



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 (Numbers 11:25-29) What does it mean to be 'Church', to be a disciple, a missionary? Pope Francis has spoken of the need for all of us baptised to recognise in ourselves the call to prophetic discipleship, that we all have a responsibility in proclaiming the good news. We have received the Holy Spirit, who allocates his gifts where he will and according to God's purposes. How do we use them, together, for the benefit of all?

Second Reading (James 5:1-6) May our hearts not be so fattened by material riches and comforts that we become oblivious to the needs and hunger of those around us. May we have the grace to use the gifts, talents and resources God has blessed us with, not for our own benefit, but to care for all people, and especially the most vulnerable among us.

Gospel Reading (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) To us, to whom much is given, much is expected: to us given so much on trust, even more! Hands and feet convey purposeful activity, the eye brings to view the thoughts and feelings that lead to action. Prophetic discipleship; participating in the kingdom Jesus proclaims is of such importance we ought put aside whatever inclinations, habits or actions that lead us astray. Easy? Not at all. We start simple. A cup of water! Even at the end of a summer of water restrictions and calls for conservation, surely the simplest gift of all that enables the giver recognise a shared humanity and a common thirst for God's goodness. ©Intercom



Reflection

I am called not only to be for myself a good person. I am called to reach out, to love, to be just to others, to be fully free with and for others, to be truly brother or sister. I am also called to be a prophet, to proclaim in words and actions that the Source of all love, justice, freedom and solidarity with others is a God who loves, who forgives and who wants all to share in a life that is enriched on every level. ©1999- 2018 Living Space

Diocese of Down & Connor

On Sunday 14th. October we will celebrate the **Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate** of nine men for our Diocese:

Patrick McNeill, St. Anne's, Joseph Baxter, Holy Family, Terence Butcher, Portstewart, Brendan Dowd, Holy Family, Brett Lockhart, St. Brigid's, James McAllister, Bangor, Gregory McGuigan, St. Brigid's, Kevin Webb, Derriaghy, Martin Whyte, St. Malachy's.

We ask God's blessing on all our new Deacons and their families. Brochures about the Permanent Diaconate, including a prayer, are available in the Lourdes Chapel porch.

Please be aware that **LIVE Streaming of ALL Masses via the Parish Website takes place in this Church.** Visit: www.stbernadettesparish.org

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

John Kelly, John Bogues, Martin Stranney, Colette McGowan, Mrs. Gerard Wilson, Peter F. Cassidy, Frances Winters, Billy Walsh, Kathleen Adams, Edward Murtagh, Annie Cooke, Joseph McElhatton, Dermott O'Hara, John Gallery, James McElwee, Katie Hamilton, John Richardson.

Thomas McLorinan, Janet Byrne, Frank McGowan, Josephine Wieglib, Lena Bennett, Hugh Bennett, John McMahan, Maureen Hamilton, Gordon Kennedy, Thomas Tierney, Betty Finlay, Kathleen Maguire, Ethna Kearney, Bobby Devine, Brian Clifford.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Parish Choir



The choir sings each Sunday at the 10a.m. Mass. We need new members to join us *especially male voices* and young adults. The tradition of choral singing helps make such an important contribution to the celebration of the Eucharist. If you like singing, please come along and speak to the Parish Organist **Marty Lavery**. An ability to read music is not required and you will be made most welcome.

Altar Servers



More children and young people are needed to assist the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist by serving at Mass at weekends especially at the Sunday 10a.m. Mass. Candidates must have received their First Holy Communion. The role is not restricted to primary school children. Secondary level students will be most welcome Parental permission forms are available from the Sacristy.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,386**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The monthly collection for the **Support of the Priests** will be taken up next weekend.



Retirement Association

Thursday 4th. October - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 5th. October - Ten Pin Bowling at Dundonald Ice Bowl from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game. Contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019

✚ Youth Alpha

If you are aged 16-19! Join us at the Youth Alpha course. The series will run for 10 weeks (**September 30th. - November 11th.** in **St. Brides Hall** and from **November 18th. - December 9th.** in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre**) from 7p.m. until 9p.m. The course is **free!** Sign up by emailing your interest to: s.farrell@Ddownandconnor.org Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/>

Latest News



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



Adoption Service

The **Family Care Adoption Society** is urgently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. There is a great need to provide loving, safe and secure homes. For more details Tel. 7136 8592 / 9069 1133 or email@familycaresociety.org



Parish Centre News

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

Monday

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Classes.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
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.
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1.30p.m. Junior Badminton.

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

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

Ministers of the Eucharist

October - Team 4. Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 7th. October - Group 11.

500 Club

Week 2: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Bridget Beggan & Ronnie Hughes.**

Each winner receives £50.

Church Refurbishment

The electrical contractor plans to replace the lights in the main body of the church this week. Heavy lifting equipment will be used to complete the work. For health and safety reasons, it will be necessary to close the church after morning Mass each day. Recitation of the Rosary will take place in the Lourdes Chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the 7.30p.m. Mass will take place on Tuesday as usual.

Apostolic Workers

We will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 3rd. October**. New members will be made most welcome! Please help us to help the Missions!

Legion of Mary

The **Annual Legion Of Mary Rosary Procession** will take place on **Sunday 7th. October**, from **St. John's Church, Falls Road** at 3p.m. to **St. Michael the Archangel Church** where there will be Benediction. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome. Please gather at **St. John's Church** at 2.45p.m.

Pathways Programme

Pathways Adult Faith Development Programme is a two-year course of nine Saturdays per year. An opportunity to reflect about life, faith and relationships with God and others. No academic qualifications necessary. Contact **Maura** Tel. 2827 2196 or maura@drumalis.co.uk for details.

What's On!

October 7th. Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith.

Following the passing of the referendum removing the protection for unborn babies in Ireland, we ask you to come and pray the Rosary on the Coasts of Ireland for the protection of unborn babies & for the strengthening of the Catholic Faith here. Sign up to a location in Ireland at: www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

October 7th. The **Annual Dedication of Studies Mass** will be celebrated by the Bishop Treanor in the Corpus Christi Chapel at the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University at 8p.m.. Students, parents and visitors are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

October 20th. Catholic Young Adult Conference at QUB Catholic Chaplaincy. Brilliant talks and workshops on how to be a courageous Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr. Andrew Black, Fr. Conor McDonough, and Maria Steen. Cost: £10 including lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place Tel. 077533 79110 or by email to: cyaconference16@gmail.com