

ADVENT

Parish Bulletin

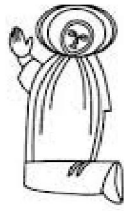


First Sunday of Advent

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First Sunday of Advent
28th November 2021



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Holy Rosary Parish 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

St Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am

Given the current public health emergency the [Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass](#) has been extended UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The faithful are encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass whenever possible or to participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on the webcam

Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St. Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues, Wed 10am – 12 noon.
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.30 – 12 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the current Covid situation it is not possible to use the confessional box, but the sacrament of reconciliation is available on request in the sacristy after Mass or at the door of the parochial house.



OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Fr Herbert Flack, Eithne Carville,
Michael McBride, Dympna Goodall
Patricia Lyttle.



Anniversaries:

James Shore (6pm), Margaret Mary Marner, Patrick Murtagh, John & Lily Kelly (9am), Rita Griffin (10.30am), William McLaughlin (11am), Eileen Moynagh (12.30), John Magee

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07733773758

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07818090323

ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Collection (21st November) £ 765.00
Bishop's Commissions (21st Nov) £ 448.72

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances through a standing order, PayPal, or parish envelopes.



HOLY ROSARY FOOD BANK

Donations to the Foodbank are gratefully received. On behalf of the families and individuals who are supported, thank you.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tue 30th Nov St. Andrew
Wed 1st Dec Blessed Charles de Foucauld
Fri 3rd Dec St. Francis Xavier
Sat 4th Dec St. John Damascene

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SVP SHOP APPEAL: The SVP shop on the Ormeau Road is in desperate need of Men's clothing, shoes, particularly trainers, winter coats and bedding. They are also seeking volunteers to work in the shop for a couple of hours a week to support the unprecedented demand. Anyone interested please contact Mary Grace on 07554386905.

SVP: Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generosity. Donations can be left in the church. For St Bernadette's Parish donations can also be made online at www.Svpni.co.uk or telephone 02890750161 or on the dedicated giving site which can be accessed at <https://www.svp.ie/stbernadettebelfast> If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office 02890351561 and you will be directed to your local SVP Conference.

See online bulletin for children's activities.

COVID-19 & FACE MASKS IN CHURCH

1. Face coverings must be worn by all while entering and exiting the Church – this is a legal requirement.

In the interests of the common good and for everyone's well-being we ask that:

2. Face coverings continue to be worn by all when moving around the Church, at Communion time and at other times when social distancing is difficult.
3. **Face coverings are strongly recommended at all other times, even when seated.**



ADVENT RESOURCES

To help us journey through the season of Advent this year, the Parish Pastoral Council has collected, or prepared, various resources which you may find helpful.

These are now available on the parish website. See www.stbernadettesparish.org

These include:

- 1) An **Advent Calendar** to print off for home. See *Advent 2021 Resources* Section on the parish website.
- 2) A **Children's Advent Calendar**. See the *Advent 2021 Resources* Section of the parish website.

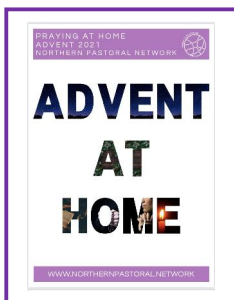


- 3) Details of an online interactive Advent Calendar 2021 #Sharing Hope, which goes live on the First Sunday of Advent. The calendar can be linked to at



www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar

- 4) A prayer resource booklet entitled "**Advent at Home**" prepared by the Northern Pastoral Network. See www.stbernadettesparish.org This offers prayers for families for each of the four Sundays of Advent.



SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

St Vincent De Paul Christmas cards will be available before and after Masses from Saturday 13th November in the middle porch in St Bernadette's Church. To maintain social distancing and avoid gathering in the church porch, there will be a box available for donations.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH AND MARY

The Living Church office are offering two online programmes following the footsteps of Joseph and Mary as they travel towards Bethlehem.

The programme runs for 4 weeks and provides 1 hour of prayer and reflection with scripture and participants will receive an accompanying prayer journal to use each day at home.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH begins on Thursday 25th November at 7pm.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH MARY begins on Sunday 28th November at 7pm.

If you would like to join please e mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org indicating which programme you are interested in.

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE

Trócaire's Gifts of Love are available now and can be bought online or at the Trócaire shop (50 Kings Street, Belfast). For more details see the website www.trocaire.org/gifts



ADVENT RETREAT IN DRUMALIS: "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*" with the Drumalis Team & Fr Perry Gildea CM, Friday 10 - Sunday, 12 December 2021

For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis - tel 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com Details also available on Drumalis website – <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

Pope Francis has invited every Diocese around the world to participate in the Universal Synod on Synodality. This Synod is a process of journeying together. As the Church, we will listen to each other, dialogue with each other, pray together, discern together, and make decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world! Listening and speaking within the Church always involves prayer. We are listening, dialoguing, and praying together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

The starting point of this journey begins with our own personal prayer and reflection. "*Prayer opens hearts. It opens the ear to a listening that is more than hearing and makes us attentive to the action of the Spirit in our lives.*" (Cardinal Grech) In your prayer this week we ask that you pray for the success of our synodai journey and that you take time to reflect on the needs of the people in your community. This week we encourage you to pray with the prayer used at the Second Vatican Council.

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time. in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.




Children's Corner

A Children's Advent Calendar is available to download.

See *Advent 2021 Section* on the parish website

www.stbernadettesparish.org

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First Sunday of Advent - Hope

"Jesus will return"



Church of Saint Leo the Great www.stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner

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Read Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 as a family and discuss way you can be watchful and alert for the coming of Our Lord.

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