



# 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)** The true disciple does not break the crushed reed or quench the wavering flame. He or she is gentle, kind and just.

**Second Reading (Acts 10:34-38)** No individual, church, or denomination may lay exclusive claim to the God of Jesus. Any individual or grouping who do so are acting contrary to God's word, spoken in our second reading today to Cornelius and his household and by extension to the whole Church.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 3:13-17)** Jesus is reluctantly baptised by John in the River Jordan. Jesus now makes the dramatic transition from private citizen to public figure. His public ministry of witnessing to God's presence in the world has begun.



## Reflection

Today is a kind of transition. We have come to the end of the Christmas season and now we are entering the first week of the Ordinary Season. Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work. For it is a sobering fact that without our co-operation, much of God's work will never get done.  
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The **Parish Baptismal Team** welcome the parents of children, who were baptised in St. Bernadette's in the last twelve months, to the church at **1p.m.** this **Sunday** for a short ceremony to celebrate their new life in the Church. The **Parish Baptismal Team** play a key role in helping all parents prepare for their new-born children to receive the sacrament.



## Pope Francis

In his New Year Message, the Pope stressed everyone has a responsibility to build a world which "**becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other's differences and take care of each other.**" We are also called to acknowledge "**the violence and injustices present in many places around the world,**" and we cannot allow ourselves to be "**indifferent and immobile,**" he added. Everyone must work to build a society of solidarity and one that is "**truly more just.**"

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Aloysius Ryan R.I.P.**, the brother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Limerick on Monday, and for **Claire Wyatt R.I.P.**, sister of a Parishioner, who died as a result of a road accident in England on Tuesday.

## Anniversaries

Josephine Keating, Mary Craig, Sarah Henry, Elizabeth McCormick, Richard Hogg, Clare Barr, David Glackin, Joan Timmins, Hugh Dougal, Isabella Trainor, John James Doherty, Angela Collins, Florence Cook, Catherine Crudden.

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

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** visits those who have been bereaved over the last few years, to offer listening and support. To make contact with the Group members directly, please Tel. **077 3377 3758.**

## Eucharistic Adoration



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and strain of daily life, and say a silent prayer or simply just sit and rest in the very presence of the Lord?

## Altar Servers



More children and young people are needed to serve at Mass at weekends. Servers are particularly needed on Sundays at the 10a.m. Mass. Candidates must have received First Holy Communion. The role is not restricted to primary school children as young people from secondary level are also most welcome to volunteer. Parental permission forms must be completed and are available from the Sacristy.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,740**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

**Team 2** will help with the collection this week.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from the Inland Revenue at **no extra cost** to yourself if you sign a **Gift Aid Form**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. Please give us your support.



## Retirement Association

**Wednesday 11th. 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 12th. January** - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m. Meet in the church car park.

**Monday 16th. January** - "La La Land" at QFT, the musical selected as one of the top 10 films of 2016. Adm. £4. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 0784593 3371 as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 25th. January** - Annual Lunch in the Errigle Inn at 1p.m. To book, please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 or **John** Tel. 9058 9598 by **Friday 20th. January**.



## 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 9th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.  
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.  
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7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.  
8p.m. Bowling Club.

### Tuesday 10th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.  
8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

### Wednesday 11th.

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.  
8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.  
8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday 12th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.  
7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 13th.

6.45p.m. to 7.30p.m. Youth Club Registration for the Spring term.

### Saturday 14th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.  
1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton

### After School Club

**Rosetta 2-4 Club** from Monday to Friday for P1 - P7 children. Please contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910 for further information

## Ministers of the Eucharist



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

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 15th. January** - Group 9  
**Mollie Hayes, Valerie O'Brien,**  
**Brian O'Rourke.**

## 500 Club



**Week 16:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Prize Draw: Janet O'Rourke & Moya Beattie.** Each winner receives £50.

## Diocesan Directories



The **Down & Connor Directory** for 2017 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!

## School Events



Pupils and parents seeking entry to Year 8 in the intake for September 2017 are invited to attend the following schools:

### Wednesday 11th. & Thursday 12th. January

St. Malachy's College at 7p.m.

### Saturday 14th. January

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Knock from 9.15a.m. - 12.30p.m.

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

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Our Lady & St Patrick's Knock from 9.15a.m. - 1p.m.

### Thursday 19th. January

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

St. Mary's C.B.G.S. - 7.30p.m.

### Saturday 21st. January

Rathmore Grammar School from 9.30a.m. to 1p.m.

Assumption Grammar, Ballynahinch from 10a.m. - 1p.m.

### Monday 30th. January - Thursday 2nd. February

**St. Colman's, Ballynahinch Open Week** from 9.30p.m. - 12.45p.m.

## St. Bernadette's Youth Club



Registration for the new term takes place next **Friday** from **6.45p.m. - 7.30p.m.** *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. More volunteers are needed to help out when the Club begins on 20th. January. Please contact the Chairman, **Jim Woods**, or the leader in charge for more details. All supervisors at the Youth Club must complete an Access N.I. check.

## What's On!



**January 13th.** The Church of the Immaculate Heart of **Mary, Carryduff** will host a **Novena with Mass at 6.30p.m.** to celebrate the **Fatima Centenary Year.** On the 13th of every subsequent month, the novena will include the Fatima novena prayer, the rosary, a time for adoration and benediction. All are warmly invited to join us.