

ADVENT

Parish Bulletin

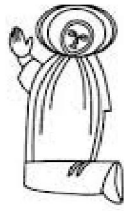


Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle C Psalter Week 2
Second Sunday of Advent
5th December 2021



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Holy Rosary Parish 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

St Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am

Given the current public health emergency the [Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass](#) has been extended UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The faithful are encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass whenever possible or to participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

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 10am – 12 noon.
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.30 – 12 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the current Covid situation it is not possible to use the confessional box, but the sacrament of reconciliation is available on request in the sacristy after Mass or at the door of the parochial house.



OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Sheila O'Reilly, Fr Herbert Flack, Eithne Carville.



Anniversaries:

Patrick Dolan, Tony Bradley (11am), Patrick McLarnon, Patrick Blaney, James Scollon, Hugh Magee, Gerald Kelly, Patrick McGowan, Mary McDonald (12.30pm), Kevin & Lyndsey McGuigan (11am 8th Dec), Margaret Savage (7pm 8th Dec), Lily Carlin, Yvonne Monahan, Charlie Murphy.

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07733773758

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07818090323

ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Collection (28th November) £ 689.45
Standing Orders (month of November) £ 901.67
PayPal (month of November) £ 293.67

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances through a standing order, PayPal, or parish envelopes.



HOLY ROSARY FOOD BANK

Donations to the Foodbank are gratefully received. On behalf of the families and individuals who are supported, thank you.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 6th Dec St. Nicholas
Tue 7th Dec St. Ambrose
Wed 8th Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December

Tuesday 7th December
7.30pm Vigil St. Bernadette's

Wednesday 8th December
9.30am St. Bernadette's
11am Holy Rosary
7pm Holy Rosary

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee.



SVP: Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generosity. Donations can be left in the church. For St Bernadette's Parish donations can also be made online at www.Svpni.co.uk or telephone 02890750161 or on the dedicated giving site which can be accessed at <https://www.svp.ie/stbernadettebelfast> If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office 02890351561 and you will be directed to your local SVP Conference.

See online bulletin for children's activities.

COVID-19 & FACE MASKS IN CHURCH



1. Face coverings must be worn by all while entering and exiting the Church – this is a legal requirement.

In the interests of the common good and for everyone's well-being we ask that:

2. Face coverings continue to be worn by all when moving around the Church, at Communion time and at other times when social distancing is difficult.
3. **Face coverings are strongly recommended at all other times, even when seated.**

ADVENT RESOURCES

To help us journey through the season of Advent this year, the Parish Pastoral Council has collected, or prepared, various resources which you may find helpful. These are now available on the parish website. See www.stbernadettesparish.org

These include:

- 1) An **Advent Calendar** to print off for home. See *Advent 2021 Resources* Section on the parish website.
- 2) A **Children's Advent Calendar**. See the *Advent 2021 Resources* Section of the parish website.
- 3) Details of an online interactive Advent Calendar 2021 #Sharing Hope, which goes live on the First Sunday of Advent. The calendar can be linked to at www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar



- 4) A prayer resource booklet entitled "**Advent at Home**" prepared by the Northern Pastoral Network. See www.stbernadettesparish.org This offers prayers for families for each of the four Sundays of Advent.



KNOCKBREDA METHODIST,
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN AND
ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH INVITE YOU
TO JOIN THEIR

Christmas Trail

Sunday 5th - Sunday 12th December.
Follow the directions around the
Knockbreda area to solve the puzzles.

**Sunday 12th December:
3pm - 5pm.**
Join LIVE Nativity characters
as you go round the trail.
Finish at Knockbreda Methodist
for refreshments.

Contact
heather.bailie@irishmethodist.org
for the route and instructions.

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE

Trócaire's Gifts of Love are available now and can be bought online or at the Trócaire shop (50 Kings St., Belfast). For more details see the website www.trocaire.org/gifts



ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH AND MARY

The Living Church office are offering two online programmes following the footsteps of Joseph and Mary as they travel towards Bethlehem. The programme runs for 4 weeks & provides 1 hour of prayer & reflection with scripture and participants will receive an accompanying prayer journal.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH begins on Thur 25th November at 7pm.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH MARY begins on Sun 28th November at 7pm.

If you would like to join, please e mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: PREPARING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together! This invitation isn't just for Bishops or Clergy it is an invitation to every Baptised person – all the People of God. The Synodal process invites each one of us - the People of God - to recall that we journey together as a community of faith. As we walk on our journey of faith we are called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and to one another.

On this second week of Advent, we reflect on John the Baptist; a voice calling in the wilderness. There are many people who feel that their voice is in the wilderness and isn't heard by the Church. This week let us prayerfully look around our Parish Community and reflect on whose voice may not be heard and how we might accompany people on their faith journey with the compassion, love, and mercy that Jesus asks of us. This week we encourage you to pray with this prayer:

Lord, this Advent, give me a welcoming heart. Let me be open to the messengers of your word, especially to those whom at first glance I might resist, for they are your prophets today urging me to change my way of thinking and living.

SVP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

The SVP are launching their Annual Christmas Appeal for 2021 at the Masses this weekend (4th/5th Dec). They have already received lots of requests for Christmas support. Please support the SVP Annual Appeal this Advent.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The special Jubilee Year in honour of St. Joseph will end on the 8th December 2021. Pope Francis said that the coronavirus pandemic had heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph since so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

Together for Christmas

Join St. Agnes' Choral Society as they get ready to begin the festive season with their carol concert, Together for Christmas, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. The concert will take place on Sunday 12th December at 7.30pm. Strict covid protocols in place and you will be seated with your own group. Tickets can be booked via this link: bit.ly/3xCl0kd

Children's Corner


A Children's Advent Calendar is available to download.

See *Advent 2021 Section* on the parish website

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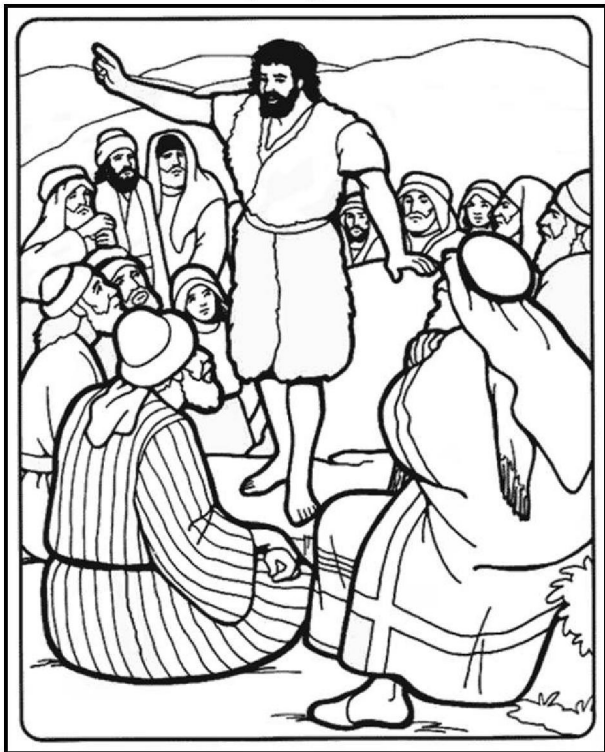
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PILATE
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ABILENE
ANNAS
CAIAPHAS
JOHN
ISAIAH



Second Sunday of Advent - Peace

"Prepare my people"



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Luke 3:1-6

Church of Saint Leo the Great www.stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner

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"Prepare my people"

2nd Week of Advent
A time for peace...



I show peace when I...

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