



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 (Job 7:1-4, 6-7) Job wrestles with his dilemma! He sees the human condition as that of a hireling, a slave awaiting a day's wage. God is the over-seer and Job addresses God directly. While he admits of 'restlessness', the restlessness remains unresolved. A soothing reality is presented to us in the phrase 'my life is like the wind'. This very phrase brings us to a different level, in that we hear an allusion to 'the breath of God in man,' (cf. Gen 2:7), even in the afflicted Job.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23) Like Job, Paul, too, is restless in his adherence to God. The obligation has been imposed on him to preach. Paul also enters into contract with slavery. The gospel has placed him not in a position of lordship but in a position of complete service. He has become 'all things to all,' and his recompense is in his ability to win as many as possible. The sharing of the gospel becomes his fulfilment.

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:29-39) Here the mission of Jesus is explicit. He is sent to heal. First Simon's mother-in-law who, once restored, waits on all who are gathered. Those who are healed by Christ are immediately called to serve the Church. As evening comes, the whole town is gathered at the door in search of healing. Jesus' comprehensive healing touches physical illness and affliction by demons. The healing mission is interrupted by the prayerfulness of Jesus. Despite the call to go back to the scene of recent healings, Jesus goes to the nearby towns and throughout the whole of Galilee. © Intercom



Reflection

The life of Jesus is telling us that life is for service, for giving, for sharing. And, if we all did that, how enriched we all would be! The more we all give, the more we all get. ©1999- 2018 Living Space



World Meeting of Families Dublin 2018

We hope to welcome the Holy Father to our shores in August. Pope Francis has asked that we spend some time thinking about the value of family and the importance of family in this year.

Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: [We pause and remember family members by name....] Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Susan Cassidy R.I.P.**, formerly of Kingsberry Park, whose funeral took place on Wednesday, and for **Elizabeth Kelly R.I.P.**, the sister of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place on Friday.

Anniversaries

John Woloczko, Jim Greenwood, Charles Holmes, Alex Warde, Rose McMahon, Patrick T. Ryan, Lena Murtagh, John Burns, Patrick Murray, Nan Murtagh, Eileen Shepherd, Malachy Devine, Gerard Richardson, John Sweeney, David Hughes, Terence McManus, Margaret Gallen, Jane Flood, Sarah Keenan, John Glennon, Edward Wiegleb, John McConvey, Frances O'Brien.

Michael Boyle, James Maguire, Hugh Carr, Kevin Curran, Margaret Quinn, James Beggs, Michael Boyle, Fr. Fred MacSorley, John Whyte, Nellie Cunnane, Billy Colquhoun, George Hayes, Desmond Hughes, Hugh & Margaret Rodgers, Rosaleen Tierney, Geraldine Gilbride, Albert Coyle, Rosena McCorrian, Rose Fitzpatrick, Joe Murray.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Living Youth



"Limitless" is an evening for young people (aged 14 and over) to be held in the church next **Sunday** beginning at **7p.m.** to experience Catholic Praise & Worship. We will focus on the **Limitless** Love of God in our lives, and share in a time of prayer and adoration. Music by **I AM Worship** Band. The guest speaker will be Fr. James O'Reilly. Food and refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are welcome!



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,710**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The monthly collection for the **Support of The Priests** will take place this weekend.



Retirement Association

Thursday 8th. February - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.
Tuesday 27th.-Wednesday 28th. February - Annual trip to Malahide. Cost €195 p.p.s B & B for two nights, with dinner on Tuesday evening. Single room occupancy €275. To book, contact **Geraldine** Tel. 0784593 3371

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC regret to announce that the planned 'Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!' Lenten programme has been postponed due to ongoing difficulties around the production of the essential videos associated with the series. It is intended to present the course at the earliest opportunity when all resources are available. We apologise for this totally unexpected development and hope that intended participants won't be unduly inconvenienced.

Ash Wednesday is on **14th. February** - the beginning of the **Season of Lent** when we renew our acceptance of Christ's call to take up our cross and follow Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



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

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea or coffee and a chat after Mass. All are welcome!
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
8p.m. Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Class.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga Class.
8p.m. Taekwondo.
8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

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



Group Leader for **February** - **Anne Sharvin.**

Mass Rota

6p.m. A. Sharvin, T. McGonigle, F. Presley.
10a.m. M. Cassidy, S. Mullan, Sr. A. Kilroy.
12p.m. D. McSorley, M. Carnie.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 11th. February - Group 10

Elizabeth Kerr, Laura Martin,
Edward O'Hare.

500 Club



Week 20: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Claire Kilpatrick & Marie Bradley.** Each winner receives £50.

Apostolic Workers



The **Apostolic Workers** will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 7th. February.** New members will be made most welcome! Help us to help the Missions!

Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage** to **Lourdes** will take place from **July 10th. - 17th.** Prices per person sharing:
5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £650.
7 nights - July 10th. - 17th. £725.

Youth Team July 8th. - 17th. £590 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: **5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £550.** All flights from Belfast International. Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. 9064 6040 or contact us by email to: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com. A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

We need nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage from 11th.-16th. July). Subsidised fare for nurses is £520. Please Tel. 9064 6040 or by e-mail to: lourdes@downandconnor.org

What's On!



February 16th. - 18th. Diocesan Vocations Weekend in Drumalis for men discerning a vocation to the priesthood. For further information please contact: **Fr. Kevin McGuckien** Tel. 90614567 or by e-mail to: kevinmcguckien@downandconnor.org

March 3rd. Our Lady & St Patrick's College Knock PTA Informal Dinner Dance at the **La Mon Hotel.** Hot meal buffet with dessert & DJ until late. Some excellent prizes to be won on the night. Tickets £35 available from knockpta@gmail.com Tel. 07980 863211 or from the College reception.

March 10th. Rally to "SAVE THE 8TH" in Dublin. Support the 8th. Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies in Ireland. Contact **Rally for Life** Tel. 9027 8484 or www.rallyforlife.net



"In family life, domination and competition destroys love. St. Peter's admonition also applies to the family, "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility towards one another, for God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.