



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 55:1-11) Using the images of food and drink, Isaiah invites his readers to seek something more, to seek God. Why waste your lives on what is not important when there is so much more to experience? Search for and experience what is life-giving and you will not be disappointed. Isaiah reminds us that when things do not go according to plan, they often turn out to be so much better. So come! Everyone is invited. Now is the time to enjoy God's blessings.

Second Reading (1 John 5:1-9) Talking of love, faith and witness, this reading acknowledges that we are, indeed, the children of God as well as of our physical parents. It is in the midst of life's experiences that I discern my identity as a child of God and notice how best to express it in the dynamics of all relationships. Thus, my identity as a child of God entails honouring this identity as best I can, while acknowledging that I frequently get it wrong.

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:7-11) Guided by the Spirit's loving action, Jesus is baptised by John and his true identity is revealed. At that moment, Jesus and the Spirit become one and Mark portrays him as the new Israel. With his baptism, Jesus forms a new people of God and leads them to a new way of life. ©Intercom



Reflection

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God. © Loyola Press



Sacrament of Baptism

The Parish Baptismal Team invite parents of children who were baptised in 2017 to a short ceremony next Sunday at 1p.m. to celebrate their new life in the Church. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre. This will provide an opportunity for parents of the Parish to meet. All are welcome!



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Tuesday in the Lourdes Chapel from 8a.m. until 7.15p.m. New adorers are needed to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended throughout the day. Drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the strain of daily life.

Special Seven Day Candles for Our Lady's & the Sacred Heart Shrines. £5 each from the Sacristy.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Anne Dunphy R.I.P.**, a former member of the teaching staff at St. Bernard's P.S., whose funeral Mass took place on Thursday.

Anniversaries

Patrick Flynn, John Brehony, James Murray, Jerry Devine, Hugh Heery, Josephine Keating, Mary Craig, Elizabeth McCormick, Richard Hogg, David Glackin, Joan Timmins, Hugh Dougal, Isabella Trainor, John James Doherty, Clare Barr, Angela Collins, Florence Cook, Catherine Crudden.

Arthur McCluskey, Jean Cunningham, Michael Ryan, Henry Harvey, Kathleen Magill, Mary Early, John McCafferty, Thomas Doherty, Walter Walker, John Whyte, Sr. Fidelis Curran, William O'Rawe.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Diocese of Down & Connor



Medics at the Mater Hospital have apprised the Diocese of the high risk of a strain of the flu virus which has yet to peak. Hospitals in N. Ireland are experiencing high numbers of patient admissions of those suffering from respiratory illnesses directly linked to the flu virus. As a precautionary measure Parishioners are encouraged to use disinfecting hand gels and hand wash soaps to minimise risk of infection. The customary "sign of peace" handshake that is exchanged during Mass is suspended until the risk of infection is significantly reduced. The sharing of the chalice is also suspended during this time.

The "Do This In Memory" Programme for children, who are preparing to receive their **First Holy Communion** in May will continue next Sunday at the 10a.m. Mass.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,398**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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



Retirement Association

Wednesday 10th. 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 11th. January - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.



Youth Ministry Training

We are offering the opportunity for **Young Persons** (over the age of 14), or **Adult Volunteers**, to gain an **OCN Qualification in Practical Youth Ministry Skills**. The training will be held in **St. Bernadette's Parish Centre** for 7 Tuesdays beginning on **16th. January 2018**. Subsidised cost: £15 per person. There are a limited number of places so will be operating on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, contact **Seán** ASAP on s.farrell@downandconnor.org

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



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 or coffee and a chat after Mass. All are welcome!

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

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.

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **January** - **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**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 14th. January - Group 6

Michelle Marken, Fiona Kearney, Elizabeth Quinn.

500 Club



Week 16: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw:** **Angela Coburn & Nicholas McCafferty**.

Each winner receives **£50**.

School Events



Transfer students and their parents are invited to attend the following schools for admission in September 2018:

January 10th. St. Malachy's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

January 11th. St. Louise' College at 4.30p.m. & 6.30p.m.

January 13th. Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School from 9a.m. - 1p.m.

January 13th. Our Lady & St. Patrick's College Knock from 9.15a.m. - 12.30p.m.

January 13th. St. Dominic's High School from 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.

January 15th. St. Mary's C.B.G.S. at 7.30p.m.

January 18th. St. Joseph's College from 7p.m. - 9p.m.

January 20th. Rathmore Grammar School from 9.30a.m. - 1p.m.

Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2018** 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!

The latest & past editions of the Parish Bulletin are available online at www.stbernadettesparish.org

What's On!



January 25th. "Legislating for Life" a lecture by **Lord Alton** of Liverpool in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** David Alton is an Independent Life Peer. He is a Catholic and strongly holds a "pro-life" position. His motto on his Coat of Arms is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy: Choose Life.

January 27th. Day for Married Couples in **Clonard** from **10.30a.m. - 4p.m.** What makes a happy marriage? What makes a healthy marriage? What makes a sacramental marriage? Presented by **Jim & Mary Corry, Fr. Johnny Doherty** and **Fr. Brendan Keane**. Cost **£20** per couple. Lunch Provided. To book, please Tel. **9044 5950**



"Love is patient. This refers to the quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offence. God's "patience", shown in His mercy towards sinners, is a sign of his real power. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion, that leads to accepting the other even when he or she acts differently than I would like." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.