



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 (Isaiah 58:7-10) There is a saying which we are all familiar with – 'When all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done'. Faith, hope and charity only really come alive when they are done.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:1-5) Paul is only too aware of his own weakness and limitations. Yet in the midst of knowing this he experiences the power of God active in him. Because of this he can sincerely share the crucified and risen Christ with the Church. We too have been commissioned to preach the Word and can only do so authentically when we realise our own weakness and double standards.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:13-16) In Jesus' time salt was used for much more than seasoning food. When mixed with animal dung, made into a patty and placed on a slab of salt, the chemical reaction gave off quite a heat. This was how ovens were fired. Eventually the catalytic ability of the salt slab would wear out, but it still had its use as a piece of paving. The Gospel is really about Jesus urging his disciples to be on fire and in doing so let his light shine so that all can see. © Intercom 2017



Reflection

Let the light that is in us, then, shine brightly. And why? So that people will see our good works and say how wonderful Catholics we are? No!

There is only one reason for us to be salt and light for others and that is that people may be drawn to God as their Lord. Our only aim in living out the Gospel with maximum visibility is to point people in the direction of the God who loves them and in whom is their ultimate happiness. Our aim is to urge people to work together for the kind of world that God wants us to have. ©1999- 2017 Living Space

✠ Preparing for Easter

Discover the biblical roots of the prayers, hymns and rituals used in the Mass and come to appreciate the splendour of the liturgy. Develop your love for the Mass through increased understanding of what happens in our most important celebration, the centre of Christian worship. The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invite you to participate in "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" presented in DVD format by Dr. Edward Sri, in St. Bernard's P.S. each Tuesday from 28th. February to 28th. March from 8.15p.m. to 9.45p.m. The cost for essential resources is £15 (payable on first night of the course). To help with the organisation, pre-enrolment is essential. Please register your name and contact details in the Sacristy by Tuesday 14th. February. Parishioners from other Parishes most welcome!

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Colette Malone R.I.P.**, of Glencregagh Park. Colette's remains will arrive at the church on **Monday at 6.30p.m.** Her Funeral Mass will be on **Tuesday at 11a.m.**

Anniversaries

Rose McMahan, Lena Murtagh, John Burns, Patrick Murray, Nan Murtagh, Eileen Shepherd, Gerard Richardson, John Sweeney, John Glennon, Terence McManus, Margaret Gallen, Jane Flood, Edward Wiegler, John McConvey, Joe Murray, Frances O'Brien, Michael Boyle, James Maguire, Hugh Carr, Kevin Curran, Margaret Quinn.

James Beggs, Michael Boyle, Cissie Rodgers, Rev. Fr. Fred MacSorley, Nellie Cunnane, Desmond Hughes, Hugh & Margaret Rodgers, Rosaleen Tierney, John Whyte, Geraldine Gilbride, George Hayes, Rosena McGorrian, David Hughes, Malachy Devine, Rose Fitzpatrick, Patrick T. Ryan, Bernadette & Patrick Ramsey.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved. The next **Bethany Bereavement Training Course** commences on **9th. March** in the **Good Shepherd Centre**, each evening for ten weeks. For more information, please contact **Claire** Tel. **075578 82183**. bethanybereavementni@gmail.com

Vocations



Have you felt called to serve Christ in the Church as a priest? A retreat will take place in **Drumalis Retreat Centre** from **Friday 17th.** to **Sunday 19th. February.** For further information please contact: **Fr. Kevin McGuckien** Tel. **9061 4567** or by email to: kevinmcguckien@downandconnor.org



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,483**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

Team 6 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 8th. February - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Thursday 9th. February - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Meet in the church car park.



Living Youth

We are pleased to announce our first **Pilgrimage to Knock** from **3rd.- 6th. July** for those aged 15 -18. The Pilgrimage costs £250 inclusive of insurance, transport, accommodation, breakfast & evening meals and a day trip to the **Delphi Adventure Centre**. This is a great opportunity to explore your faith with others your age and have lots of fun all while exploring the Shrine and story of Knock. Go to www.livingyouthni.org for an Application Form. Limited spaces available.



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 6th.

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

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.

7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday 7th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.

8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

Wednesday 8th.

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.

Thursday 9th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 10th.

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday 11th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club from Monday to Friday for P1 - P7 children. Please contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910** for further information.

Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 12th. February - **Group 2**

Arthur Foster, Mary McHugh,

Peter Livingstone, Marie McKinney.

500 Club



Week 20: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Billy Foley & Bobby Madine.**

Each winner receives £50.

Diocesan Directories



The last remaining copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2017** will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at **£4** each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations. Buy one now before they are all gone!

Coffee Morning



Joanna Woods and **Aishlinn Cunningham**, two lower sixth students of the Parish, studying at Our Lady & St. Patrick's College, will host a **Coffee Morning** in the Lounge in the Parish Centre after both Masses this Sunday. Joanna & Aishlinn will be travelling with **'African Impact'** to work in orphanages during July. Please drop in after Mass for a cuppa & some goodies, and give the girls your support! Everyone welcome!

Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **July 10th. - 17th.**

5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £590.

7 nights - July 10th. - 17th. £675.

Youth Team July 8th. - 17th. £500 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: **5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £490.** 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.

Centenary Pilgrimage to Fatima led by Bishop Treanor.

Option 1: **25th. July - 3rd. August** with 3 nights in **Santiago de Compostela** & 6 nights in **Fatima** £709.

Option 2: **27th. July - 3rd. August** 6 nights in **Fatima** £659. Contact **Joe** Tel. **9071 4001** or **0777642 5631**

What's On!



February 5th. Radio Ulster Broadcast Mass from Holy Cross Church, Ardoyne at 10.15a.m.

February 7th. St. Brigid's Day Lecture "Significant aspects of The Jubilee of Mercy" by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, Archbishop of Westminster, in **St. Brigid's Church** at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome!

February 18th. Interdenominational Day of Prayer in **Lisburn Cathedral** between **10a.m.** and **5p.m.** All are very welcome to visit and pray with us throughout the day.