



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 (Wisdom 11:22-12:2) These verses from Wisdom are part of a wider meditation upon the power and mercy of God. The God who made and sustains all things is beholden to nothing and no one. Because he is powerful, he can punish and, at the same time, he can show mercy. God challenges and corrects in order that his creatures might grow and flourish as he desires. Ultimately, God is merciful towards us because he loves us.

Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2) In this very early Pauline text, encouragement and warning is offered to a persecuted and fragile Christian community. Intercession is promised, that the Thessalonians would be sustained and that God's purposes for them would be fulfilled. Evidently, there is unease within the church, being generated by some kind of apocalyptic excitement about the Lord's coming. The text attempts to dampen such excitement, so that believers can settle themselves and unite around the more vital task of developing solid, Christian community life.

Gospel Reading (Luke 19:1-10) Echoing very much the theme of earlier parables – the lost sheep and the prodigal son – Zacchaeus is another episode distinctive to Luke but reiterating a, by now well-established theme: 'the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.' A tax collector, yet again, illustrates the point. Jesus has already been derided as a 'friend of tax collectors and sinners' and the encounter with Zacchaeus drives home the truth, just before he finally enters Jerusalem. His meeting with Jesus is profoundly transformative for this probably dishonest and very affluent official. Repentance appears to follow, with immediacy, and so salvation comes 'today' to Zacchaeus's house.



Calendar of Feasts

Tuesday 1st. November is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be on Monday at 7.30p.m.

N.B. There will not be a Mass on Tuesday evening this week. The novena prayers to Our Lady will be recited at Mass on Thursday morning.

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on Tuesday at 8a.m. as usual and will conclude with Benediction at 6p.m.

Wednesday 2nd. November is the Commemoration all of the Faithful Departed. Mass will be at 9.30a.m.

Plenary Indulgence

From 12p.m. on 1st. November until midnight on 2nd. November, all who have confessed, and received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and reciting one Our Father and the Apostles Creed. This indulgence is only applicable to the souls of the departed. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead between these dates may also gain a plenary indulgence subject to the above conditions.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Noonan R.I.P.**, mother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in St. Colmcille's Church on Monday.

Anniversaries

Winifred Johnstone, John Jamison, Jim Smyth, Arthur Cunningham, Patricia Leyden, Belle Boylan, Helena Kennedy, Alice Higgins.

Pat Wilson, Francis Coyle, Brendan Leyden, James Hillen, Alice McGarry, Winifred Carr, Dan Hegarty, John Riordan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Mass will be celebrated each day during November for the repose of the souls of relatives and friends whose names have been included in the **November Dead Lists**. If you wish to donate an offering for Masses, please include it in the envelope provided. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box on the wall beside Our Lady's Altar.

The **Annual Mass for our Deceased Parishioners and Friends of the Parish** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 8th. November at 7.30p.m.** We remember those who have died in the past year. This is also an occasion for everyone to pray for their own deceased relatives and friends who prayed with us over the years in the celebration of the liturgy in St. Bernadette's.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,537**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 4 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

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

Tuesday 15th. November - Guided Private Tour of **Crumlin Road Gaol** at **2p.m.** Cost £10 including tea/coffee and a scone at the finish. Numbers are strictly limited. Contact **John** Tel. **9058 9598** before **Tuesday 8th.** to confirm your booking. Secure on-site parking is available in Cliftonpark Ave. Participants should be there by at least 1.40p.m.



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

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during November and offer the sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. Pledge Prayer:

I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during November.



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 31st.

No Drop in tea/coffee today.
No Mothers & Toddlers this week.
7.30p.m. Pilates (2 sessions).
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 1st.

7p.m. Zumba.

Wednesday 2nd.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.
7p.m. - 9.30p.m. Yoga (Two sessions).
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday 3rd.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.
7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 4th.

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

Saturday 5th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1p.m. Junior Badminton.
1p.m. - 4p.m. - Beginners session

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children this week from **Wednesday - Friday** from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816**

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for November - **Maura Presley.**

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 6th. November - Group 11
Elizabeth Kerr, Laura Martin,
Edward O'Hare, Eamon Foster.

A new **Rota** for **Ministers of the Word** is now available for collection from the Sacristy. A special word of thanks to all of our Readers but especially to those who are retiring after many years of faithful service.

500 Club



Week 6: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: John Magee & Mary McLernon.**

Each winner receives £50.

Apostolic Workers



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

Youth Choir



Do you enjoy singing? Can you play a musical instrument? Then come and use your talent with the Youth Choir. We sing at the 12p.m. Sunday Mass once each month and also at the major celebrations at Easter and Christmas. Contact **Owen** Tel. **074720 11248.** See the notice boards in the church for times and dates of rehearsals and Masses etc. You will be made very welcome!

On **Monday 31st. October** we will join The Holy Father and congregations around the world to pray for **peace in**



Syria as people there continue to endure a devastating civil war. We will be setting up a display of children's shoes on the railings outside **St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane** to represent the estimated 50,000 children who have lost their lives so far in this conflict. Join us and please say the following prayer many times on Monday:

**Lord our God, Father of all humanity;
change the hearts of all peoples and their rulers,
so that peace may be established among the nations on
the foundation of justice, love and righteousness.
May the Spirit of Peace descend upon the people of Syria
and upon our world until all conflicts cease and peace
reigns on earth.**

What's On!



November 7th. Annual Mass for Deceased Past Pupils and Staff of St. Malachy's College at **7.30p.m.** in the College Chapel.

November 13th. Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in **St. Patrick's Church** at **3p.m.**

July 25th. - August 3rd. Down & Connor Centenary Pilgrimage to Fatima. Cost £709 or from July 27th. - August 3rd. Cost £659. Pilgrimage Directors: Fr. Gerry McCloskey & Fr. Sean Gilmore. Contact **Joe Catney** Tel. **9071 4001** or **0777642 5631.**