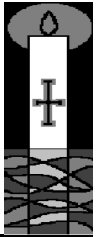


Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 2:14, 22-33) Following Pentecost, the apostles initially directed their mission to the Jews. Peter quotes from Psalm 16, one of the songs of King David. He sees it as pointing to Jesus as the new Messiah (the anointed one) in succession to King David. By his resurrection, Jesus revealed the extent of God's love, which does not leave his faithful ones in the corruption of death.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17-21) The language of redemption (regaining possession through a payment) was familiar to ancient audiences and popular among medieval theologians. Christ's sacrifice was the ransom paid to God to rescue humanity from its entrapment to sin and death. His sacrifice, once and for all time, replaced that of the Passover Lamb in the Temple and any offerings of silver and gold.

Gospel Reading (Luke 24:13-35) The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is unique to Luke and includes many of his favourite themes, including faith as a journey, the Good News coming to pass when it is least expected and table fellowship. Christianity is a religion of the Way for Luke, where pilgrims accompany each other. The Word of God broadens the disciples' interpretation of life's tragedy and gives them hope. Above all it is in the breaking of bread that they recognise the divine stranger in their midst.

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Marian Devotions

The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Our Lady is our merciful advocate with her divine Son. She will always plead our cause. The recitation of the Rosary is a most powerful prayer. During this month, we could pray the Family Rosary or even say a decade or two each day for some special intentions.

Each Tuesday throughout the year as a Parish family, we place our petitions and prayers before Mary when we come together to say her novena prayers. Maybe you could come to 7.30p.m. Mass each Tuesday during May as a special gift to Our Lady.

The "Crowning of Mary" ceremony will take place later in the month.



First Friday Visits

There will not be the usual monthly visits by the priest to the sick and infirm this week. Fr. Armstrong will contact everyone on his return to the Parish to make arrangements to call later in the month.



Pope Francis

The Holy Father's prayer intention for May is that young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or in the consecrated life.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joe Woods R.I.P.**, of Knockbreda Park, whose funeral took place on Friday.

Anniversaries

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, Jessie Lavery, Peter Livingstone, Rory McGrenaghan, Ellen McManus, Anne McSorley, May Walker.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Eucharistic Adoration



"Praise God in difficult moments. Seek God in quiet moments." Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and strain of daily life, and simply say a silent prayer? Or just sit and reflect in the presence of the Lord? We need more adorers at lunch time and in the afternoon. *"Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"*

Fr. Armstrong is making a good recovery from his recent operation and wishes to thank everyone for your prayers, Mass cards, and goodwill messages. He hopes to resume his duties in the Parish as planned on Monday 8th. May. Meanwhile, if a priest is required urgently during this period, please tel. **07850 730510**. Mass requests etc. should be left in the Sacristy.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,949**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 6 will help with the collection this week.

Volunteers are needed to join our Parish Collection Counting Teams. If you have previous cash-handling experience and can spare 30 minutes or so once every six weeks, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 2nd. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous bowling experience needed and all equipment will be supplied.

Thursday 4th. May - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 5th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

Wednesday 10th. May - "Me and My Girl" in The Grand Opera House with St. Agnes' Choral Society at 7.30p.m. Tickets £25. There are a limited number of tickets available. For bookings, please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.



Apostolic Workers

There will **not** be a meeting on Wednesday 3rd. May.



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 1st.

No Mothers & Toddlers today.

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 2nd.

7p.m. Zumba Class.

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

Wednesday 3rd.

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 4th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 5th.

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

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

Saturday 6th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton.

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

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

The latest edition of the Bulletin is published online each week. Whether at home or abroad, you can keep up-to-date on current news and events in the Parish. Visit our website at: www.stbernadettesparish.org

Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 7th. May - Group 3

Tom McGonigle, Jacinta Lyons,

Moya Beatty, Patricia McFlynn.

500 Club



Week 32: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Jarlath Trainor & Michael Goodall.**

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 **£5,167** 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.



Golden Jubilee



"**Hail Gladdening Light**" a concert to celebrate the **50th. Anniversary** of the opening of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Friday 19th. May** at **7.30p.m.** We are delighted to welcome **Cappella Caeciliana**, conducted by **Donal McCrisken**, with guest organist **Stephen Hamill** and **Fr. Eugene O'Hagan**, tenor, a member of **The Priests**. The programme will include the Hallelujah Chorus and Widor Toccata. The event will also mark the inauguration of the rebuilt and extended organ in the church. **Tickets £15 are now on sale in the Lourdes Chapel Porch** after weekend Masses, from the Sacristy, or book online at www.caeciliana.org, or from **Matchetts, 6 Wellington Place, or Bread & Banjo Bakery, Ormeau Rd.** Students & under 25s are *free*. All proceeds will go to the church organ fund and Cappella Caeciliana 2018 CD recording.

Legion of Mary



This weekend, the **Legion of Mary** will hold its **Annual Church-Door Collection** in support of the Morning Star House and Regina Coeli House which provide a home and shelter for the homeless. The hostels rely on the generosity of Parishioners to enable them to continue to provide this service on behalf of the Catholic community. In spite of the difficult financial circumstances faced by everyone at this time the hostels ask you to consider this worthwhile cause as worthy of your support

What's On!



May 4th. Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life will take place in **All Saints' Church, Ballymena** from **7.30p.m. - 10p.m.** The Vigil will conclude with Mass at **9p.m.**

May 13th. Rosary For Life at Parliament Buildings, (meet at Massey Avenue Entrance, off Belmont Road) at **2.30p.m.** 9 Day Novena of Rosaries starts on **Friday 5th. May.** Contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland Tel. **9027 8484** or info@preciouslife.com