



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.

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First Reading (Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3) Abram's story begins with his choosing to follow the God that had made himself known to him. Yet it seemed initially as if this was a single and solitary stance as he does not seem to have an heir to continue and develop the tradition of faith that he has begun. With great irony, God waits until what seems humanely impossible is achieved and the heir that was promised comes to continue the story of faith that begins with Abram.

Second Reading (Hebrews 18:11-12, 17-19) Three attributes of Abraham's faith are listed here: firstly, that he 'set out' to form his own tradition and to establish his own distinct heritage; secondly, that this faith has a greater fecundity than might be humanely imagined as he is given an heir that he might not have expected; thirdly, that he is willing to imperil that same heritage by offering it in sacrifice when required, only to find that this faith has another surprising and novel quality once tested.

Gospel Reading (Luke 2:22-40) The story of Simeon has a bitter-sweet aspect. On the one hand we have the faithfulness of this man who believes that the promise made to him will be fulfilled; on the other, this is the story of an ending, something that will peter out in the tales of an old man. The canticle that Simeon sings has that poignancy about it - a hope fulfilled is also a journey over, new things are coming to replace the old faithfulness and new lights are dawning to bring a new day for a new people. ©Intercom

✠ Calendar of Feasts

Monday 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.

Saturday 6th. January is the Feast of the Epiphany. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** The Vigil Mass will be on Friday at 7.30p.m. Mass on Saturday will be at 10a.m.

"Epiphany" means a "showing" or 'revelation' and, at this time, we are remembering and celebrating three 'revelations' or 'showings' of God: Christmas, today's feast, and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.

✠ Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Tuesday in the Lourdes Chapel from 8a.m. until 7.15p.m. New adorers are needed to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended throughout the day. Drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the strain of daily life, and just say a simple prayer?



Vocations

Please remember to pray each day for more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, for those priests who are ill or who may be in any difficulty, and for those men who are currently studying for the priesthood.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

William Kennedy, Norman Kennedy, Iris Magee, Jane McDade, Brigid Dunlop, James Conlon, Gerry O'Reilly, Annie Curran, James McGarry, Sheelagh Sloan, Mary & Michael Rice, Brigid Dunlop, Senan Sharvin, Dessie Burns, Margaret McClean, Josie Blaney, Eileen Gogarty.

Charles Heaney, Margaretta Murphy, Rose Woods, Tommy McConn, Raymond Flynn, James Sherlock, Bernadette Carson, Patrick Cunnane, Joseph White, John Henry Melville, Clare Heery, Patrick McGonigle, Margaret Cullen, Gertrude McKinney.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Mass Times



Mass on Monday will be at 12p.m. The normal weekday Masses resume on Tuesday with Mass at 7.30p.m. and at 9.30a.m. each morning thereafter.

This week the church will be closed after Mass on Monday but from Tuesday, it will remain open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. (Tuesday until after the 7.30p.m. Mass).

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.

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Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,317**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from the Inland Revenue at **no extra cost** to yourself if you sign a **Gift Aid Form**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. Please give us your support.



Retirement Association

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

† Youth Ministry Training

We are offering the opportunity for **Young Persons** (over the age of 14), or **Adult Volunteers**, to gain an **OCN Qualification in Practical Youth Ministry Skills**. The training will be held in **St. Bernadette's Parish Centre** for 7 Tuesdays beginning on **16th. January 2018**. Subsidised cost: £15 per person. There are a limited number of places so will be operating on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, contact **Seán** ASAP on s.farrell@downandconnor.org

Help to conserve heat! Please close the internal doors as you enter and leave the church!



Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the **first Sunday** of each month at **1.30p.m.** by appointment only. **At least four weeks advance notice is required**. Baptism Cards are available from the Sacristy, the book stand in the Lourdes Chapel Porch, or from the Parish Centre. Completed cards must be returned to the Sacristy. A member of the Parish Baptismal Team will contact the parents before Baptism to arrange a home visit in preparation for the sacrament.



Parish Centre News

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

Tuesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

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

Wednesday

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Friday

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

6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. Youth Club Enrolment.

Members must be 8 years or older on enrolment.

Parents must attend and agree to supervise at least **one** night for each junior member and **two** nights for each senior member registered. The Club resumes on **Friday 12th. January.**

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Mass Rota

6p.m. **D. O'Hare, J. McGarvey.**

10a.m. **M. McLaughlin, J. McLaughlin, A. Martin, R. / J. George.**

12p.m. **J. McGettrick, S. McGrath.**

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 7th. January - Group 5

Sean O'Hare, Clare Kearney, Sandra McKillop.

500 Club



Week 15: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw:** **Geraldine White & Gerard Presley.**

School Events



Transfer students and their parents are invited to attend the following schools for admission in September 2018:

January 10th. St. Malachy's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

January 11th. St. Louise' College at 4.30p.m. & 6.30p.m.

January 13th. Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School from 9a.m. - 1p.m.

January 13th. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College Knock from 9.15a.m. - 12.30p.m.

January 13th. St. Dominic's High School from 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.

January 15th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S. at 7.30p.m.

January 18th. St. Joseph's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2018** 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. Buy one now before they are all gone!

What's On!



December 29th. to January 6th. Live Crib at the Grotto at **St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane** from 10.30a.m. to 5p.m. daily, featuring donkeys, goats and sheep! All proceeds to Mill Hill Missionaries helping children and their families living in Sudan.

March 17th. The Emerald Ball at Titanic. The evening will commence with drinks at 7p.m., to be followed by a superb four course dinner at 8p.m. There will be a high-end luxury ball and dancing to a live band. Proceeds will aid the Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. Tickets: £60p.p. To book please contact Sinead Tel. 9064 6040 or **Drumbo Parish Office** Tel. 9081 2238.

August 22nd. to 26th. World Meeting of Families 2018 in **Dublin.** A huge gathering of Catholic families from around the globe will be in Ireland. Be a part of this great festival and plan your trip now! To view the complete programme of events, visit our website:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/



"Within the family "which could be called a domestic church," one learns endurance, and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous -even repeated- forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.