



Parish of St. Bernadette



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Holy Week

Sunday Masses

10a.m. Adult
Choir
12p.m.

Monday

9.30a.m. Mass.

Tuesday

7.30 p.m. Mass &
Novena to Our
Lady of Perpetual
Help.

Wednesday

9.30a.m. Mass.
7.30p.m. Parish
Penitential
Service.

Holy Thursday

9.30a.m. Morning
Prayer of the
Church.
7.30p.m. Mass of
the Lord's Supper
with the Adult
Choir.
11p.m. Holy Hour
at the Altar of
Repose.

Good Friday

9.30a.m. Morning
Prayer of the
Church.
3p.m. Celebration
of the Passion of
the Lord with the
Adult Choir.
7.30p.m. Stations
of the Cross with
the Folk Choir.

Holy Saturday

10a.m. Morning
Prayer of the
Church.
12p.m. - 1p.m.
Confessions.
9p.m. Easter
Vigil with the
Adult Choir.

Easter Sunday

10a.m.
12p.m. with the
Folk Choir

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7) Chapters 40-55 of Isaiah date from 550 BC, the end of the Babylonian captivity, and feature the songs of the Servant of Yahweh. God is ready to make a pathway through the wilderness and lead his people home. But they reject the Servant's vision. They prefer to remain in the state to which they have become accustomed. They vilify the Servant, who nonetheless remains true to his calling.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11) One of the earlier writings of the New Testament (c.57 AD) includes this even earlier hymn on the nature of Christ. The Word of God emptied itself into humanity in Jesus, and even shared our mortal fate. This downward movement was followed by Christ's exaltation and sovereignty over all creation. By imitating the self-giving mindset of Jesus we also share in his victory over sin and death.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 26:14-27:66) In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus heralds God's kingdom by parables and preaching, by mercy and miracles, but above all by his own passion, death and resurrection. The veil of the Jerusalem temple is torn apart (27:51) to reveal God in a new way, on the cross. Jesus surrenders to his fate, knowing that God's providence vindicates the just and rescues them from betrayal (Judas), denial (Peter) and deceit (the Sanhedrin). Just as, at the beginning of his life, God had safely delivered his Son from a corrupt ruler (Herod), so he would now do it at its end (Pilate). © Intercom 2017

✠ Holy Week

The **Parish Penitential Service** will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30p.m.** A number of priests will be available for open and closed confessions. To help us to prepare for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, a special leaflet has been published which will be used in the Service. This is available at the back of the church.

Holy Thursday

The **Solemn Mass of Chrism** will be celebrated in **St. Peter's Cathedral** at **11a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

Good Friday

A shared **Service of Prayer for Good Friday** will take place in the **Ormeau Park** at **11.30a.m.** organised by the Churches in the Ballynafeigh area. Everyone is cordially invited.

The times for all of the **Holy Week Ceremonies** being celebrated in the Parish are included in a leaflet which is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** next Tuesday. Exposition will *not* take place on **Easter Tuesday**. We will resume on Tuesday 25th. April.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Brendan Martin R.I.P.**, the brother of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Dundalk on Monday.

Anniversaries

Edward Kearney, Seamus Loughran, Mary Boyle, Frankie McEvoy, Jackie Maguire, Rose Kennedy, Jean McKee, Maureen Tilly, Emily McMurray, Joe Devlin, Peter Woods, Michael Caulfield.

Jackie Stewart, Mary Flanagan, Daniel McKay, Richard McBride, Fr. Daniel Crilly, Nora Breen, Patrick Sheridan, Mary Alice Green, Mary Duffy Margaret McEvoy, Matt O'Neill.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Parish Penitential Services ✠

Sunday 9th. April at 3p.m. in St Colmcille's Church.
Sunday 9th. April at 4p.m. in St Brigid's Church.
Monday 10th. April at 7:30p.m. in Good Shepherd Church.
Tuesday 11th. April at 7:30p.m. in the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Drumbo.

Reflection ☀

The pain and sufferings of our lives are not the punishments of God. Suffering, pain, sickness are not in themselves desirable. They become, however, sources of good when they help us to become more mature, more loving, more caring, more sympathetic people - in other words when they lead us to be more like Jesus himself, when they lead to our own liberation and the liberation of others.

Daily Reflections for each day of **Holy Week** are available at the back of the church. It only takes a few moments to read them each day and anything which helps to direct our minds to a spiritual preparation for Easter is more than worthwhile.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,833**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The special collection to help fund the World Meeting of Families 2018 has been deferred until 28th. May.

Team 3 will help with the collection this week.

The collection for **Catholics in the Holy Land** will be taken up on **Good Friday** at the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 12th. April - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. Everyone is welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

Thursday 13th. April - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Wednesday 19th. April - "Red" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. 1958. New York. Artist Mark Rothko is at the height of his career. But is his latest lucrative commission threatening to damage his integrity - and his creativity? Adm. £10. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.

Friday 28th. April - Monthly Lunch in the Bureau, Whiteabbey at 1p.m. Cost £17. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371.



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 10th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.
10.30a.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 11th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

Wednesday 12th.

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 13th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 14th.

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

The Youth Club will be closed on Friday 14th. & 21st. April. Enrolment will be on Friday 28th. April from 7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m.

Saturday 15th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From Monday - Wednesday this week for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910. Happy Easter everyone!

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for April - **Flo McGarrigle**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 16th. April - Group 11
**Robert Madine, Faustina Graham,
Roseanne Hanna, Maura Presley.**

500 Club



Week 29: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Eileen Flynn & Malachy McGurk.**
Each winner receives £50.

Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday** or as soon as you can.



Boxes can be placed in the special bin located beside the Sanctuary or left in the Sacristy. Please convert as much coin as possible into bank notes and remember to fill in the **Gift Aid** slip. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make your cheque payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**.

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 the Hallelujah Chorus and Widor Toccata. The event will also mark the inauguration of the rebuilt and extended organ in the church. Tickets £15 are now available to book online at **www.caeciliana.org**, **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.

We need volunteers to organise a committee for the **Golden Jubilee Celebrations** and to assist at the concert. If you can help, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

What's On!



April 11th. The **Corrymeela Ormeau Cell Group & Ballynaveigh Clergy Fellowship** invite you to a screening of the film "The Choices We Made - Bystanding and Conflict in Northern Ireland" in **St. John's Presbyterian Church** at **7.30p.m.**

April 14th. **Good Friday Falls/Shankill Inter-Church Prayer Walk** - beginning at **4.45p.m.** outside **Clonard Church** and finishing there by 6p.m. The walk encircles the Falls/Shankill peace line wall, stopping briefly for a short prayer in Shankill Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome!

May 9th. - 13th. **St. Agnes' Choral Society** continue their 60th Anniversary celebrations with their production of the hilarious family comedy musical **Me and My Girl** in **The Grand Opera House**. Tickets can be purchased online at **www.goh.co.uk** or via the Box Office Tel. **9024 1919**