



# 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 9a.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 (Isaiah 60:1-6)** The prophet Isaiah calls upon Israel to brighten up, since in her darkness, Israel fails to see the new light shining from her. Jerusalem, although in darkness, will see kings and nations come to her bearing treasures but it will not be Jerusalem they will come to visit; but the new light shining forth from Israel, a light that will encompass all peoples as the new Israel of God,

**Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6)** Only through the Holy Spirit can the 'apostles' and new 'prophets' understand the fulfilment of the covenant between God and Abraham regarding a new nation and the even more ancient covenant between God and Noah; representing the new creation, in the birth of this child. It is in the Church of Christ that the new star has risen and shines forth over all the world.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 2:1-12)** The Gentile Magi arrive in Jerusalem having followed the rising of a new star; whilst Israel remains blind to its light. Seeking the new king leads to Herod's murderous plans; but led by the star, the Magi arrive in Bethlehem bearing treasures for the Child and his holy Mother. This event prefigures the election of the Gentiles and indeed, often Christ will find greater faith among non-believers than in Israel. As the Gentile Magi came to pay homage to Christ; in time, Christ's disciples will baptise the Gentile nations into the one Church. ©Intercom



## Reflection

The wise men did not know where the star would lead them. They just followed it until it brought them to Bethlehem - and to Jesus. They never, I am sure, regretted their decision. If we can only have the courage and the trust to follow their example, I doubt if we will have regrets either. If we have not already done so, today is the day to make that start.

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New volunteers are needed to attend throughout the day so that someone is always present before the Blessed Sacrament. Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush of daily life, say a silent prayer or just sit and rest in the very presence of the Lord?

## Pray For Those In Need

Please remember to pray daily for someone who may be sick, lonely or depressed, those who have suffered bereavement, and all who are in need of your prayers! Seven-day candles for Our Lady's Shrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine are available from the Sacristy. Price £5. "I Lit A Candle For You" prayer intention cards are also available price £1 each.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: **Mary McSorley R.I.P.**, the mother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Eskra, Co. Tyrone, **Sarah Mongan R.I.P.**, the mother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Crossgar on Tuesday, **Maureen McCann R.I.P.**, formerly of Knockbreda Park, whose funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10a.m.

## Anniversaries

Elizabeth McCormick, Sarah McGlinchey, Frances McArt, Joseph White, Anne Dunphy, Patrick Cunnane, Rose Woods, Hugh Dougal.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

**Names for inclusion in the weekly Anniversary List of the Dead should be left in the Sacristy one week before publication or submitted by e-mail to:**

[info@stbernadettesparish.org](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

## Mass Times



The normal weekday Mass schedule resumes on **Monday** with Mass at **9.30a.m.** On **Tuesday**, Mass will be at **7.30p.m.** with the novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The church will remain open for private prayer each weekday until **6p.m.** (Tuesdays until after the 7.30p.m. Mass).

## Sacrament of Baptism



The **Parish Baptismal Team** invite parents of those children who were baptised in **2018** to celebrate their new life in the Church in a short ceremony next **Sunday** at **1p.m.** This will be an opportunity also for parents to give thanks for the great gift that God has given them. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the **Parish Centre**.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,082**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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



## Retirement Association

**Wednesday 9th. January** - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. Everyone is welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

**Thursday 10th. January** - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Friday 11th. January** - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game.



## Youth Events

**ALTARATION** - A video programme exploring the Mass. From **Sunday 13th. January** for 5 weeks in the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Carryduff**, at 7p.m. For Young People aged 15 and over.

**reKINDLE** - A retreat for Young People aged 16 and above at **Corrymeela**, in Ballycastle from **Saturday 9th. February to Sunday 10th. February 2019**. Cost £50 per person (includes transport).

For more information and to register for these events, please email **Seán** on [s.farrell@downandconnor.org](mailto:s.farrell@downandconnor.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 & 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.  
6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. Youth Club Enrolment.

*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 18th. January**.

### 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.

*Help to conserve heat! Please close the internal doors as you enter and leave the church!*

## Ministers of the Eucharist



January - Group 3.

Team Leader - **Jim McGettrick**.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 13th. January  
Group 3.

## 500 Club



**Week 16:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Weekly Draw: **Gerry Steele & Barbara Falloon**. Each receives £50

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to vulnerable individuals and families who are in great need. We can provide direct financial assistance and essential items such as food, fuel, and household items. Do you need our help? Tel. 9035 1561

Latest News



## Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2019** 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.

## School Events



Transfer students and their parents are invited to attend the following schools for admission in September 2019:

**January 10th. St. Louise' College** at 4.30p.m. & 6.30p.m.

**January 12th. Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School** from 9a.m. - 1p.m.

**January 12th. St. Dominic's High School** from 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.

**January 16th. St. Malachy's College** from 7p.m. - 9.30p.m.

**January 17th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S.** at 7.30p.m.

**January 17th. St. Joseph's College** from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

**January 19th. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College Knock** from 9.15a.m. - 12.30p.m.

## What's On!



**January 9th. Anam Cara Belfast** (for bereaved parents) monthly meeting in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** at **7.20p.m.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Visit [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or Tel. 9521 3120.

**January 22nd. Church Unity Service** in **St. Peter's Cathedral** at 7p.m.

**February 9th. Day for Married Couples** in **Clonard** from 10.30a.m. to 4p.m. What makes a happy marriage? What makes a healthy marriage? What makes a sacramental marriage? Presenters: **Jim & Mary Corry**, **Fr. Johnny Doherty**, and **Fr. Brendan Keane**. Cost £20 per couple including lunch. Booking is essential. Forms are available from Clonard Reception.

**April 27th. - May 3rd. Drumbo & Carryduff Polgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Cascia**. Cost £949 p.p.s. Escorted by **Fr. Conor McGrath & Fr. Dominic McGrattan**. Contact Drumbo Parish Office Tel. 9081 2238.