



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 (Wisdom 9:13-18) We are gently reminded in this reading that God gives us all the knowledge we need in life, even in its' uncertainties, if we are open and humble enough to receive it. Nothing is impossible if we possess the gift of wisdom which is God's gift to all who seek it.

Second Reading (Philemon 9:10, 12-17) This Second Reading is the only extract from St. Paul's letter to Philemon read during the Sundays of the Church's year. It is a warm and gentle letter concerning Onesimus, a former slave. Paul appeals to Philemon to willingly and enthusiastically accept the former slave as an equal, as a brother on the basis of love and emotion – a challenge which is often presented to each of us in our daily living

Gospel Reading (Luke 14:25-33) There are hard teachings for us in the two short parables contained in our Gospel today. We are certainly given much food for thought. The cost of discipleship is very high especially if we give all we have to it. We are challenged to consider carefully what the cost involved in following Jesus is for each of us.



Reflection

Jesus wants our lives to be lived in total truth and love. Our lives are not to be determined and manipulated by attachments, desires, ambitions or fears and anxieties which can become very much part of ourselves. We are to live in total freedom. ***"None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions."*** It is the ability to let go, even of health and life itself.
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Mass Times

Mass and novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be on **Tuesdays at 7.30p.m.** There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday during the autumn/winter period. The other Mass times remain unchanged.

The church will be open for private prayer each weekday until 6p.m. from Monday.



Parish Choir

The choir sings each Sunday at the 10a.m. Mass with a rehearsal at 9.30a.m. New members are always welcome especially young adults to help swell our numbers and make 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.

Special candles are available from the Sacristy that you may wish to place at Our Lady's Altar or at the Sacred Heart Altar. Candles cost £5 each.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paddy Woods R.I.P.**, of Garland Green, whose funeral took place on Saturday.

Anniversaries

Ben Small, Anne McGlone, Babs Cashman, Annie Ellen Ryan, Sarah McGowan, Margaret McKenna, Sr. Christopher, Edward O'Hara, Lily Bogues, Jane & James Flynn.

Alice Gallery, Mariea Coyle, Mary McDonald, Peg Murtagh, Ellen Rennick, Arthur Woods, Sean McLoughlin, Paddy McCafferty.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Living Church



The third **Diocesan Faith and Life Convention** will take place on **Saturday 24th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. This is a forum for people to gather together from Parishes throughout the Diocese, to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to our everyday lives. The theme for this year is **"Faith in a World in Need of Mercy"**. A creche will be available this year to facilitate parent delegates accompanied by small children. Registration is available online at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org

Eucharistic Adoration



"Praise God in difficult moments. Seek God in quiet moments." Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and strain of daily life, and simply say a silent prayer? Or just sit and rest in the presence of the Lord? Volunteers are particularly needed to attend between **3p.m. & 5p.m.** ***"Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"***



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,485**. Sincere thanks for your generosity. The monthly collection for the **Support of the Priests** will be taken up this weekend.

Team 3 will help with the collection this week.

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

Tuesday 6th. September - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 11a.m.

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

Friday 9th. September - Bowling at the Ormeau Park at 2p.m.



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 5th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.

7.30p.m. Pilates.

8p.m. Bowling Club resumes. New members & visitors most welcome!

Tuesday 6th.

Zumba resumes on 20th. September.

Wednesday 7th.

5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Friday 9th.

9.15a.m. Pilates.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Youth Club Registration.

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 16th. September.**

Saturday 10th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. **Junior Badminton Registration** from 1p.m. -

4p.m. This year's sessions will be based on ability.

1p.m. - 2:30p.m. - Beginners session

2:30p.m. - 4p.m. - Improvers session

Taster sessions available on request (max 3) and racquets can be provided if needed. No reason not to give it a try! Costs are detailed on membership form at registration. Family discounts are available. Membership open to children aged 6+.

New Yoga Classes

For 7 weeks from **14th. September - 26th. October.**

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga.

8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Relaxing Yoga.

Contact Maeve Tel. **077 1383 2995** or e-mail meabhkelly_yoga@hotmail.com to book a place.

Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 11th. September - Group 3

Tom McGonigle, Jacinta Lyons,

Moya Beatty, Patricia McFlynn.

500 Club



Week 50: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Margaret Lyttle & Elizabeth Boyd.**

Each winner receives £50.

The new cycle of the **500 Club** will begin in a few weeks time. The proceeds make an important contribution to the running costs of the Parish. Please help us to continue with the draw by joining if you are not already a member. There are two prizes each week of £50 plus a bonus week at the beginning of December when we have prizes of £250, £150 and £100. Registration forms, new Promoter Cards, and payment envelopes are available in the Sacristy after Masses this weekend.

Lima Mission



The **Third World Group** will be collecting annual sponsorship payments for **Fr. Coney's Children's Centres**, in Lima after the **12p.m. Mass on Sunday 11th. & 18th. September.** If you would like to sponsor a child within the Centres please speak to us after Mass. We will be happy to give further details. Many thanks to all our sponsors for your continued support.

The **Legion of Mary** would like to thank the Parishioners of St. Bernadette's for their generous contributions to the Legion Hostels collection on the weekend of 11th. /12th. June. The amount raised was **£778**. Special thanks to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for their contribution.

The **Thrift Shop** on the **Ormeau Road** will be closing on **Saturday 17th. September** for major essential maintenance work for approximately 10 weeks. Therefore, we would kindly ask you to **HOLD** your donations during this time and bring them to us when the shop reopens. We thank everyone for the support that has been shown to us during our years of trading and look forward to welcoming you again to our new (and improved) premises in early

Latest News



What's On!



September 10th. European Heritage Open Day at Drumalis from 12p.m. - 4p.m. The house and grounds will be open for all to enjoy with guided tours and afternoon teas. Everyone is welcome - admission is free! For further details, please contact **2827 2196** or **2827 6455** during office hours only.

September 19th. Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass in St. Luke's Church, Twinbrook at 7p.m. Anyone wishing to receive Gold, Silver, 10 Year, Adult or Young Pioneer emblems/certificates, please contact **Pat Tel. 9262 9959, Ian Tel. 9061 6601, or Josephine Tel. 9061 7116.**

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