



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 9a.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 (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) The boy Samuel is brought to the sanctuary at Shiloh and dedicated to God's service. This was in fulfilment of a vow his mother, Hannah, had made on a previous visit to the same sanctuary. Shiloh was an important sacred site in early Israel and, at the time of these events, was still home to the Ark of the Covenant. Samuel grows up at the sanctuary under the guidance of the high priest, Eli, who will help him to interpret God's call when it comes.

Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) St. John speaks of another family, the family of the Lord. Within it, he explains, we are all God's children. The love of the Father sustains us even when the world is indifferent or hostile. We need not be afraid in God's presence as he, who deeply loves us, will be mindful of our efforts to 'keep his commandments'. That is our obligation while on earth. One day we shall reach ultimate union with the Father and come to understand ourselves more completely in his light.

Gospel Reading (Luke 2:41-52) This story, unique to Luke, is the only incident recorded from the 'hidden years' of Christ's upbringing. It links the infancy narratives and the household of Nazareth with Jesus' later, public ministry. Brought to the Passover by observant Jewish parents, he proclaims his awareness of a deeper calling. While the episode ends with the boy returning alongside Mary and Joseph, to continue in their care, the wider mission entrusted to him by his heavenly Father is clearly foreseen here.

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Reflection

Family life is not meant to be lived in isolation. The world around it is not just there for its benefit. It should be united with, supporting and supported by the other families in the Parish community and with the wider Church. The mission of the family is identical to that of the whole Church: to give tangible witness to the vision of Christ for the world.

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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 week. Please remember to pray for the sick of our Parish and those who care for them.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on **New Year's Day**. We resume on **Tuesday 8th. January** from 9.a.m. until 7.15p.m.

Remember someone who may be sick or in special need of your prayers!
Seven-day candles for Our Lady's Shrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine are available from the Sacristy. Price £5 each. "I Lit A Candle For You" prayer intention cards are also available price £1 each.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Eilish Steele R.I.P.**, the sister of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in St. Brigid's Church on Friday.

Anniversaries

Raymond Flynn, Eileen Gogarty, Denis Malone, Margaret McClean, Thomas McGettrick.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Names for inclusion in the weekly Anniversary List of the Dead should be left in the Sacristy one week before publication or submitted by e-mail to: info@stbernadettesparish.org

Calendar of Feasts



Tuesday 1st. January is the **Solemn Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**. It is also **World Day of Peace**. Mass will be celebrated at 12p.m.

There will be no 7.30p.m. Mass on Tuesday this week.

Prayer for World Day of Peace

Loving God, we ask for your help in bringing about peace among all people. As Your children, we are bound to each other through our created nature. Help us to see that our differences are not cause for conflict. Open our eyes and allow us to see our neighbours as our brothers and sisters. Bless our actions, that they may be the cause of peace and not injustice. Bless our lips, that they may speak your loving words in conversation with all people and be an avenue for change through prayer. Amen.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,695**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



Retirement Association

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

Friday 4th. January - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game.



Youth Events

S.E. Belfast C.Y.M. have some exciting events in the New Year:

ALTARATION - A video programme exploring the Mass. From **Sunday 13th. January** for 5 weeks in the **St. Mochumma Room, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Carryduff**, at **7p.m.** For Young People aged 15 and over. Refreshments will be provided.

reKINDLE - A retreat for Young People aged 16 and above. We are hosting a retreat at **Corrymeela**, in Ballycastle from **Saturday 9th. February to Sunday 10th. February 2019**. Cost £50 per person (includes transport). This will be an opportunity to explore our Faith and have our questions answered in the beautiful setting of Corrymeela's Croí. For more information and to register for these events, please email **Seán** on **s.farrell@downandconnor.org**



Diocesan Pilgrimages

NURSES! The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** is currently seeking volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the **Accueil Notre Dame**, during our 2019 Pilgrimage (10th.-15th. July). You will need to be a registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly registered nurses are welcome. For more information or to register your interest please email us with your contact details to: **lourdes@downandconnor.org** and we will get back to you.



Pre-School Nursery Entrance

Enrolment is changing to an online service for nursery places for **September 2019** for children born between **2nd. July 2015** and **1st. July 2016**. Parents must register and complete an online application form at: **www.eani.org**. Applications open at **10a.m.** on **Wednesday 2nd. January**. and close at **12a.m.** midnight on **Thursday 31st. January 2019**.



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. **9079 3023 Option 3** or e-mail: **parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org**

Wednesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga advanced.
8.15p.m.- 9.30p.m. Relaxation Yoga.
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.
Youth Club resumes on Friday 11th. January for Registration.

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

Ministers of the Eucha-



January - Group 3.

Team Leader - **Jim McGettrick**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 6th. January
Group 2.

500 Club



Week 15: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Weekly Draw: **Pamela McKeown & Maura McCallion**. Each receives £50

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to vulnerable individuals and families who are in great need. We can provide direct financial assistance and essential items such as food, fuel, and household items. Do you need our help? Tel. **9035 1561**

Latest News



Cappella Caeciliana †

"**Unity. May they all be one**", our latest CD, was launched recently. Most of the tracks were recorded here in St. Bernadette's. It is a beautiful compilation of Sacred Music featuring the **Priests** and the composer **Sir. James MacMillan**. Copies of the CD are now on sale from the Sacristy at the special price of £10.

Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2019** will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at **£4** each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations.

School Events



Transfer students and their parents are invited to attend the following schools for admission in September 2019:

January 10th. St. Louise' College at 4.30p.m. & 6.30p.m.
January 12th. Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School from 9a.m. - 1p.m.
January 12th. St. Dominic's High School from 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.
January 16th. St. Malachy's College from 7p.m. - 9.30p.m.
January 17th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S. at 7.30p.m.
January 17th. St. Joseph's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.
January 19th. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College Knock from 9.15a.m. - 12.30p.m.

What's On!



January 4th. The Priests in Concert in St. Brigid's Church at 8p.m. An evening of Christmas songs, seasonal hymns and traditional favourites, including tracks from their latest album **Halleluiah**. Tickets £25 from **Wellington Park Hotel** Tel. **9038 1111** or **www.ticketmaster.ie** Tel. **0844 2774455**

January 30th. to February 10th. Four Corners Festival The theme for 2019 is "**Scandalous Forgiveness**". The aim of the Festival is "to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and prosperity of all". For event information: **www.4cornersfestival.com** Twitter: **@4cornersbelfast** Hashtag **#4CORNERS2019** Facebook **@4cornersfestival**