



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 (Malachi 1:14-2:1, 8-10) The religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to stray and stumble because of their teaching and actions. They have not listened or found it in their heart to glorify the Lord. To be able to listen and to have an open heart are most important to help develop any relationship and most of all when that is with the Lord.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13) The tender words used of mother, protector and love, remind us of the openness of this community to the message of faith that has been shared among them. It is a living power among this community of Christians.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 23:1-12) There is a sense of infuriation at the practices of the Scribes and Pharisees. There is a radical alternative given where Jesus suggests his followers seek a path of humility and service. © Intercom



Reflection

When we put ourselves on a pedestal of authority, we are in danger of being knocked down. When, following the advice of Jesus, we realise that real greatness is in offering ourselves in service as a brother/sister to brothers/sisters, then we are likely to meet support, understanding and cooperation in bringing people closer to God. For such people, the loneliness at the top will never be a problem.

Today's Gospel, addressed to all of us, calls for integrity and honesty, where there is no pulling of rank, no demand for respect or privilege or a hearing, no double standards but a deep sense of equality and mutual respect, a desire to serve, to share what we have and are for the benefit all.

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Vigil for Vocations

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life will take place in the Church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Drumbo on Thursday 16th. November from 7p.m. - 10p.m. It will be led by youth groups concluding with Mass at 9p.m. A warm welcome is extended to young people to come along as they continue to discern their vocation in life. Bishop Noel Treanor said, "There is an urgent need to work for, to pray for and to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life." Let us rise to this challenge and give a few hours of our time to come to this Prayer Vigil and to implore the 'Lord of the Harvest' to bless us with vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Permanent Diaconate".

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Alice McGarry, Winifred Carr, Dan Hegarty, Desmond Jackson, Philomena Loughran, James O'Neill, Patrick McDade, Kathleen O'Hara, Grainne McKenna-Boyd, Mary Bowman.

William Murray, James Keating, Liza Carnaghan, Patrick Flynn, Mollie Burns, John F. Walsh, Teresa Connelly, John Joseph Murphy, Margaret Logue, James Short.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

The **Annual Mass for our Deceased Parishioners and Friends of the Parish** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 14th. November at 7.30p.m.** This is an occasion for everyone to pray for their own deceased relatives and friends as well as for those Parishioners who prayed with us over the years in the celebration of the liturgy in St. Bernadette's.

Parishioners who have died since last November will be remembered in a special way. A member of each bereaved family will be invited to place a lighted candle at the memorial in the sanctuary.

The **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** will be present and will host refreshments after Mass. The Group offers listening and support to anyone who has been bereaved over the last few years. If you feel the need to speak to someone and would like to make contact with the Group members directly, please Tel. **077 3377 3758**.

Special candles that you may wish to use during November to remember those you love and who have died are available from the Sacristy £5 each.

November Pious Lists of the Dead & envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists should be placed in the collection baskets at week-end Masses or in the wall box beside Our Lady's Shrine or left into the Sacristy. The lists will be placed on the altar at all Masses during November.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,134**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

Team 5 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 8th. November - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. Everyone is welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

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



Fund-Raising Concert

St. Agnes' Choral Society presents "The Gift of Music" on **Saturday 11th. November** at 7.30p.m. in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Carryduff. Tickets £12.50 (includes light refreshments). Tickets will be on sale in St. Bernadette's Church after all of the Masses this weekend. Proceeds in aid of St. Bernadette's Church Restoration Fund and the Lighthouse Charity which offers support to families who have been bereaved through suicide.



Living Youth

Are you 17-25? Why not join us on our **Pilgrimage to Taize & Paris** from **29th. July to 8th. August 2018**. £799 - includes flights, transfers, accommodation, half board, t-shirts and half zip. Lots of fundraising ideas and opportunities available. £100 deposit required. The closing date is **Thursday 16th. November** for your completed application form and deposit. For more info email: info@livingyouthni.org



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/coffee and a chat after Mass.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

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

8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.

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

Tuesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

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.

Part time carer required for elderly lady. Around 20 hours per week. Includes light housekeeping duties. Experience preferable. Please contact **07545 056153**

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for November - **Maura Presley**.

Rota

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

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

12p.m. **J. McLaughlin, E. Dolan, J. McGarvey, G. Malone.**

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 12th. November - Group 8

John Conaghan, Eamon Foster,

Gerry Mooney.

The new rota for Ministers of the Word will be published soon. Some of our readers have retired. We thank them for their dedication over many years. New people are needed to read at weekend Masses especially young people. If you would like to volunteer, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

500 Club



Week 7: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Raymond McConvey & Francis Hughes.**

Each winner receives **£50**.

St. Bernadette's Conference will hold a fund raising **Quiz** in the **Parador Hotel** on **Friday 10th. November** at **8p.m.**

Admission is by ticket only. Tickets cost **£5** and are available from **Nigel Tel: 077642 77651**. If anyone would like to donate a gift for our ballot on the night they should leave it in the Sacristy.

Latest News



Golden Jubilee



Many thanks to everyone who came along to the **50th. Anniversary Mass** last **Sunday**. It was a wonderful and most memorable occasion for the Parish. We are much indebted to those who helped with the organisation of the afternoon both in the church and afterwards in the Parish Centre. Special thanks to our volunteer cleaning team and our flower arrangers who all gave up their Saturday morning to ensure that the church was looking at its best for the big day.

If you would like a copy of the Anniversary Mass Booklet, please call into the Sacristy after Mass.

What's On!



November 7th. "Understanding Grief" at 7.15p.m. in **St. Colmcille's Parochial Hall**, Upper Newtownards Road. Hosted by Cruse. All welcome!

November 14th. Mass for the Deceased Teachers of Down and Connor in **Good Shepherd Church**, Ormeau Road at **7.30p.m.** Refreshments afterwards in the adjacent Good Shepherd Centre. Relatives of the deceased teachers, retired colleagues, and pupils are all invited. The names of teachers who have died during the past 12 months should be forward **by Friday 10th. November** by email to: dctrusteeservice@btconnect.com or Tel. **9049 1886**

November 17th. Vocation Discernment Weekend for single young women (20-40). **Siena Monastery, Drogheda.** email: siena3@eircom.net or Tel. **00 35341- 9838524**