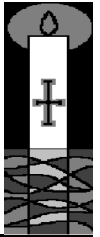




Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 (Acts 1:1-11) Jesus has completed the task given to him by his heavenly Father and he returns to the Father. This is the focus of our reflections on the Feast of the Ascension. Christians believe that Jesus was both divine and human – although those who do not believe in God cannot recognise the divinity of Jesus. Consequently, they are unlikely to accept that he ascended to heaven at the end of his earthly life. Yet Christians affirm every time they recite the Creed that he did precisely that.

Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23) Paul prays for the Ephesians that they may have wisdom and knowledge so that they can appreciate more fully the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. It is surely appropriate that we pray for the same wisdom and knowledge so that we can benefit from the death and resurrection of Christ in our lives.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 28:16-20) Before returning to his Father in heaven, Jesus told his disciples to continue his saving activity. First, they were to make disciples of all nations. They were commissioned to lead people to conversion. Secondly, they were to baptise people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Thirdly, they were to teach those who were baptised to observe all that Jesus had taught during his earthly ministry.
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Marian Devotion

A specially-commissioned icon of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** will be installed at **Our Lady's Shrine** in the church and will be blessed by **Bishop Farquhar** at the 7.30p.m. Mass on **Tuesday**.

The icon features the child Jesus fleeing into his Mother's protective arms as the Archangels Michael and Gabriel show Him the instruments of crucifixion. The Greek letters spell out the first letters of Mary and Jesus' names.

The origin of the icon is unknown. Many have thought that St. Luke painted it, but its existence prior to the late Middle Ages cannot be confirmed. Likely it is Eastern in origin due to the Byzantine style and Greek lettering.



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.



Reflection

Jesus you speak to me through the words of the gospels.
May I respond to your call today.
Teach me to recognise your hand at work in my daily living. ©1999- 2017 Sacred Space

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Mary Leyden, Margaret Clements, Mary Toye, Donal Faughnan, Pat Foster, Joseph Hamilton, Mary Cassidy, Barney Campbell, Hugh Davison, Hans Egli, Gerald O'Rawe, Peter James Scott.

Anna Flynn, Molly Beggs, John Winters, Joseph Edward Jones, Kathleen McKay, Donal McKay, Thomas Donnelly, Kieran Close.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Prayer at Exam Time



Father, I pray that you would help me pass this exam. Thank you for your guidance and for sustaining me as I have worked for this qualification. I ask now that your spirit would lead me. Come sharpen my thinking and help me to excel in this test of my learning and understanding. May I be able to recall everything I need from my studies and answer each question well. Amen.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



A relic of **St. Teresa of Calcutta** will arrive on **Monday 12th . June** at **St. Patrick's Church** in Donegal St. at **7p.m.** Mass will be celebrated at 7.30p.m. followed by veneration until 11p.m. On **Tuesday 13th. June**, veneration will continue in **St. Patrick's** from **12p.m. until 3p.m.** The relic will be transferred to **Corpus Christi Church**, Springhill Grove with Mass at 7p.m. followed by veneration until 9p.m. On **Wednesday 14th. June**, veneration will resume in **St. Patrick's** from **12p.m. until 3p.m.** followed by a **Farewell Prayer Service** from **3p.m. until 4p.m.** The relic will then leave Belfast on the next leg of a national tour of Ireland. See the local press for more information.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,622**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The collection for the **World Meeting of Families 2018** will take place this weekend. A huge gathering of Catholic families from around the globe are expected to travel to Ireland. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding so your financial support is vital to the success of the event.

Team 4 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 30th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous bowling experience needed and all equipment will be supplied.

Thursday 2nd. June - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 3rd. June - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.



Church Refurbishment

Work will begin this week to replace the entrance steps to enable easier access to the building and to comply with disability access legislation. This will be carried out on a phased basis beginning with the steps at the main doors and at the rear of the sacristy. The painting contractor plans to commence work on top sections of the building shortly.



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.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.

7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

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

Tuesday 30th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.

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

Wednesday 31st.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

2p.m. Speech & Drama.

5p.m. Children's Soccer.

5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Class.

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga Class.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

Thursday 1st.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 2nd.

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

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday 3rd.

10a.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. - 4p.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**.

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Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 4th. June - Group 7

Nicholas J. McCafferty, Kathleen Leyden, Nicholas M. McCafferty, Estelle McGrath..

500 Club



Week 36: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Roseanne Hanna & Paul Gordon.**

Each winner receives £50.

Coffee Morning



A **Coffee Morning** will take place in the **Lounge** in the **Parish Centre** after Masses **this weekend** hosted by **Anne and Clare Foster**. The proceeds will be donated to **The Children's Cancer Unit Charity** which exists solely to support the work of the Children's cancer and Haematology unit at RVH. Please drop in for a cuppa, some goodies, and give whatever you can afford! Everyone welcome!

Senior Citizens are invited to an outing to **Newcastle** on **Wednesday 21st. June**. A coach will leave the church car park at **10.15a.m.**

Latest News



Tea/coffee will be served at **Clare Lodge** holiday home on arrival, with lunch at 1p.m. This will be followed by some entertainment. If you wish to attend, it is vital that you sign the list in the church porch by **14th June**, to finalise the catering. Alternatively please contact **Frances** Tel. **078005 62398** or **Nigel** Tel. **077642 77651**.

Legion of Mary



The **Legion of Mary Annual Church-Door Collection** in support of the Morning Star House and Regina Coeli House raised **£873**. We wish to thank the Parishioners of St. Bernadette's for your most generous support.

What's On!



May 31st. Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School GL Information Meeting for P6 children and their parents at **4.30p.m.** Registration packs will be available.

June 3rd. An "**Ecumenical Journey**" with Fr. Eddie O'Donnell & Rev. Ruth Patterson in St. Brigid's Hall from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** All are welcome to attend!

June 7th. Donaghadee Male Voice Choir in concert in **St. Malachy's Church** at **7.30p.m.** Tickets £10 from the church office or pay at the door. Proceeds in aid of the restoration fund.

June 11th. Down & Connor One Day Pilgrimage to Knock led by Bishop Noel Treanor. Buses will be leaving from various Parishes throughout the Diocese. For more information please contact **Fr. Vincent Cushman**, the Pilgrimage Director, at: **cush25@hotmail.com**

June 14th. - 22nd. Clonard Solemn Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

June 23rd. - 25th. Down & Connor Living Church Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Cost £60. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **9069 0920** or email: **livingchurch@downandconnor.org**