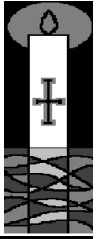




Parish of St. Bernadette



Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) 6th. May 2018. Vol.15 No. 34

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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 (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48) Christ has come for all people. His death and resurrection is a gift to be shared with people in every time and space. St Peter grows in his understanding of the mystery of Christ. As he preaches, the Spirit comes down on his listeners. Sometimes we limit the power of God by our own limitations. Jesus is Lord and his power is alive and active even now.

Second Reading (1 John 4:7-10) St. John continues his beautiful reflection on the love of God. To know God is to love and to love is to be in communion with God. God's love has been made known to us in Jesus Christ. God has not remained hidden behind the veil of the temple. It has been rent asunder by Christ's passion and gloriously revealed in his resurrection.

Gospel (John 15:9-17) A commandment of love could seem a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another - a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife; a wave from a friend; words of comfort and affirmation - not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

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Reflection

The love of a Christian needs to be unconditional. Sometimes people will love us back; sometimes they will not. Sometimes, even though we want to love people, they may reject us. If they do reject us, we need not necessarily think that we have done wrong. When people cannot return genuine love, it is they who have the problem. Sad to say, not everyone is capable of loving. All the more reason why we need to reach out to them. People often learn to love by being loved.

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Prayer at Exam Time

Almighty God, please help me in my exams. Help me to face them with courage and peace. Help me to understand the questions that are asked; to remember what I have studied and to express my answers clearly. Guide and direct me in all my decisions and help me especially to discover my true vocation to love and serve you in my life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Please be aware that LIVE Streaming of ALL Masses via the Parish Website takes place in this Church. Visit: www.stbernadettesparish.org



"Tenderness is a sign of a love, free of selfish possessiveness. It makes us approach a person with immense respect and a certain dread of causing harm or taking away their freedom." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Hugh Donnelly R.I.P.**, father of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Bessbrook recently,

Anniversaries

Ellen McManus, Anne McSorley, May Walker, Jessie Lavery, Susan Timmins, Carmel McMahon, Kevin Martin, Catherine Finn, Thomas Callan,

Monica Mary Smyth, Rosaleen McCabe, Robert Murray, Kathleen Collins, Hugh Toye, Philip Kirk, Peggy Richardson, Bernadette Duffy, Teresa Blaney, Annie McGrath.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

The Annual Blessing of Graves will be held at the following burial grounds:

Sunday 13th. May - Milltown Cemetery

Sunday 20th. May - City Cemetery

Sunday 27th. May - Hannahstown

Sunday 3rd. June - The Rock

All services commence at 3p.m.

Vocations



Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood, especially for those young men who are currently preparing for the priesthood, and for those who are already ministering as priests in our diocese. It would be a great help. Remember also in your prayers those priests who are ill or in any difficulty.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£2,163**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 / 2019

New boxes can be collected from the Sacristy after Mass.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 8th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous experience needed. All equipment will be supplied.

Wednesday 9th. May - 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. May - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 11th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m. Off peak season ticket costs £9.30.

Latest News



Senior Citizens are invited to an outing to the **Seamus Heaney Centre** in Bellaghy on **Wednesday 6th. June**. Leaving from the church at **9.45a.m.** On arrival, tea/ coffee and biscuits will be served followed by a guided tour. At **2p.m.** a two course meal will be served at **The Old Thatch Inn**, arriving back at the church at **4.45p.m.** A copy of the two course menu will be available at the back of the church from this Sunday. Please write your name and choice of meal or contact **Frances** Tel. **078005 62398**.



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9040 1169 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Bank Holiday Monday

There will be no coffee morning after Mass today.

There will be no Mothers & Toddlers today.

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

8p.m. Bowling Club.

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

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

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.

Friday

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

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

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Tuesday - Friday** this week for P1 - P7 children from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910**.

Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Mass Rota

6p.m. **D. O'Hare, J. McGarvey**.

10a.m. **M. McLaughlin, J. McLaughlin,**

A. Martin, R. / J. George.

12p.m. **J. McGettrick, S. McGrath, E. King**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 13th. May - Group 1
**Gerard Malone, Brendan Kerr (snr),
Maura Macklin**.

500 Club



Week 33: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: John Conaghan & Mary O'Kane**. Each winner receives £50.

The final amount collected is **£4,548** including cheques payable directly to **Trócaire**. Sincere thanks to everyone for your most generous donations. You can continue to give to **Trócaire** throughout the year by using the wall-box at the back of the church.



World Meeting of Families 2018



Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the **Pastoral Congress** is guaranteed to receive tickets for the **Festival of Families** in **Croke Park** on **Saturday 25th. August** and the **Final Mass** in the **Phoenix Park** on **Sunday 26th. August**. Those who only wish to register for the **Festival of Families** or the **Final Mass** need to be aware that tickets will be limited. To register online: www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/

The Parishes of our local Pastoral Community (South Belfast), will provide a number of coaches to transport those who have registered for the Final Mass (Sunday 26th. August), in the Phoenix Park. To assist with the booking of coaches, those who have registered or intend to register, are asked to contact the **Parish Office** Tel. **9079 3021** Option 1.

What's On!



May 12th. Save the 8th Pro-life Rally in Dublin. The Referendum is fast approaching so NOW is the time to play our part. A bus is being organised from Belfast. For further details contact **Claire** Tel. **07740 677256** or see: www.loveboth.ie

May 13th. Love Divine with Cappella Caeciliana in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle at 5p.m. Tickets £10 (under 25s free) from the **Parish Office** Tel. **4372 2401** or book online: www.caeciliana.org

June 2nd. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College, Knock, Class of '88 30th Anniversary Reunion. For more details go to **OLSPCK** facebook page or **Roisin Nancarrow's** facebook page, or to buy tickets go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-lady-and-st-patricks-class-of-88-school-reunion

June 29th. - July 1st. Living Church Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Cost £65. For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the **Living Church Office** Tel. **9069 0920** or email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org by **Friday 15th. June**.