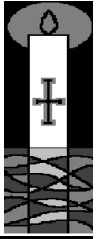




# Parish of St. Bernadette



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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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Acts 9:26-31)** Not surprisingly the disciples (the young Church) are slow to trust Saul. We're told that Barnabas stepped in and introduced Saul to the apostles and he then started to go around with them (which no doubt gave him credibility) and eased his acceptance into the community. But Saul runs into difficulty and under threat of death 'the brothers.... sent him off to Tarsus.'

**Second Reading (1 John 3:18-24)** Again we encounter the twin emphasis of 1 John: believing in Jesus as the Son of God and loving one another are inseparable. This theme calls loudly from the pages of the New Testament.

**Gospel Reading (John 15:1-8)** The vine and the branches is quite a startling image. It presents an image of the Church that is both dying and rising to new life, continuously: 'every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away... every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.' But, and this is critical, all this cutting and pruning, painful as it may be, is not random – it's the work of the vinedresser. ©Intercom



## Reflection

Am I really a living branch on the vine that is Jesus? Am I really a Christian that bears fruit? Am I living my life creatively so that others also benefit? Can other people see the influence that Jesus has on my life - in my words, my actions, my general behaviour and lifestyle? Am I unmistakably a follower of Jesus?  
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## Marian Devotion

May is the month when we focus on Our Lady. The Scriptures show Mary's role in the mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection. She is involved intimately in the most important events of Christ's life. She is blessed in her maternity, as shown in the Annunciation and Nativity. In the Gospel of John she is the model of the believing Church. John also shows her at the foot of the cross where Jesus gives Mary to the Church as mother of all believers (Jn. 19:26).

Our Lady is our merciful advocate with her divine Son. She also identifies with the faith, struggles, and concerns of her people. She will always plead our cause. Each **Tuesday** at the **7.30p.m. Mass**, we gather as a Parish family to seek her help.

**"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death". Amen**

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of :

**Mary Gogarty R.I.P.**, of Knockbrea Gardens, whose funeral took place on Thursday,  
**Donal Mullally R.I.P.**, the brother of a Parishioner, who died in Wakefield in England,  
**Richard Adams R.I.P.**, the son of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Ballynahinch on Saturday,  
**Sarah Wilson R.I.P.**, the mother of a Parishioner, who died recently.

## Anniversaries

Brigid Murtagh, Eithne Carlin, Margaret Elms, Flora Craig, Cecilia Glacken, Jane Thompson, Joseph Hill, Tom Gogarty, Margaret Peel, Philomena Breslin, Eileen Woods, Teresa Boyle, Bridget McCullough, Eugene Maguire.

Catherine McKavanagh, Paul McCormick, Anne T. Sharvin, Mary Cassidy, Edward McEvoy, James McKeown, Peter Livingstone, Rory McGrenaghan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.



## Diocese of Down & Connor

The **Annual Blessing of Graves** will be held at the following burial grounds:

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. May - Milltown Cemetery**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. May - City Cemetery**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. May - Hannahstown**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. June - The Rock**

All services commence at **3p.m.**

Please be aware that **LIVE Streaming of ALL Masses on the Parish Website** takes place in this Church.



**"Each person, with all his or her failings is called to the fullness of life in heaven..**

**There the person's true being will shine forth in all its goodness and beauty."**

Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,852**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

### Offertory Envelopes for 2018 / 2019

New boxes can be collected from the back of the church. The boxes have been sorted in ***alphabetical street order***. ***Please look for your street name when collecting your box.***



## Retirement Association

**Tuesday 1st. May** - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous experience needed. All equipment will be supplied.

**Thursday 3rd. May** - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Friday 4th. May** - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m. Off peak season ticket costs £9.30.



## World Meeting of Families 2018

Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the **Pastoral Congress** is guaranteed to receive tickets for the **Festival of Families** in **Croke Park** on **Saturday 25th. August** and the **Final Mass** in the **Phoenix Park** on **Sunday 26th. August**. Those who only wish to register for the Festival of Families or the Final Mass need to be aware that tickets will be limited subject to venue capacity and availability. To register online: [www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/](http://www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/)



## Apostolic Workers

The **Apostolic Workers** will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 2nd. May**. New members will be made most welcome! Help us to help the Missions!



## 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

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

### Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

### Wednesday

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.

### Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.  
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

### Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

### 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



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

### Mass Rota

6p.m. **D. O'Hare, J. McGarvey**.

10a.m. **M. McLaughlin, J. McLaughlin, A. Martin, R. / J. George**.

12p.m. **J. McGettrick, S. McGrath, E. King**.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 6th. May - Group 11  
**Robert Madine, Faustina Graham, Roseanne Hanna, Maura Presley**.

## 500 Club



**Week 32:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Gerard Coomber & Teresa Curran**. Each winner receives £50.

Please return your **Trócaire Lenten Box** as soon as you can so that the total amount collected in the Parish can be sent off. The amount collected so far is **£4,500** including cheques payable directly to **Trócaire**. Sincere thanks to everyone for your most generous donations. You can continue to give to **Trócaire** throughout the year by using the wall-box at the back of the church.



## Coffee Morning



A **Coffee Morning & Bun Sale** will take place in the Lounge in the **Parish Centre** this Sunday hosted by a youth Parishioner, **Anthony O'Neill**. Anthony will be travelling to Tanzania with the charity **African Impact** where he will be supporting local vulnerable youth with their English speaking skills and other skills. Please pop over for a cuppa if you have the time or take away a few buns! Whatever you can give would be gratefully received.

The **2018 Season** begins with a series of **One Day Retreats** from **5th. May**. The **Three Day Pilgrimages** begin on **Friday 1st. June** until **Monday 13th. August** (the Three Day Pilgrimages end on **Wednesday 15th. August**). There will also be a number of **One Day Special Retreats**. For full details, please visit us at: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



## What's On!



**May 12th. Save the 8th Pro-life Rally in Dublin.** The Referendum is fast approaching so NOW is the time to play our part. A bus is being organised from Belfast. For further details contact **Claire** Tel. 07740 677256 or see: [www.loveboth.ie](http://www.loveboth.ie)

**June 2nd. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College, Knock, Class of '88 30th Anniversary Reunion.** If you left in '86 or '88 we would love to see you there along with past staff also. For more details go to OLSPCK facebook page or **Roisin Nancarrow's** facebook page, or to buy tickets go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-lady-and-st-patricks-class-of-88-school-reunion](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-lady-and-st-patricks-class-of-88-school-reunion)

**June 29th. - July 1st. Living Church Pilgrimage to Lough Derg.** Cost £65. For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the **Living Church Office** Tel. 9069 0920 or email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) by **Friday 15th June**.