Knockbreda Park, whose funeral took place in the Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday, and for **Ella Dolan R.I.P.**, of Wynchurch Close, whose funeral took place here on Friday.

Anniversaries

Tom Flanagan, Seamus Boyle, Fr. Vincent Boyle, Eugene McGlone, Teresa McGlynn, Colette Malone, Tom Conaghan, Susan Cassidy.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Names for inclusion in the weekly Anniversary List of the Dead should be submitted at least one week in advance to: info@stbernadettesparish.org

Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week 2019 begins on Monday and continues until **3rd. February**. The catholic school communities will focus on the various strands that help to grow and nurture the faith in young people. The daily themes are as follows:

Monday: **Living Tradition**

Tuesday: **Welcoming Diversity**

Wednesday: **Grandparents Day**

Thursday: **In Service of our Community**

Friday: **Supporting Faith**

Please remember in your prayers young people and their teachers during the coming week.

Calendar of Feasts



Friday 1st. February is the feast of **St. Brigid**, Abbess and secondary Patron of Ireland. According to tradition, Brigid was born in the year 451 AD in **Faughart**, Co. Louth. She was revered for her great charitable works for the poor and the establishment of a number of convents throughout the country. She died in AD 525.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,404**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



Retirement Association

Monday 28th. January - "Mary Queen of Scots" at the QFT starring Saoirse Ronan at **6.20p.m.** Price £4. To book please contact **Geraldine** Tel **078459 33371** as soon as possible.

Thursday 31st. January - **Weekly Walk**. Meet in the church car park at **10.15a.m.**

Friday 1st. February - **Ten Pin Bowling** at the **Ice Bowl, Dundonald** from **10.30 - 11.30a.m.** Concession rate £2 per game.

Wednesday 13th. February - "**Ruby!**" at the **Lyric**. Join Belfast - born Ruby Murray as she reflects on her life of triumph and tears. Tickets £15. To book a ticket, contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible.

Wednesday 20th. February - **N.I. Opera & the Lyric Theatre** present "**Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**" at **7.45p.m.** Tickets £10. To book a ticket, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031**.



World Youth Day

The **15th. International World Youth Day** is being held for the first time in Central America, and is under way in **Panama City**, Panama. The theme for this year's gathering is taken from Mary's affirmation of God's will in Luke 1:38: "**I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.**" Pope Francis will celebrate the closing Mass today. The purpose of World Youth Day is threefold: a celebration of and putting trust in the young; giving young people a chance to make pilgrimage; and to give young people a chance to encounter the worldwide Catholic community. The Mass will be broadcast live at: www.shalomworldtv.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

No teas & coffee today.

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. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

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

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

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



February - Group 4.

Team Leader - **Anne Sharvin**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 3rd. February.

Group 6.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Weekly Draw: **Week 19: Pauline Crothers & May Stewart**. Each 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



Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2019** will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at **£4** each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations.

Vocations



Why not take time to explore and reflect on becoming a priest. Join us at the **Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne** from **Friday 15th. to Sunday 17th. February**. "Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" (Pope Francis). If you wish to attend or would like further information please contact: **Fr. Kevin** Tel: **9061 4567**; Email: vocations@downandconnor.org

Bredagh G.A.C. News



We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising events. The 5K Santa Run raised £750 for St. Vincent de Paul, and the GOAL mile held on Christmas morning raised £2,025. The awards dinner raised £1,440, which has been donated to St. Johns GAC to support one of their players undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer. Relay teams to run in the Belfast Marathon are currently being organised to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Unit charity. If you wish to participate in either the relay or whole marathon, please contact **075521 64004** to register your interest.

What's On!



January 30th. Beginning Experience for widowed, Separated, and divorced people in **St. Bride's Hall** at **8p.m.**

January 31st. St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2019 by Bishop **Alan McGuckian S.J.** "**Discerning Disciples: Pope France On Prayer**" in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** All are welcome!

February 6th. "What's so Good about Virtue Ethics?" with Fr. James Keenan, SJ, a moral theologian who serves as Canisius Professor and Director of the Jesuit Institute at Boston College, in the **Holy Rosary Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** All are welcome!