



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 5:1-7) Isaiah is a prophet of great vision and much hope. He is able to foresee peace and justice despite the chaos around him. However, as a prophet he has a duty to warn people of God's expectations and their responsibilities.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9) Echoes of Isaiah, the prophet of peace, are evident here. Despite chaos all shall be well. St Paul reassures the Philippians, and us, that no matter how difficult and challenging life is, there is no need to worry.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 21:33-43) 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be given to a people who will produce its fruit.' God is not a puppeteer and we are no puppets. What God has given is for us to use freely and prudently. The most precious gift is life. It is a life to be cultivated to the full. It is to yield a rich harvest. It is to bear much fruit; good fruit. We are entrusted with the responsibility of making the best of what God has given us. God shows great trust in us. There is no policing of our actions. Hence, this parable. We, too, can act out of self-righteousness and with the pretention of gods. Like the tenants of today's gospel, we start acting above our station. © Intercom



Golden Jubilee

The 50th. Anniversary Mass to celebrate the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Sunday 29th. October at 3p.m.** Bishop Anthony Farquhar will preside. All Parishioners, our former Parishioners, and friends will be most welcome to attend. The Parish choirs will combine to accompany this special liturgy. It is hoped that some of the priests who worked here over the years will also be present. Please make a note in your diary to attend!

Everyone attending the Anniversary Mass will be invited to enjoy a Buffet meal in the Parish Centre. **Admission is free by ticket only!** Tickets are available from the Sacristy.



Reflection

Our Parish is our vineyard. It must not produce sour grapes that no one can eat. It must be open to the various ways the Lord speaks to it, whether those people are Church leaders or prophetic voices which may sometimes say things which are painful to hear. ©1999- 2017 Living Space



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **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, and say a simple prayer?

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert McCullough R.I.P.**, of Cooneen Way, whose funeral took place on Monday.

Anniversaries

Sean McKernan, Peter Hughes, Gerald Hawkins, Dora Noone, Thomas Hutchinson, Bill Murray, Margaret Brady, Andy Mulholland, Gerard Clarke.

Mary Devlin, Bridie Burns, Rita Torbitt, Mary Boyle, Agnes Rooney, Kieran Coney, Maureen Crozier, Lily Trainor, Eddie Galway, Patrick McGoran.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Marian Devotion



October is traditionally a special time of devotion to Our Lady. The custom of saying the rosary is a powerful way to pray for our special intentions and can gain many graces for us during this month. The annual **Rosary Procession** from **St. John's Church** on the Falls Road will take place this **Sunday at 3p.m.** proceeding to St. Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North for Benediction. Leaflets & rosary beads will be provided. This event is organised by the Legion of Mary.

World Meeting of Families 2018



The World Meeting of the Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of generous volunteers who will put their love and talents to service. We need 2,000 volunteers to give their time, abilities and service in various roles, such as stewards, welcoming and information teams, photographers, bloggers, media support, logistics, programming support, among many roles. Experience being part of the event from the inside! Visit our website now:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,429**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 6 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. October - 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. October - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.**

Friday 27th. October - Monthly Lunch in Castlereagh Hills Golf Club at **1p.m.** Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371** before 23rd. October if you wish to attend.

Wednesday 1st. November - "Frank Carson - a rebel without a pause" starring Dan Gordon as the great comedian at the **Lyric** at **7.45p.m.** Tickets **£16**. Adm. **£10**. If you wish to attend, contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible.



Adoption Service

Family Care Adoption Society is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more details Tel. **7136 8592 / 9069 1133** or email@familycaresociety.org



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/coffee after Mass.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

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

8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.

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

Tuesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

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

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

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**.

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

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for **October - Anne Sharvin**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 15th. October - Group 4
Brendan Kerr, Nessian McGarvey,
Marie Moriarty.

500 Club



Week 3: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Pat McGreevy & Brendan McKeogh.**

Each winner receives **£50**.

Church Flower Arrangers



Due to illness and retirement, we need experienced people to help share the work of creating our floral displays. This includes our upcoming 50th. Anniversary, the major feasts, and weekly maintenance. Ideally, you must be available during the daytime. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

Apostolic Workers



Our **Annual Church Door Collection** will take place after all Masses on **14th. & 15th. October**. Donation envelopes & Gift Aid forms will be given out by our members this weekend. Please take an envelope, give whatever you can afford, and sign the Gift Aid form. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, or left in the Sacristy. Your donation can make such a big difference to the missionary priests, religious, and lay workers who are helping the poor and deprived in the Third World. Help us to help the Missions!

St. Joseph's P.S. Carryduff will host 6 Training Sessions for parents of children with autism. Led by Frances O'Neill from Middletown Autism Centre, all sessions are free and can be booked through **Middletown Autism Centre** at www.middletownautism.com. Starting on **Tuesday 9th. January** from **7p.m. - 9p.m.** Each week will cover a different topic: Learning Styles & the Impact of Visual Methods, Autism and Sensory Processing, Autism and Transitions, the Promotion of Positive Behaviour, and lots more.

What's On!



October 13th Dedication of Studies Mass at **6.30p.m.** in the **Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue**. Chief Celebrant: Bishop Donal McKeown of Derry. All university students and Year 14 students as well as their families are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

October 14th. - 16th. Special Triduum in honour of St. Gerard Majella in **Clonard**. For further information: www.clonard.com

October 17th. Taizé prayer, music, & reflection in Clonard at **7:30p.m.** The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, from countries across the world. Taizé is a place of great pilgrimage for many young people every year. Brother Jean Marie from the Taizé Community will be present. All welcome!