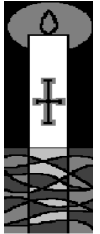


# Parish of St. Bernadette



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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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Acts 5:12-16)** The first Easter was a season of 'signs and wonders' that flowed from the great sign and wonder of Christ's resurrection.

**Second Reading (Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19)** This short reading shows how all sufferings, all trials, are to be lived and understood in the light of the victory of Christ, 'the First and the Last, the living One.'

**Gospel (John 20:19-31)** The Easter message is one of peace and mercy - even for the unbelieving and those who struggle to believe. ©Intercom



## Feast of Divine Mercy

This is the **Feast Of Divine Mercy**. There will be special celebrations in **St. Paul's Church** at 1.30p.m., **St. Peter's Cathedral** at 2.15p.m., **Sacred Heart Church** at 2.15p.m., **Saintfield Parish** at 2.30p.m. followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 3p.m. Confessions will be available from 2p.m.

## ✠ Golden Jubilee

Wednesday 1st. May marks the 50th. Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Armstrong. A **Mass of Celebration** will be held on **Sunday 19th. May** at 3p.m. when many fellow priests, who have been colleagues and friends of Fr. Armstrong down through the years, will join us here in St. Bernadette's for this very special occasion. Members of Fr. Armstrong's family as well as some of the local clergy from other denominations will also attend. All Parishioners and friends of St. Bernadette's are cordially invited.

After the Mass, there will be a finger buffet reception in the Parish Centre. A special presentation will also be made to Fr. Armstrong on behalf of the Parish community. There is a limit to the number of people that can be accommodated and catered for comfortably in the Parish Centre so admission will be by ticket only. These are available from the Sacristy and will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. **Tickets are not required to attend the Mass.**

The normal weekday Mass schedule resumes on Monday. The church will be open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. (Tuesdays until after the 7.30p.m. Mass.).

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Maura Mullally R.I.P.**, the mother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

## Anniversaries

Tom Gogarty, Margaret Peel, Matthew White, Catherine McKavanagh, Richard Adams, Maureen O'Hare, Teresa Wilkinson.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

**Parish Bethany Bereavement Support.** To speak to someone in strict confidence Tel. 077 3377 3758.

## 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. Remember also those priests who, after long service in the Diocese, are now in poor health.

## Diocese of Down & Connor



Bishop Treanor's Pastoral Letter to everyone in the Diocese will be distributed after Mass. The letter entitled: **"To Follow Jesus Closely"** reflects on the unique calling of diocesan priesthood. In his letter the Bishop invites priests and people to work together to help grow a culture of vocational discernment, a culture in which each person can recognize how God calls them to live out Christ's mission of love in the world, but more particularly through priesthood. Following this there will be a special **Novena of Prayer for Vocations** launched by a Vocations Vigil on the evening of Thursday 2nd. May in every Pastoral Area. It is hoped that this Novena will be prayed in every family home for the nine days as we move towards Good Shepherd Sunday on the 12th. May. Our **Vocations Vigil** will take place in **Holy Rosary Church** on **Thursday 2nd. May** at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** resumes on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from 9a.m. until 7.15p.m. New volunteers are needed to attend so that someone is always present before the Blessed Sacrament.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,094**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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 30th. April - Ormeau Park Bowling** from 11a.m. to 1p.m. No experience necessary. Equipment supplied. Cost £10 (concession) for the season. Please contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019.

**Thursday 2nd. May - Weekly Walk**. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Friday 3rd. May - Ormeau Park Bowling** from 2p.m. to 4p.m.

**Wednesday 15th. May - "A Streetcar Named Desire"** at the **Lyric** at 7.45p.m. Follow wilting Southern beauty, Blanche DuBois, as she attempts to escape her former life and past trauma. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend, please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due. Contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019 or one of the Committee Members.



## Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 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.

8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

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

8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday

10a.m. - 11a.m. Yoga For All.

### Friday

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

**7p.m. - 8p.m. Youth Club Registration.** *Members must be 8 years or older on enrolment.* Parents must attend and agree to supervise at least **one** night for each junior member and **two** nights for each senior member registered.

### Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

### Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Monday - Friday** this week for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Call **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



May - Group 3.

Team Leader - **Jim McGettrick**.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 5th. May

Group 8.

## 500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 32: Joan McGettrick & Eileen McKeown**. Each receives £50

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to anyone in 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



**Clare Lodge Holiday Home** in Newcastle Co. Down is available for day trips, lunches, tea, coffee and biscuits; overnight or weekly stay over, conferences, meetings and more. Everyone welcome. Open all year round. For further information, please contact **Regina** or **Tom** Tel. 4372 2849 or email: [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk)

Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** as soon as you can. Boxes can be placed in the special bin located at the side of 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 form. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make it payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. This will be included in the total Parish contribution to Trócaire.



## Apostolic Workers



We will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 1st. May**. New members will be made most welcome! Please help us to help the Missions!

## What's On!



**May 5th. Team Cancer** focus seeks volunteers at **Belfast City Marathon** at our Water Station and Cheer Squads. Help our runners to get over the finish line as they raise funds for local patients and their families living with cancer. Contact **Jade** Tel. 9066 3281 or by email to: [jadeknowles@cancerfocusni.org](mailto:jadeknowles@cancerfocusni.org)

**May 11th. "Darkness into Light Walk"** at 4.15a.m. in the **Ormeau Park**. Proceeds in aid of Pieta House, a non-profit organisation providing a specialised treatment programme for people who have suicidal ideation or who participate in self-harming. Registration available now at: [www.darknessintolight.ie/](http://www.darknessintolight.ie/)

**May 13th. Friendship Evening** at **Cregagh Presbyterian Church** at 7.30p.m. The ladies of St. Bernadette's are invited to a re-enactment of the life of the famous hymn writer Frances Alexander. Please contact **Marie** Tel. 9079 2226 if you wish to attend.

Please be aware that **LIVE Streaming** of all Masses via the **Parish Website** takes place in this Church for the housebound or for those living abroad. Visit: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and click on "Watch Live".