



# 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.

Monday 9.30a.m.

Tuesday 7.30p.m. (with Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

Wednesday 9.30a.m.

Thursday 9.30a.m.

Friday - No Mass.

Drumbo 9.30a.m. Good Shepherd Church 10a.m.

Saturday 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass with the Folk Choir every second Week.

Holy Days of Obligation 10a.m.

Confessions Saturday 6.45p.m. after the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday from 9a.m. to 7.15p.m.

Baptisms On the first Sunday of each month. By appointment only four weeks in advance.

All Masses are streamed live online via the Parish website: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Wisdom 9:13-18)** The greatest part of wisdom is to know the limits of our own wisdom, and to turn to God whose wisdom is without limit.

**Second Reading (Philemon 9b,12-17)** Paul knows two Christians, Philemon and Onesimus, who are connected to each other as master and slave. But Paul regards them both as his brothers in Christ, and so they must learn to see each other in a new light.

**Gospel (Luke 14:25-33)** Luke's Gospel famously portrays Jesus as gentle, meek and mild; yet here, Jesus urges us to make the deepest and strongest of sacrifices for his sake.

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## Reflection

If we try to walk on the Way with Jesus without being aware of what is involved, we will not exactly become a laughing stock (there will be so many people with us!). However, we will miss the joy and happiness of a totally fulfilled life that Jesus, despite the apparently negative language of today's Gospel, is holding out to us.

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## R.C.I.A.

**RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Meetings take place on **Thursdays** from **7p.m. - 8.30p.m.** at **St Mary's Parish Hall, 25 Marquis Street** from October to June. There is no cost to attend RCIA. If you would like to take part or need further information, please request a registration form from: [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org) or to have an initial conversation, contact **Fionnuala** Tel. **077020 73895** to make an appointment.

Mass cards for the deceased and Mass Bouquets are available for purchase in the Sacristy after Mass price £1.50 each. **Seven Day Candles** can be placed at **Our Lady's Shrine & the Sacred Heart Shrine**. £5 each available from the Sacristy after Mass.

## Our Faithful Departed



### Anniversaries

Helen Rennick, Rose Mullan, Alphonsus McClean, Mary Forde, Frank Grego.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved over the last few years. To speak to someone in confidence Tel. **077 3377 3758**.

**Bethany Bereavement Support** offers training as a Parish-based group ministry which aims to help those bereaved and grieving. Support is offered on an individual basis in the home, to groups in drop-in centres, by phone calls, by helping at funeral liturgies and also at remembrance services. A full training course is offered over a 10-evening period. The next Training Course is planned to begin on **26th. September** at **120 Cliftonville Road**, please contact **Claire Dowds** Tel. **075578 82183**, or by email to: [bethanybereavementni@gmail.com](mailto:bethanybereavementni@gmail.com)

## Children's Liturgy



The **Children's Liturgy** resumes this Sunday at the **12p.m. Mass**. The priest will invite the children from P2 to P5 to go to the **Children's Liturgy Room** at the beginning of Mass and will return to their parents/guardians after the Homily. Story-telling and art are used as ways to help the children to understand the meaning of God's word.

## Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration is at the centre of our life as a Parish community. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Drop in and experience the very presence of the Lord. "**Could you not watch one hour with Me?**" (Mk 14:34)

Lord, you created me to live in freedom.  
May your Holy Spirit guide me to follow you freely.  
Instil in my heart a desire  
To know and love you more each day.  
Amen



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,738**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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. September** - Our first **Monthly Coffee Morning** after the summer break in the **Lounge** in the **Parish Centre** at **10.15a.m.** Everyone will be welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

**Thursday 12th. September** - **Weekly Walk**. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Wednesday 18th. September** - "**Shirley Valentine**" by Willie Russell at the **Lyric** at **7.45p.m.** Tickets: £12. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible.

**Wednesday 25th. September** - **Monthly Lunch** will take place in the "**Fairy Tree**" at **Ormeau Golf Club** at **1p.m.** Two courses: £17. Booking is essential! Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **9070 1027** to make a booking before **18th. September**. We look forward to seeing all of our members there!



## Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 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.  
**Mothers & Toddlers resumes on Monday 16th.**  
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.

### Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.  
8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday

7p.m. Art Class.

### Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.  
7p.m. Youth Club at 7p.m. - 8.15p.m. for Juniors and  
8.30p.m. - 10p.m. for Seniors. Registered members only!

### Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

### Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Monday - Friday** for P1 - P7 children from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Call **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910**.

Please be aware that **LIVE Streaming** of all Masses via the **Parish Website** takes place in this Church for the housebound or for those living abroad. Visit: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and click on "Watch Live".

## Ministers of the Eucharist



September - Group 3.

Team Leader - **Jim McGettrick**.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 15th. September.

Group 5.

## 500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 51: Eileen Dolan & Bernadette McConville**. Each receives £50.

The new cycle of the **500 Club** begins next Monday. All annual subscription payments are now due. Please make cheques payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. Your payment can be put in an envelope with **500 Club** and your name on the **outside** of the envelope and placed in the collection basket at Mass. Many thanks to all of our members and promoters for your continued support. Please help us to continue with the draw by joining if you are not already a member. Two prizes each week of £50 plus a bonus week at the beginning of December when we have prizes of £250, £150 and £100. New Promoter Cards and membership forms are available in the Sacristy after Masses this weekend. Please give us your support!

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to anyone in need. We can provide direct financial assistance and essential items such as food, fuel, and household items. Do you need our help? Tel. **9035 1561**.

Latest News



## Lima Mission

The **Third World Group** will accept annual sponsorship payments in the **Lourdes Chapel Porch** for **Fr. Coney's Children's Centres** in **Lima** after Mass this weekend. If you would like to sponsor a child within the Centres please speak to us after Mass. We will be happy to give further details. Many thanks to all our sponsors for your continued support.

## Diocese of Down & Connor



Online bookings for this year's **Faith & Life Convention** are now open. We hope that you will be able to join us on **Saturday 28th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College**. Our theme will be "**Faith in a Better World**". The Keynote Speaker will be **Michel Camdessus**, the former director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. Michel's address will be followed by a panel discussion where together we can reflect on the variety of issues that we face in society today. The highlight of the day for many people is the variety of workshops on offer and this year we have an impressive line-up of local and international speakers. For further information and to book, please visit: [www.faithandlifeconvention.org](http://www.faithandlifeconvention.org)

## What's On!



**September 18th. Annual Pioneer Mass** at 7p.m. in **St. Agnes' Church**. If anyone wishes to be presented with gold, silver or other Pioneer certificates, please contact **Pat** Tel. **9262 9959** or **Roisin** Tel. **9064 6957** as soon as possible. Light refreshments afterwards.