



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 (Genesis 14:18-20) The first reading recounts how a pagan priest-king named Melchizedek, King of Salem (probably a shortened form for the name Jerusalem), comes to greet Abraham with an offering of bread and wine and pronounces a blessing over him. The rite celebrated here is some form of thanksgiving offering, probably for Abraham's victory over his foes. In Christian tradition the offering of bread and wine are taken to prefigure the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) St. Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist is the earliest written account. The language used is technical and clearly formulated. Moreover, the manner of expression indicates the ecclesial authority of the teaching. The recital of the words of Jesus establishes that the account comes specifically from the Jesus tradition. One point in all of this is very clear; the followers of Jesus were charged to repeat what Jesus had done at the Last Supper. This re-enactment in the 'tip-off' that these people are authentic disciples.

Gospel Reading (Luke 9:11-17) Wherever Jesus was present there was always an abundance of food, wine, fish, healing, compassion and forgiveness, just to name some instances. In this passage from Luke, the munificence is again encountered. Jesus takes the loaves and fish and shows that the little they have is enough to answer the hunger of the crowd. In telling the story Luke uses the language associated with the Eucharist as he tells of Jesus 'blessing', 'breaking' and handing to his disciples. The miracle of the multiplication foreshadows the action of Jesus at the Last Supper where he instituted the Eucharistic celebration in which we participate in his self-giving, sacrificial love and endeavour to live the meaning of that celebration in our day to day living.



Reflection

As well as remembering and giving thanks as a community, as the Body of Christ, the Eucharist is also a time when we express that unity through the eating and drinking together of that Body. The key to our being in Christ is love, love not only for God, but for every single person. Jesus said that the two ways by which it would be known publicly that we live in him would be by our love for each other and the unity which follows from that. **"By this will all know that you are my disciples, that you have love one for another"** (John 13:35) and **"May they all be one... may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you [the Father] who sent me"** (John 17:21,23).

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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

The Official Opening of the church is being streamed live or view later at:
www.stbernadettesparish.org

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Joseph Hamilton, Mary Cassidy, Barney Campbell, Hugh Davison, Hans Egli, Gerald O'Rawe, Mary Toye, Peter James Scott, Anna Flynn.

Molly Beggs, John Winters, Joseph Edward Jones, Kathleen McKay, Donal McKay, Thomas Donnelly, William Kearney, Eamon Campbell, Mary Ratcliffe.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Official Opening of the Church



We welcome and thank **Bishop Noel Treanor** today for presiding at the official opening of the church following the extensive refurbishment programme. Last July when the work commenced, few realised what the final outcome would be. The skills of the craftsmen and trades people employed during the long months of closure have not only restored but transformed the building to an exceptional sacred place for worship.

But of course none of this would have been possible without the generosity of our Parishioners, past and present, and the many friends of St. Bernadette's, who, through their financial contributions over many long years, have brought us to this very special day in the history of our Parish.

Everyone is invited to join Bishop Noel for light refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,881**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 6 will help with the collection this week.

The Irish Bishops' Conference has announced the first of three special annual collections beginning this weekend for the support of the **World Meeting of Families 2018** to be held in Dublin. In 1994, Pope St. John Paul II asked for the World Meeting of Families to be established as an international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration, drawing participants from around the globe. It seeks to strengthen the bonds between families and to bear witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family for all of society. *There is no envelope* for this particular collection.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 31st. May - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 11a.m. *More female bowlers are needed to join us.* No previous bowling experience required and all of the necessary equipment will be supplied.

Thursday 2nd. June - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

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



Help Needed

Family Care Adoption Society presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more details Tel. 7136 8592 / 9069 1133 or email@familycaresociety.org

Prayers are asked for **Rev. James O'Reilly** as he approaches his Ordination. James will be ordained on **Sunday 12th. June** at 3p.m. in the **Church of Christ the Redeemer, Lagmore.**



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9040 1169 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays only from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday 30th.

No Mothers & Toddlers today.
8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 31st.

7p.m. Zumba Fitness Class.

Wednesday 1st.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
8p.m. Taekwondo

Friday 3rd.

9.15a.m. Pilates
7p.m. Youth Club - Registered members only!

Saturday 4th.

10a.m. Taekwondo

After School Club

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

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Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 5th. June - Group 1
**Gerard Malone, Brendan Kerr (snr),
Maura Macklin.**

500 Club



Week 36: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Francis Hughes & Roseanne Hanna.**
Each winner receives £50.

St. Elisabeth Convent



The **Orthodox Sisters** from the **St. Elisabeth Convent** in **Belarus**, will visit the church on next **Wednesday** to promote their work and to sell religious goods to help fund their ministry with special needs children and vulnerable adults. The sisters provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. In fact, since it was founded over 15 years ago, the Convent has been supporting more than 200 orphans with special needs. Our assistance stretches from purchasing diapers for the bedridden children to their rehabilitation and socialization. About ten years ago, the Convent established a rehab center where socially vulnerable and disadvantaged people can find support, spiritual care and shelter. Today, there are about 300 people undergoing rehabilitation at the center. Please spare some time after morning Mass on Wednesday to meet the sisters and buy something from their stall in the **Main Porch** of the church.

Senior Citizens are invited to an outing to **Newcastle** on **Wednesday 29th. 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 a meal in the afternoon. If you wish to attend it is vital that you sign the list in the church porch or Sacristy by **13th June**, to finalise the catering order. Alternatively please contact **Marie** Tel.9079 2226.

What's On!



June 5th. Special Baby Loss Event Saying Goodbye Service at 3.30p.m. in **St Anne's Cathedral**, hosted by the **Mariposa Trust**, one of the leading UK Charities whose objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy. For further details email: office@sayinggoodbye.org

June 10th. Cantiunculae & The McDowell Trio present **Fauré Requiem Cantique de Jean Racine Pavane** at 8p.m. in **St. Comgall's Parish Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor.** Adm. £10 (children under 12 free). Tickets from **Mace Shop, Brunswick Road** or from the **Parish Office** Tel. 9146 552.

June 15th. to 23rd. Clonard Solemn Novena.

The month of **June** is traditionally dedicated by the Church to foster devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.** **Special Seven Day Candles** for your prayer intentions are available from the Sacristy. These can be used at home or placed on the **Sacred Heart Altar.** Price £5 each. Please enquire in the Sacristy after Mass.