

..Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



Luke 2:41-52
Sunday 29 Dec 2024 Year C

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH
HOLY ROSARY PARISH

Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish: **Mon, Tues, Wed 9.30am**
Holy Rosary Parish **Thurs, Fri & Sat 10.00am**

Confessions Saturday:

10.30 in Good Shepherd church and
5.15pm in St. Bernadette's church.

PARISH WEBCAMS

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

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary
Parish and click on "Holy Rosary Live".

SAINTS DURING THE WEEK

Thurs 2nd Jan St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen
(Bishops and doctors of the Church).
Fri 3rd Jan St Munchin of Limerick (bishop)

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament** in Good Shepherd
Church resumes on Friday 3rd
January 2025 after 10am Mass
until 12.30pm.



CRIB DONATIONS

Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted
Christians and those suffering and in need
generally, in places like Gaza,
the wider Holy Land, Ukraine, Syria Sudan, Burkina Faso,
Mayanmar and other troubled places presently gripped by
the brutality of violence and war. This year any donations
given at the crib will be sent to Aid to the Church in Need
which has an office in Dublin.

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gordon Birch, George McCrory, Brendan Shields,
Jody Gormley, Very Rev Brendan McMullan,
Terry Maguire, Veronica Burke, Michael Donnelly,
Brendan Kerr, Kathleen Kielty, (9.00am Month's Mind)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Denis & Pearl Maloney, John & Josie Blaney (10.30am)
Dympna Moore (6pm), Patrick, Kathleen and Paul Bell
(11am), Margaret McClean Margo Dougal (12.30pm),
Ray Flynn,

Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord.

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement
Support Group ☎. 07385591055

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement
Support Group ☎.07388191309

ST BERNADETTES FINANCES

Weekly Offering 22nd Dec £1370.12

The Monthly Collection for the support of the priests
will be taken up next weekend.

Thank you for your continued generosity
towards the collections taken up in our parish



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St Bernadette's Children's Liturgy
Dates for Children's Liturgy
Dec 24 – June 25
 12th/26th Jan; 9th/23rd Feb;
 9th/23rd March; 6th April;
 4th/18th May. 1st/15th/29th June

Catholic Schools' Week 2025 – Alive in Christ!
Sunday 19th Jan to Sat 25th Jan 2025

"Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive!"

(Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, Section 1)



Diocesan Mass for the Start of the Jubilee Year

The Jubilee 2025 will be centred on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope."

Pope Francis put it beautifully: ***"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."***

The Jubilee 2025 begins on **24th December 2024**, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica Rome. Bishop Alan McGuckian will launch the Jubilee in the **Diocese at a Mass in St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 29th December at 3pm. All are welcome**

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS JANUARY 2025

- **St Bernard's Primary School**
Open Day Friday 10th January 2025.
 Principal's address 9.30am in the Assembly Hall, followed by a tour of the school. All welcome.
- **St Louise's Comprehensive College Belfast**
Open Evening
 Thursday 9th January 2025 4.30pm & 6.30pm
- **Our Lady & St Patrick's College Knock**
Open Morning
 Sat 11th January 2025 9.00am-12.30pm
 Principal's Address at 9am & 11am.
- **Aquinas Grammar School Open Day**
 Sat 11th January 9.00am – 1.00pm
- **St Malachy's College Belfast Open Evening**
 Wed 15th Jan & Thurs 16th January 2025 7.00pm.
 Principal's address 7.45 & 8.30pm
- **Rathmore Grammar School Open Day**
 Saturday 18 January 2025 9.30am to 1.00pm
 Principal's Address at 9.30am & 11.15 am



St Bernadette SVP

Many thanks to Parishioners for your continued support and generosity. Without your help our work would not be possible in these challenging times. Our Parish Christmas appeal was launched at weekend masses on the 29th and 30th of Nov. Donations can be placed into the red boxes at the back of the Church, online at <http://www.svp.ie/stbernadetteschristmasappeal24> or telephone 02890750161.

We are acutely aware that these are difficult times for many. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require financial help/ support. If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at 02890351561 and you will be confidentially directed to one of our Conference Members or another Conference of your choice.

St Bernadette's Retirement Group

- We're organising a Malahide trip, The Grand Hotel, 4-6th March 2025, €380 bed and breakfast, (for 2 nights) per couple. (Twin room.) If interested, please contact one of our committee members. We'll take your name at our next coffee morning.
- Lyric date, Tuesday 7th Jan, 7pm, for members who have booked and paid.
- Our January lunch will be in the Parador on Wednesday 29th January, 12:30 for 1 o'clock lunch. Details at our next coffee morning.

**ST BERNARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL,
 WYNCHURCH WALK
 BELFAST, BT6 0JS**



VACANCIES

1. **Temporary Cleaner Required**
 St Bernard's Primary school are seeking a reliable and dedicated individual for a temporary cleaning position. Previous experience preferred. 16.25 hours per week Please contact the school for more details on 02890 401796 or email imaquire046@c2kni.net
2. **Temporary Special Needs Assistant Required**
 St Bernard's Primary School are seeking a reliable, hardworking individual who has experience of working with children in a school setting. 20 hours per week. Previous experience preferred. Please contact the school for more details on 02890 401796 or email imaquire046@c2kni.net

INTERNAL PAINTING OF GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

will begin on 13th January 2025 for a period of approximately 8 weeks. It is hoped that the church will be closed for Masses on only one weekend (Sunday 19th January). We will celebrate Mass in the Parish Centre, on Sunday 19th January 2025 at 9a.m. and 10.30a.m. There will be NO 12.30 p.m. Mass on 19th January. However, to accommodate this arrangement and to be able to open the church for subsequent weekend Masses, the weekday Masses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings will be celebrated in St. Bernadette's church at 10am, for the duration of the painting work.

LOOK

Sunday 29 December 2024
 The Holy Family of Jesus,
 Mary and Joseph
 Luke 2: 41-52

In the GOSPEL TODAY

FAMILIES ARE SPECIAL!

Jesus gets lost in Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph find him, he is in the Temple. Jesus is doing what God the Father wants.



Being selfish

Being unkind

Being a servant

Saying my prayers

Caring for others

Helping someone who is hurt

Giving money to the poor

Playing nicely with my brothers and sister

Keeping all my sweets to myself

Thinking of others

GOD'S WAY

Draw a line from the paving stones which will make a path towards God.
 Draw a cross through those that don't take you to God.

The Holy Family Word search

Find these words

- HOLY
- JOSEPH
- LISTEN,
- FAMILY
- BIBLE
- DO
- JESUS
- WORD
- MARY
- READ

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Maze

Help Joseph and Mary find the right route so that they can be with Jesus again.



Unscramble these family members

Link the word to the picture

umm dda nos trsies niucos

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for my family and everyone who loves me.
 Amen.

My family's portrait

The people in my family are...

Answers: Mum, dad, son, cousin