



Parish Bulletin



Sunday Cycle A Psalter Week 2
Second Sunday of Advent
4th December 2022

PARISH OF HOLY ROSARY

PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Syro Malabar Masses: Sunday 12.30pm

HOLY ROSARY PARISH 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Syro Malabar Masses Wed & Fri 6.30pm

Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am

PARISH WEBCAMS

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.
www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on the webcam

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St. Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues, Wed 10.00 – 1pm
Holy Rosary Parish: Weekdays 10.30 – 5pm.

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Leo Timmons, Una Cleary, Julie McEvoy, Paul McNulty, Josephine McLernon, Mary Teresa McMorro, Fr Gerry Cassidy CSsR, Cecelia Donnelly, Fr Gerry Patton, Fr Martin Peyton, Peggy O'Hagan, Canon Brendan Murray, Mgr Joseph Glover



Anniversaries:

William McLaughlin (6pm), James Scollon, Hugh Magee, Kevin and Lyndsey McGuigan (9am), John & Lily Kelly (10.30am), Rita Griffin (12.30pm), Patrick Dolan, Eddie McGarry (Thurs 8th Dec 10am),

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group

☎. 07385591055

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group

☎. 07818090323

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday Holy Rosary 10.30 – 11am (*Conference room*)
Saturday St. Bernadette's 5.15 – 5.45pm (*Lourdes chapel*)

Thursday 8th December is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holyday of obligation.

Mass Times as follows:

St Bernadettes Parish: 7.00pm

Holy Rosary Parish: 10.00am



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Good Shepherd Church each Friday after 10am Mass until 12.30pm.

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ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Collection

£1156.74

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances.

It is very much appreciated.



ST BERNADETTE'S SVP:



Many thanks to Parishioners for your continued support and generosity. Without your help our work would not be possible in

these challenging times. Donations towards the Parish Christmas appeal can still be made through the envelopes at the back of the church and can online at www.svp-ni.co.uk or telephone 02890750161.

We are acutely aware that these are difficult times for many. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require financial help/ support. If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at 02890351561 and you will be confidentially directed to one of our Conference Members or another Conference of your choice.

Holy Rosary Parish Centre: You are cordially invited to **An Evening of Poetry and Song** featuring **John Cahill** and **Friends** at 7pm on Sunday 4th December. Light refreshments will be provided at the interval.

ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It is hoped that we might begin the Children's Liturgy once again. The Diocesan Safeguarding Office have advised that all leaders and volunteers will need to go through the process of vetting again, due to the passage of time since we last held Children's Liturgy in our Parish. Our parish safeguarding team will take forward the process of vetting etc and hopefully we can recommence the Liturgy for the children at the 11a.m. Mass For this purpose, if anyone wishes to volunteer for this worthwhile ministry, please contact Fr. Brendan, as soon as possible, via e-mail b.hickland@downandconnor.org



ALTAR SERVERS



We would like to invite existing Altar Servers and those interested in becoming Altar Servers to please ask their parents/guardians to complete a

simple form which is available in the sacristy. Further safeguarding forms and information will then be sent out in due course.

I am sure many of us look forward to welcoming the Altar Servers to the Liturgies again.

We are also inviting adults, who are willing to be present with the Altar Servers from time to time, to please contact Fr. Brendan (b.hickland@downandconnor.org) The reason that we need some adults present is to safeguard both the Altar Servers and the adult leaders who will be assisting them in their Ministry.

We Need Your Help



As another way of being involved in the life of the Parish, we are asking for help in the organising,

decorating and setting up of the Christmas crib and trees in the sanctuary of the church. Many hands make light work and thank you in anticipation. Please e-mail or phone as soon as possible if you are able and willing to help and we can make contact closer to the time.

Change of Mass Time – Good Shepherd Church:

Please Note: In order to accommodate our local primary schools, Morning Mass on Friday 16th December will be celebrated at 9.30am **NOT** 10am.

Ecumenical Advent Reflections Holy Rosary Parish Lectio Divina group will be hosting the second Advent reflection for all local churches on Tuesday 13 December at 8pm in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre. Advent themed hymns, readings, and meditation/sharing with a Gospel passage. No previous experience necessary! Light refreshments afterwards.



Ballynaveigh Clergy Fellowship Annual

Carol Service will be held in The Good Shepherd Church (Holy Rosary Parish) on Sunday 11th December at 3pm. All welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards. All welcome

An Advent Prayer



Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

The Loyola Institute School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies, Trinity College Dublin provides an opportunity to study theology within a thriving and prestigious academic setting. The institute offers a challenging context in which some of the fundamental questions of life and faith can be creatively addressed. Taught postgraduate degrees in Christian Theology in the Catholic tradition, at Masters, Diploma and Certificate level are available. Evening lectures (usually on Monday and Thursdays) allow for other commitments, and the Masters Degree can be completed on a full time (one year) or part time (two year) basis. Assessment is by written assignment, not by examination. Modules offered for 2022/23 include Readings in Classical Theological Texts; **Jesus of Nazareth: Son, Christ, Word; The First Words: Theology/ies of the Bible; Ministry & Church in a Challenging Era; Political Theology; Violence and Grace in the Human Narrative.** A range of Scholarships are available. For further information please see our website: www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute or contact Helen McMahon email: Loyola@tcd.ie or Phone: 01 896 4790.

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Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent / Matthew 3:1-12

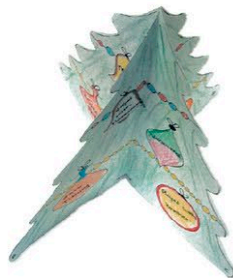
John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. He taught them to repent, be sorry for their sins and reform their lives to be good and helpful to others.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.



Different angles of completed tree.



Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.

All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (*Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.*)

