



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 35:4-7) Imagine for a moment: what is God's vision for you? What, do you think God wants for you and for you to do? Isaiah presents God's vision of a different world where there is no predator or prey, no fear or hatred. It's not so much a goal to be achieved as a guide by which to set a course. The 'heart' of repentance is to turn around, take another direction, choose another course because we have become aware our actions are out of step with God's desire for peace and justice between all God's creation.

Second Reading (James 2:1-5) Who will you serve? What constitutes greatness? If my temptation is to see the value of another person according to their status or achievements, God sees only the person and their heart. The culture within which we live may suggest we must be free, on our own terms and at any cost; Christian discipleship invites us to find our freedom and our true self through service to others. The gospel of Jesus Christ runs contrary to our natural tendency to think about power, leadership and life according to the terms of the world.

Gospel Reading (Mark 7:31-37) Ephphatha! Be opened! May our ears be opened to hear good news, our tongues to speak justice and truth, and our hearts and lives be opened to live the fullness of relationship with God and with others. Lord, help me be aware of the closed parts of me that need to 'be opened' to new possibilities for building relationships and accepting the new life you offer. ©Intercom



Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much *wants* to see you!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Please drop in during the day to spend a little time in silent reflection in the very presence of the Lord.



Reflection

So, let us pray today for the gift of hearing, to hear the voice of God calling to us in everything that will happen this day. Let us pray for the gift of speech, that is, to be so filled with the liberating experience of knowing Jesus that we simply cannot refrain from sharing that experience with all those around us.

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Church Refurbishment

Work to install low-cost L.E.D. light fittings in the church began on Wednesday. New exterior flood lights will illuminate the dalle de verre windows. The large hanging pendants in the nave will be replaced.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patsy Vize R.I.P.**, of Newton Park, whose funeral took place on Monday.

Anniversaries

Arthur Woods, Sean McLoughlin, James Bredin, Paddy McCafferty, Mary Forde, Patricia Aherne, Alphonsus McClean, Sarah T. Murray.

Claire O'Kane, Joseph Smith, Frank Grego, James Speight, Brenda Oliver, Charlie Murtagh, Alice McGrath.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Youth Alpha

"Everyone has questions. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view." If you are aged 16-19 and have questions about faith, or just want to know more about Christianity, then you have the perfect opportunity to do so over a free dinner in the upcoming Youth Alpha course. Each evening is based around food, a short video and discussion with peers.

Where: The series will run for 10 weeks (**September 30th. - November 11th. in St. Brides Hall and from November 18th - December 9th in St. Joseph's Parish Centre**).

When: Every Sunday from 7p.m. until 9p.m. Transport from non-host parishes will be provided. **Signing up:** There is no charge for the course, simply sign up by emailing your interest to s.farrell@Ddownandconnor.org Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-vouth-series/>



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,907**. 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 12th. September - 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. September - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.



110th. Belfast Scouts

St. Bernadette's Beavers have a number of places for boys or girls who wish to join. The group meet on a Tuesday night in the Scout Hall from 6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. Beavers are aged from 6-8 years. If you are interested, please register your child in the **Scout Hall** on **Tuesday 11th. September** between 6.30p.m. and 7p.m. or send your contact details by email to:

110thbelfastbeaverscouts@gmail.com



Church Flower Arrangers

Are you interested in creating floral displays? Do you have previous experience of flower arranging? Would you like to help with the preparation and care of the flowers in the church? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy!



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or e-mail: parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org

Monday

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.

8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.

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

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Classes.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga advanced.

8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Relaxation Yoga.

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist

September - Team 3.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 16th. September - Group 8.

500 Club

Week 51: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Billy Foley & Mary McLernon.**

Each winner receives £50.

Try your luck at winning some cash! The new cycle of the **500 Club** will begin on **17th. September**. For just £1 per week you have 2 chances weekly to win £50. All annual subscriptions (**£52**) are now due. Cheques should be made payable to: **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**. Many thanks to all loyal members and promoters for your support. Promoters can pick up new Promoter's Cards and envelopes in the Sacristy. If you would like to join the 500 Club, please leave your name, address, and contact number in the sacristy after Mass. New members are always welcome!

St. Bernadette's Youth Club

The **Youth Club** has for many years played a key part in the development of young people in the Parish. Many of them have progressed to become junior leaders which has proved to be a vital part of their development to adulthood and enhanced their future career prospects. The Youth Club provides a safe and controlled environment for young people to socialise and to develop lasting friendships. The current team need immediate help to continue to provide this service to our young people. We need enthusiastic parents and past members with a mix of skills and a keen interest in developing the young people of the Parish. Child Protection training, induction training and guidance will be provided. Further information is displayed on the notice boards in the church. If you can help, please express your interest by sending an email to us at:

saintbernadettesyouthclub@gmail.com

Junior Badminton

St. Bernadette's Junior Badminton Club resumes on **Saturday 15th September** in the **Parish Centre** from **1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.** To encourage new members we are offering **free taster sessions** until the end of the month. Racquets will be provided if needed. Children, between the age of 8 - 18 years are welcome to come along and give it a try!

What's On!

September 14th. Voice of Hope Community Concert in **St. Peter's Cathedral** at **7.30p.m.** to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. Tickets £10 from the Cathedral Office Tel. 9032 7573.

September 18th. Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass in **St. Malachy's Church** at **7p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

September 28th. Marie Curie invite you to take part in their **7km Twilight Walk** at **Barnett Demesne**. Sign up at www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk or Tel. 9088 2060.