



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.

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First Reading (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14) The reading from Maccabees is an abridged version of the account of the martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons. It emphasises both the conviction of the mother and sons to adhere to the tenets of their faith and it alludes to the theme of resurrection. The scene is set during the Jewish revolt against the Seleucid king, Antiochus, and the restoration of the Temple about two hundred years before the birth of Christ.

Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5) These are the first words of the letter from St. Paul to a community he helped to found. These are good and kind sentiments; words of encouragement which Paul wants to convey. It is interesting that he mentions 'work' and 'word'. Our Christian faith is not just something to be spoken about, but something lived in the day to day building up of the Body of Christ. The mention of the Lord in the final sentence seems to allude to the Holy Spirit pointing the Thessalonians to the Father and the Son.

Gospel Reading (Luke 20:27-38) The mention of 'seven' goes back to the first reading and to resurrection. Sadducees did not believe in resurrection and the Pharisees did. The reading is not necessarily about resurrection but rather the constant barrage that Jesus had to endure in the hopes that these learned men might trick or trip him up. However, which of us hasn't pondered over questions and conundrums such as these from time to time, especially at the death of people close to us and in particular at this time of year. Jesus was well able to settle their argument, but not perhaps in the way the Sadducees would have liked. He explains the resurrection and affirmed our belief in a God, not of the dead but of the living.



Vocations Vigil

A **Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations** to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life will take place in **Good Shepherd Church** on **Thursday 17th November** from **7.30p.m. - 10p.m.** concluding with Mass at 9pm. In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis said that **'Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.'**

May we take this up this invitation to come together as a Diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and religious life.



Reflection

All decisions have consequences. Our life after death, who we are, and what sort of character we shall take with us into the next life is shaped and formed by the questions we answer in the way we live our lives right now, tomorrow, throughout the coming week, and throughout the remaining days of our lives. There's really no such thing as a sinful life that doesn't matter. Nor is there an act of love that's of little or no consequence.

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Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James Loughran R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

Anniversaries

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, Mary Jane McAuley, William Harper, John Riordan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Mass will be celebrated each day during November for the repose of the souls of relatives and friends whose names have been included in the **November Dead Lists**. If you wish to donate an offering for Masses, please include it in the envelope provided. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box on the wall beside Our Lady's Altar.

The **Annual Mass for our Deceased Parishioners and Friends of the Parish** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 8th November** at **7.30p.m.** We remember those who have died in the past year, our own deceased relatives, friends, and deceased priests and Parishioners of St. Bernadette's.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,826**. 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 9th. 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 10th. November - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m. Meet in the church car park.

Tuesday 15th. November - Guided Private Tour of **Crumlin Road Gaol** at 2p.m. Cost £10 including tea/coffee and a scone at the finish. Numbers are strictly limited. Contact **John** Tel. **9058 9598** before **Tuesday 8th.** to confirm your booking. Secure on-site parking is available in Cliftonpark Ave. Participants should be there by at least 1.40p.m.



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 7th.

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

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7.30p.m. Pilates (2 sessions).

7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 8th.

7p.m. Zumba.

8p.m. - 9.15p.m. New Relaxing Yoga Class for 6 weeks!

Wednesday 9th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

2p.m. Speech & Drama.

5p.m. Children's Soccer.

5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga & Relaxing Yoga from

8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Please contact: **Maeve** Tel.

0771383 2995 for details.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday 10th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 11th.

9.30a.m. Pilates.

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

Saturday 12th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. Junior Badminton.

1p.m. - 4p.m.

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from 2p.m. - 4p.m. For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910**.

Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 13th. November - Group 12.

Robert Madine, Faustina Graham, Roseanne Hanna, Maura Presley.

A new **Rota** for **Ministers of the Word** is now available for collection from the Sacristy. A special word of thanks to all of our Readers but especially to those who are retiring down after many years of faithful service.

500 Club



Week 7: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** **Larry Glennon, Marie Therese Webb Jones.** Each winner receives £50.

Youth Choir



We will be at the **12p.m. Mass** this **Sunday**. Do you enjoy singing? Can you play a musical instrument? Then come and use your talent with the Youth Choir. We sing at the 12p.m. Sunday Mass once each month and also at the major celebrations at Easter and Christmas. Contact **Owen** Tel. **074720 11248**. See the notice boards in the church for times and dates of rehearsals and Masses etc. You will be made very welcome!

What's On!



November 9th. "The Joy of Love - The Church's care for the family" with **Fr Nick Austin SJ**, moral theologian at 7.30p.m. in **St. Brigid's Church**, Derryvolgie Avenue. The evening will be an opportunity to discuss Pope Francis's apostolic letter on the family. Everyone very welcome!

November 9th. **N. I. Children's Hospice & Anam Cara** present a **Bereavement Information Evening** from 7p.m. - 9p.m. in the **Premier Inn**, 136-144 Hillsborough Rd, Lisburn. The guest speaker will be **Peter McCartan**. If you wish to attend please RSVP to **info@anamcara.ie** before **Tuesday 8th. November** or Tel. **9521 3120**.

November 13th. **Bishop Noel Treanor** will celebrate the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in **St. Patrick's Church** at 3p.m. Everyone will be most welcome to attend!

November 16th. **Annual Mass for Deceased Staff Members of the Mater Hospital** in **St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street** at 7p.m. Refreshments will be served in St. Patrick's Old Schoolhouse directly afterwards. If you or a loved one has worked in the hospital or benefited from the care it provides, you are most welcome to join the hospital community for this very special act of remembrance and thanksgiving.

November 25th. A **Special Mass of Remembrance** hosted by **St. Paul's Disability Care Group** will be held in **St. Paul's Church, Falls Road** at **7.30p.m.** followed afterwards by refreshments in the **Fr. O'Kane Centre**. We will remember all those with a disability or special needs who have died. If you would like a friend or family member remembered in this Mass, please Tel. **9028 5374**, or **0771891 4692**, or **9442 3956** or send an email to us at: **stpaulsdisabilitycaregroup@hotmail.com**

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