



# 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Exodus 20:1-17)** Note how before the commandments are given, a proclamation is made: God's liberation of the people is the basis of their relationship. The Sabbath injunction is not a prohibition but a summons to remember: recalling slavery leads the people to welcome Sabbath rest. Ignoring this weekly liberation from work and other routines risks desensitising our culture to this important value, still witnessed to by many present-day Christians. The alternative is enslavement to idols of our making.

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)** Today, as in Paul's world, people are magnetically pulled by different, even opposing ideologies. At one pole, there is attraction from the rising religious orthodoxies of our time; at another, there is the draw of the increasing secular zeal of the Western world. The tension between these is heightened as they compete for disciples. Like St. Paul, it remains for Christians to propose Christ in season and out.

**Gospel Reading (John 2:13-25)** The aim of Jesus' dramatic gesture in a courtyard of the Temple is not to oppose the holding of a market in a holy space. Animals were necessary for pilgrims' Temple sacrifices. Money changers were essential to stop pagan images on foreign coins entering the more sacred areas of the Temple complex – by exchanging them for Temple currency. Jesus' act risks being labelled a rejection of things deeply important to pious Jews. In this light, his co-religionists' questions are unsurprising. The Jews remain mystified, but John's readers see later that the old worship must give way to the new one begun in Jesus. ©Intercom

## † Lenten Programme

**Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!**, a four-session Parish conversation based on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation **'The Joy of Love'** continues next **Tuesday**, in **St. Bernard's P.S.** at **8.15p.m.**

In this week's session, **'God's Dream for Love'**, we will consider initially the strong desire in popular culture for love, especially love that endures, and then explore how love is lived in the family and how children are nurtured. We will see how Pope Francis draws on St. Paul's exhortation in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7, Jesus' message about love.

Please come long to this extremely worthwhile programme even if you have missed the previous week. The programme sets the tone for the huge event taking place in Dublin in August (more information on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris)).

The death of Jesus to any objective observer seems like utter failure, to believe in such a Lord seems stupid but those with the eyes of faith can see the power of love in that death.

**Reflections** on the daily **Mass** readings during **Lent** are available at the back of the church. It only takes a few moments to read them each day and anything which helps to direct our minds to a spiritual preparation for Easter is more than worthwhile.

## Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty O'Rawe R.I.P.**, of Kingsberry Park, whose funeral took place on Friday.

### Anniversaries

Hugh O'Rawe, Patrick Joseph Ryan, Eileen Rainey, Betty McNamee, James Speight, Patrick McCafferty, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Brian Coney, James Patrick McArdle, Mark Corr, Edwin Gray, Bernard McNally, Susan Connolly,.

Maureen Campbell, Agnes Elizabeth Boyle, Ena O'Hanlon, Isobel McGurran, Rosaleen Tierney, James Gallen, Jackie Polley, John Connolly, James McCartney, Susan Gallagher, Orla Martin, Elizabeth McNeill, James Heaney, Una Gibney, John McParland.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

### Bereavement Support

**Alan Mc Bride** of WAVE Trauma Group will speak in the **Parish Centre** on **Tuesday 13th. March** at **8.15p.m.** about how Faith has helped him deal with his loss. All are welcome! Tea will be served. The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group is hosting this event.

Latest News! The countdown is on for Dublin next August. Our **November Newsletter** is bursting with exciting news. Don't miss it! View it online - [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/marchnewsletter](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/marchnewsletter)



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,607**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 8th. March** - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Thursdays 8th. & 15th. March** - Visits to the **Ulster Folk & Transport Museum**. Booking is essential. Please contact **Michael** Tel. 077202 19798

## Lenten Event

The "One Family, Healing Hearts" event, due to take place in **Drumbo** this **Sunday**, has been *postponed* due to the current adverse weather conditions. It is hoped to hold it in the near future.



## Diocesan Pilgrimages

The **Emerald Ball** will take place at **Titanic**, Belfast on **St. Patrick's Day, 17th. March**, commencing with drinks at 7p.m., followed by a four course dinner at 8p.m. Dress is formal. Monies raised will support the **Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick**. The few remaining tickets (£60 each) are available from the **Down & Connor Pilgrimage Secretary Sinead** Tel. 9064 6040 or **Drumbo Parish Office** Tel. 9081 2238. Please support this important event.



## 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.

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 **March** - **Maura Presley**.

### Mass Rota

6p.m. **M. Presley, R. McConvey, C. White.**

10a.m. **G. Goodall, M. McIvor, J. Lyons.**

12p.m. **E. Dolan, G. Malone.**

## Ministers of the Word

**Sunday 11th. March** - Group 3

**Tom McGonigle, Jacinta Lyons,**

**Moya Beatty, Patricia McFlynn.**

## 500 Club

**Week 24:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw:** **Dolores McCabe & Helen Goodall**

Each winner receives £50.

## Apostolic Workers

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

## Invitation

**St. Bernadette's Ladies** are invited to two special events hosted by neighbouring churches. On **Monday 12th. March** at 7.30p.m., a social evening with craic and supper will be held at **St. John's Presbyterian Church Hall, Knockbreda Road.**

On **Wednesday 21st. March** at 8p.m., **Visitors' Night** will be held in **Cairnshill Methodist Church** with a talk on "Mercy Ships" - a team of nurses, doctors & surgeons who donate their time and skill to help on board the world's largest non-governmental floating hospital. Refreshments will be served.

If you wish to attend either or both events, please contact **Marie** Tel. 9079 2226

## What's On!

**March 10th. Rally For Life** in **Dublin** protest the repeal of the 8th. Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies in Ireland. Assemble at **Parnell Square** at 2p.m. For details visit: [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net) or Tel. 9027 8484

**March 16th. Mass of Thanksgiving** in **Our Lady & St. Patrick's College, Knock** at 7.30p.m. to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the College. All past pupils, parents, staff and former governors are warmly invited to attend. For further details Tel. 9040 1184 or email: [office@olspck.org](mailto:office@olspck.org)

**April 10th. - 14th. "42nd Street"** in the **Grand Opera House** with **St. Agnes' Choral Society**. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.goh.co.uk](http://www.goh.co.uk) or via the Box Office Tel. 9024 1919

**May 22nd to 30th. Drumbo & Carryduff Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** Cost £1,440 p.p. sharing. Coach transfers from Carryduff to Dublin Airport, 4\* Hotels half board (3 nights Tiberias / 4 nights Jerusalem) & all excursions. Contact the **Parish Office** Tel. 9081 2238 opt 2.



"Love does not seek its own interest; nor seek what is its own. The Bible makes it clear that generously serving others is far more noble than loving ourselves." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.