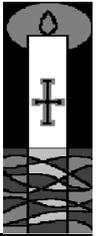




Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 (Acts 2:14, 36-41) The call to repentance is not confined to Lent. In fact, it is never far from the Christian way of life. Unless we have achieved perfect union with God through the holiness of our lives, we are always in need of repentance. Genuine repentance leads to conversion.

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:20-25) Jesus was an innocent victim who was condemned to an ignominious death. The only legitimate accusation that could have been made was that he had done the Father's will. Although he was treated shamefully, he practised what he preached. In his own words, he 'turned the other cheek' and forgave those who had caused his suffering and death. He died so that we might have life.

Gospel Reading (John 10:1-10) Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us from evil. By our trusting friendship with him, which develops through our prayer and our experience of his care, we learn to distinguish him from those who would exploit and harm us. In addition to being a reliable shepherd, he is also the gate through which the flock enters shelter and security. © Intercom 2017



Church Refurbishment

Phase 2 of the programme will start on Monday when the contractors return to commence work on the exterior of the church. This phase will include: repainting the concrete wall surfaces, improvements to all of the entrance steps to provide better access to the building, the installation of bollard-style lighting units along the grass perimeter at the front of the church, improved exterior light units at each of the entrances, removal of the window and door grills, re-sealing and repairs to the ground floor windows with the installation of new window protection units, fitting draught excluders to the exterior doors, removal of the hedging along the boundary at the dual-carriageway to be replaced with mesh-style fencing, and other minor works.

This scheme is planned to take six weeks. The church will remain open during this time. Pedestrian access may be changed for short periods as work progresses at the entrances. Some temporary parking restrictions may occur affecting spaces close to the building to enable hi-level hoist equipment to be used by the painting contractor. The lighting system in the main body of the church needs to be replaced. However no money is available to undertake this at present.

These improvements would not be possible without the financial help from our Parishioners and friends. Thank you for your generous support.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Susan Timmins, Carmel McMahon, Kevin Martin, Catherine Finn, Monica Mary Smyth, Jack Doran, Rosaleen McCabe, Robert Murray, Peter Woods.

Kathleen Collins, Hugh Toyne, Philip Kirk, Peggy Richardson, Bernadette Duffy, Teresa Blaney, Annie McGrath, Thomas Callan,

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Sanctuary Improvements



The new tabernacle setting was installed in the church on Tuesday. It was created by **Mark Ryan** and his colleague **Maree Hensey**, two Dublin-based artists who have completed many liturgical projects throughout Ireland. Mark explains: "It was felt that the Sanctuary was in need of some colour and softness, given the hardness of the existing stonework and the rectilinear forms of the existing Altar and Ambo. I have taken some of the colours that are so vibrant and uplifting in the glasswork at the back of the Church and used them to create a soft and warm setting for the Blessed Sacrament. The theme of 'The Burning Bush' has been selected for the Tabernacle and setting. Apart from the liturgical significance, this theme allows the use of fluid, lively lines and warm comforting colours. The Tabernacle is sculpted in a rich polished cast bronze, set on a punched Mourne granite pedestal. The shape of the hand tufted wall hanging, forms a setting for the Tabernacle, but also visually anchors it in position, which is important, given the scale of the wall behind".

Calendar of Feasts

Wednesday 10th. May - St. Comgall, founder of the great monastery of Bangor.
Saturday 13th. - Our Lady of Fatima.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,626**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

Team 1 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 9th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous bowling experience needed and all equipment will be supplied.

Wednesday 10th. May - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. Meet other members & make new friends!

Wednesday 10th. May - "Me and My Girl" in The Grand Opera House with St. Agnes' Choral Society at 7.30p.m. Tickets £25. There are a limited number of tickets available. For bookings, please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.

Thursday 11th. May - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 12th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.



First Eucharist

The boys & girls of Primary 4 in St. Bernard's P.S. will make their First Holy Communion next Saturday at 11a.m. Please remember the children in your prayers on the occasion of an important milestone in their young faith lives.



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 8th.

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

10.30p.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

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

7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

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

Tuesday 9th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.

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

Wednesday 10th.

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.

Thursday 11th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 12th.

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

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

Saturday 13th.

Closed for First Holy Communion event.

2p.m. - 4p.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 May - Jim McGettrick.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 14th. May - Group 4

Brendan Kerr, Nessan McGarvey,

Marie Moriarty.

500 Club



Week 33: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Peter Livingstone & Angela Coburn.**

Each winner receives £50.

Please return your **Trócaire Lenten Box** As soon as you can so that the total Amount collected in the Parish can be sent off. The amount collected so far is **£5,447** 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.



Golden Jubilee



"Hail Gladdening Light" a concert to celebrate the **50th. Anniversary** of the opening of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Friday 19th. May** at 7.30p.m. We are delighted to welcome **Cappella Caeciliana**, conducted by **Donal McCrisken**, with guest organist **Stephen Hamill** and **Fr. Eugene O'Hagan**, tenor, a member of **The Priests**. The programme will include: - Ave Maria by Schubert, Ave Verum by Karl Jenkins, Panis Angelicus, In paradisum, from Fauré's Requiem, Widor's Toccata (organ), Irish Blessing, Hallelujah Chorus. The event will also mark the inauguration of the rebuilt and extended organ in the church. **Tickets £15 are now on sale in the Lourdes Chapel Porch** after weekend Masses, from the Sacristy, or book online at www.caeciliana.org, or from **Matchetts, 6 Wellington Place**, or **Bread & Banjo Bakery, Ormeau Rd.** Students & under 25s are *free*. All proceeds will go to the church organ fund and Cappella Caeciliana 2018 CD recording.

Apostolic Workers



Wondered what happened to the old statues that adorned St. Bernadette's church and the tabernacle that was built into the sanctuary wall? They have been given to us with some vestments and a large processional cross. Each year, we ship a container filled with items essential for new and developing Parishes in the Third World from Parishes throughout Ireland. We wish to thank Fr. Armstrong and St. Bernadette's Parishioners for this wonderful gift. Be assured that everything will be greatly appreciated by missionary priests overseas. Help us to help the Missions!

Prayer at Exam Time



Father, I pray that you would help me pass this exam. Thank you for your guidance and for sustaining me as I have worked for this qualification. I ask now that your spirit would lead me. Come sharpen my thinking and help me to excel in this test of my learning and understanding. May I be able to recall everything I need from my studies and answer each question well. Amen.