



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 (Ecc 3:17-20.28-29) The Book of Wisdom reminds us of the need for humility. How easy it is to forget this when all is going well and our pride is bolstered by our own success and the praise of others. The sage warns us against becoming too proud since pride can take root and ultimately destroy us.

Second Reading (Heb 12:18-19.22-24). The spiritual journey, the pilgrimage of faith leads us to worship in awe and reverence before the living God.

Gospel (Lk 14:7-14). Jesus likes to share a meal with friends but his friends may not be those we would choose to be with; the poor, the oppressed and the marginalised. Yet it is to each of these we are told to open our doors and to welcome and to feed, knowing that the food of love we share in this life will be rewarded with a heavenly banquet in the Kingdom of God.



Reflection

Someone with the spirit of the Kingdom knows that human status, that is, the status conferred by fickle society, does not mean anything at all. The only status that counts is one's relationship with God and with other people, irrespective of their classification by race, religion, profession or class. Our real status is measured not by our rank or occupation but by the level of love and service offered to God through our relationships with those around us. What counts is not how we are looked on by others but the degree of care and compassion with which we look at them.

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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



Mass Times

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30a.m. each morning this week. There will be no evening Mass on Tuesdays until 6th. September. The novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be said on Tuesday morning.



Parish Bulletin

The latest edition of the Bulletin is published online each week. Whether at home or abroad, you can keep up-to-date on current news and events in the Parish by logging onto our website at: www.stbernadettesparish.org

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Goodall R.I.P.**, the brother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place on Monday.

Anniversaries

George Bowman, Frank Lagan, Winnie Charles, Frank Crilly, Wilfred McGuigan, Pat Coogan, Gareth Farry, Mary Agnes Murtagh, Mary McKenna, Clare Lavery, George McMaster.

Anne Cunliffe, Lily Sherlock, Elizabeth Robinson, Gerry Lennon, David McGarrity, James Carney, Kathleen Stuart, Lawrence R. Beirne, Thomas Flanagan, Betty Smith, Joseph Woods.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Living Church



The third **Diocesan Faith and Life Convention** will take place on **Saturday 24th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. This is a forum for people to gather together from Parishes throughout the Diocese, to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to our everyday lives. The theme for this year is "**Faith in a World in Need of Mercy**". A creche will be available this year to facilitate parent delegates accompanied by small children. Registration is available online at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org



Ministers of the Eucharist Ministers of the Word



Parishioners are invited to volunteer to carry out these important ministries at weekend Masses. Some of our long-serving Ministers have asked to step down due to ill-health or retirement. We are very grateful to them for their great service to the Parish. If you can help replace them, please leave your name and contact number in the Sacristy or send an e-mail to:

info@stbernadettesparish.org



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,417**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 2 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 30th. August - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 11a.m.

Thursday 1st. September - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 2nd. September - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 2p.m.



Church Car Park

Following essential work carried out on trees at the lower end of the car park, a health and safety inspection recommended that a safety fence be erected to prevent access to the sloping ground at the boundary. A contractor will soon commence work to install the fence. In the interim, temporary fencing will be erected to eliminate any danger to children attending St. Bernard's P.S. or to any of our Parishioners. Some car parking spaces may not be available until the work is completed.



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 29th.

7p..m. Pilates.

Tuesday 30th.

7p.m. Zumba Fitness Class.

Wednesday 31st.

8p.m. Taekwondo

Friday 2nd.

9.15a.m. Pilates

Youth Club Registration

On **Friday 9th. September** from 7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m.

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. Volunteers are needed to help out when the Club begins on **16th.**

September. Please contact the Chairman, **Jim Woods**, or the leader in charge for more details.

Supervisors at the Youth Club must complete an Access N.I. check.

Saturday 3rd.

10a.m. Taekwondo

After School Club

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

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **September** - **Jim McGettrick.**

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 4th. September - Group 2

Arthur Foster, Mary McHugh,

Peter Livingstone, Marie McKinney.

500 Club



Week 49: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Marie Collins & Elizabeth Nicoletti.**

Each winner receives £50.

The new cycle of the **500 Club** will begin in a few weeks time. 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 from the Sacristy.

School Events



Pupils and parents seeking entry to Year 8 in September 2017 are invited to attend the following schools:

September 8th. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College Knock at 7.30p.m.

September 15th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S. at 7.30p.m.

Lough Derg, offers **One Day Retreats** on 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th & 24th September. Take time out in the nurturing peace of the Island and cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Patrick's Basilica. For further information contact **Maureen** or **Lorraine** Tel. 00 35371 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org or visit www.loughderg.org



What's On!



September 3rd. "**Ageing with Grace**" in Drumalis with Maria Garvey. A retreat day for people of any age committed to accepting themselves as they are, recognizing their innate beauty and rejoicing in every passing day. Opens at **9a.m.** with registration, ending at **4.45p.m.** Cost £50 per person. For further information or to book a place(s), please Tel. **28276455 / 28272196** during office hours. Visit: www.drumalis.co.uk

September 17th. "**Day of Quiet, Reflective Prayer**" in **St. Anne's Cathedral** from **9a.m.** to **6p.m.** Come and go as you please! Refreshments available.

September 19th. **Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass** in **St. Luke's Church, Twinbrook** at **7p.m.** Light refreshments afterwards. Anyone wishing to receive Gold, Silver, 10 Year, Adult or Young Pioneer emblems/certificates please contact **Pat** Tel. **9262 9959**, **Ian** Tel. **9061 6601**, or **Josephine** Tel. **9061 7116**. All Pioneers, family and friends are welcome.

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.