



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.

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First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17) Naaman, a Syrian army general, is advised by an Israelite servant girl in his household to seek healing from the prophet Elisha. When Naaman and his entourage eventually arrive at Elisha's house, he is affronted that the prophet does not deal with him directly and, instead, advises him through a messenger. Once he submits to that advice, however, he is healed. His request for 'earth' to carry home with him, from Israel, indicates the commonly held perception that a god could only be worshiped within his own domain.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 2:8-13) The necessity of endurance, in all seasons, is emphasised here. Christ suffered and died. Paul has, in turn, suffered and experienced real hardship on account of his service. The leaders of the Christian community cannot expect to share the inheritance of the risen Jesus, if they balk in the face of their own suffering. A saying or hymn, presumably familiar to early believers, is quoted approvingly. It spells out the consequences both of remaining faithful to Christ and, alternatively, of putting oneself first.

Gospel Reading (Luke 17:11-19) The theme of leprosy re-appears in the gospel passage, paralleling Naaman's story. Here again, as with Naaman, the act of healing is not immediately obvious. It was in carrying out Elisha's instructions to bathe that he encountered healing. Similarly, it is in obeying Jesus' command to 'Go and show yourselves to the priests' that cleansing is experienced in the lives of the ten men. Just as Naaman went on to praise God, in the light of his healing, so the Samaritan leper, who becomes the focus of this gospel episode, praises God 'at the top of his voice'. Both are keen to express gratitude: Naaman, in his concern to offer a gift to the prophet, the Samaritan, in his readiness to fall at the feet of Jesus. Both are foreigners, who ultimately, confess their faith in the God of Israel.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Council met again for the first meeting of the new term on Wednesday 28th September. We completed our review of the vision and practice for Parish Pastoral Councils, begun last year, following which a 'Constitution' and 'Mission Statement' for the Pastoral Council were agreed. Members who had attended the recent Faith and Life Convention provided reports on a day that was undoubtedly a great success. There were preliminary discussions on a Faith Development programme for Lent 2017. Information will follow shortly on arrangements for our annual mass for the sick.

Loss and Blessings Day

Remember your deceased relative and friends on **Saturday 12th November 2016** from 10.30am—4pm at Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar.

Price £30 which includes tea/coffee and lunch.

Please phone **02844830242** to reserve your place.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Dora Noone, Thomas Hutchinson, Bill Murray, Margaret Brady, Andy Mulholland, Gerard Clarke, Mary Devlin, Bridie Burns, Patricia Boyle.

Rita Torbitt, Agnes Rooney, Kieran Coney, Maureen Crozier, Lily Trainor, Eddie Galway, Patrick McGoran, Mary Boyle, Elizabeth Sheridan.

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**.

Bethany Bereavement Support

St Bernadette's Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group warmly invites you to a talk by: N.I.

Hospice Chaplain, the Rev Jim Armstrong, on **'DEALING WITH BEREAVEMENT'**

Wednesday 19th October, at 8pm,

in the Parish centre.

Members of the Bethany group will be available after the talk, when light refreshments will be served. Everyone is very welcome.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,706**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 6 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 14th. 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 13th. October - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Meet in the church car park.



Living Youth

Are you 17-25? Why not join us on our **Pilgrimage to Rome** from **29th. July – 5th. August 2017**. Cost £800 including flights, transfers, accommodation half board, t-shirts and jacket. Lots of fundraising ideas and opportunities available. £100 deposit required. *The Closing Date is Monday 17th. October.*



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. Pilates (2 sessions).
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 11th.

7p.m. Zumba resumes.

Wednesday 12th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.
7p.m. - 8.30p.m. Yoga (Two sessions).
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday 13th.

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

Friday 14th.

9.30a.m. Pilates.
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday 15th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1p.m. Junior Badminton.
1p.m. - 2:30p.m. - Beginners session
2:30p.m. - 4p.m. - Improvers session

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for October - Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 16th. October - Group 8
Nicholas J. McCafferty, Kathleen Leyden,
Nicholas M. McCafferty, Estelle McGrath.

500 Club



Week 3: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw:** Margaret Vernor & Anne Martin.
Each winner receives £50.

Youth Choir



New youth choir starting in October! It's a new, fun and great way to get involved in your Parish for things such as the John Paul II award or for Duke of Edinburgh! If you sing or play an instrument, why not come along and join us at our open rehearsal this Sunday after 12 p.m. Mass in the Parish Centre. If you're interested, drop in or text Owen Tel. 074720 11248!

Clonard Outreach



Year of Mercy Clothing & Necessities Drive "Clothe the stranger" - Pope Francis. During October we are collecting items for **The Morning Star Hostel & The Welcome Organisation**. Both organisations are in need of: Towels, Face Cloths, Toiletries, Men's Clean Casual Clothes - Jumpers Trousers Tracksuit Bottoms, Men's underwear and socks (unworn), Hats & Gloves. Most of us have that coat or pair of trousers that we no longer wear; do you have anything from that list you could donate to these fantastic facilities? Please bring your donations to **Clonard Reception** before **Friday 21st. October.**

What's On!



October 13th. The Down & Connor Family Life Forum presents "**Celebrating and Supporting Families**" hosted by **Bishop Treanor** at 7p.m. in **St. Joseph's College**. The Forum supports Diocesan and Parish organisations which provide pastoral services for families in our Parishes. Everyone welcome!

October 20th. Sister Martina Purdy will be the special speaker at the Healing Service in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. Sharing her journey from BBC News journalist to Adoration Sister. Personal prayer and the anointing with oil will be available at the service.

October 20th. The RCIA programme begins at **St. Mary's, Chapel Lane**. Should you wish to take part, please contact **Fr. James Boyle MHM**, or **Anne McCrossan** a.s.a.p. to arrange a meeting and register. Tel. 9032 0482 or Email: administratorofstmarys@btinternet.com

Did you know that all Masses and special liturgies are streamed live on the Parish Website?

Why not visit www.StBernadettesParish.org/live

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