

# Parish Bulletin



10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Year C

Gospel of St. Luke  
12 : 32 - 48

You also must  
be prepared,  
for at an hour  
you do not expect,  
the Son of Man  
will come.

PARISH OF  
HOLY ROSARY

PARISH OF  
ST BERNADETTE

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH** Vigil 6.00pm & 11am

**HOLY ROSARY PARISH** 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**St Bernadette's Parish:** Mon, Tues, Wed 9.30am

**Holy Rosary Parish:** Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.00am

## CONFESSIONS SATURDAY:

**Good Shepherd church** 10.30am

**St. Bernadette's church.** 5.15pm

## OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Tom Kelly (recently retired Sacristan Holy Rosary Parish),  
Geraldine O'Reilly, Patricia Hogg, Eileen McAlinden,  
Kathleen Jordan, Rita Colquhoun, John Kennedy

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Bailie (6pm), Kevin McGuigan (9am), Maura McMacken,  
Pat McGreevy, James McGreevy, Veronica McGreevy  
Jimmy Devlin, Jack McDowell (10.30am),  
Maighread & Michael Murphy (12.30pm), Seamus Keenan,  
Nicky McCormick



**St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement  
Support Group** ☎ 07388191309

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST IS THE  
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF  
OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
AND IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**



**St Bernadette's Parish** Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Vigil 7.00pm

**Holy Rosary Parish** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

You are warmly invited to attend the  
**1st Anniversary Mass for Bishop Noel Treanor,**  
which will be celebrated on:

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

**St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast**

Your presence would be most welcome.

## ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES

**Weekly Collection**

£1211.30

**The Monthly Collection**

£1110.10

Thank you for your continued generosity  
towards the collections taken up in our parish.



## St Bernadette's SVP



Thank you, for your ongoing support throughout the year.  
Your generosity is much appreciated. Please do not  
hesitate to contact us if you require financial help/ support.

## VENTURE SCOUT REUNION

**Fortieth 110<sup>th</sup> Venture Scout Reunion** will be held on Saturday  
13<sup>th</sup> September. If you're interested in attending, please contact  
Nona via email [Conaghannona66@fmail.com](mailto:Conaghannona66@fmail.com)

## St Bernadette's Parish Contacts

**Fr. Brendan Hickland, PP**  
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**Rev Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara Assistant Priest:**  
Holy Rosary Parish & St Bernadette's Parish  
Chaplain to Syro-Malabar Community  
28 Willowbank Park, Belfast BT6 0LL  
☎ (028) 9079 3023

**email:** [stbernadettes@downandconnor.org](mailto:stbernadettes@downandconnor.org)

## PARISH WEBCAMS

Website & Webcam [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

Website & Webcam [www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net](http://www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net)

## HOLY ROSARY PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10am to 3pm.

The parish office will be closed on Fridays.

Contact details:

[holynosary@downandconnor.org](mailto:holynosary@downandconnor.org) ☎ 02890642446 Option 2

To assist Clare, the parish secretary, all notices for inclusion  
in the parish bulletin ought to be submitted by Wednesday at  
12 noon. Many thanks.





The Season of Creation takes place from September 1st to October 4th.

It is a time when Christians around the world come together to pray, reflect, and take action on caring for the environment and addressing ecological concerns. The observance begins on the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (September 1st) and concludes on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th).

The Season encourages prayer, education, and advocacy for environmental stewardship.

### The Symbol for 2025 is the Garden of Peace

The symbol is characterized by a dove carrying an olive branch bringing life to the Garden of Peace.

In the Biblical story of the flood, the dove plays the role of the blessed messenger: The dove sent out by Noah returns to the ark with a fresh olive branch in its beak, signalling that the flood is receding.

As the flood story begins with a situation where "the earth is filled with violence" (Genesis 6:13), the return of the dove with the olive branch came to be known as a sign of new peace.

**A CALL TO ACTION: "THE EFFECT OF JUSTICE WILL BE PEACE"**

God calls us to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). We are called to live in peace, worship the Creator, and work for a just and sustainable community that aligns with God's eternal plans. As co-workers with the Creator, we must embody peace with all of Creation.

To delve deeper into the theological reflection that guides the 2025 theme and symbol, find more information here:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

For information about events which will be happening locally see the website of –Join the dots together.

### ST BERNADETTE'S RETIREMENT GROUP

- £5 annual registration is still being collected for membership. Old and new members are most welcome.
- Members are also very welcome to join us for our weekly walk, we meet at 10:15 in St Bernadette's church carpark every Thursday. The walk will be ongoing throughout August.
- Our Outdoor Bowling Season in Ormeau Park has already begun, would you like to join? You'll be made very welcome on Tuesdays at 11am and Fridays at 2pm. No experience required. Bowls will be supplied. Please wear flat footwear
- The bowling will also be ongoing throughout August. A lovely way to spend some time during the summer.
- Our next coffee morning will be Wednesday 17th September after 9:30am Mass. Please come along and meet your friends and make new ones
- Our next trip is to Clifton Street Cemetery on 24th September at 11:30am. Cost £10. Meeting point: outside Clifton Street cemetery. The maximum number is 20 so it's the first 20 members who pay. If you're interested, please see a member of the committee or at the September coffee morning.

**Please see a member of the committee**

### Free Self-Management Course

## PAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

- Are you living with a long-term condition?
- Do you want to learn some tools and techniques to help you manage your condition and take back control?

<b>Dates:</b>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September - 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
<b>Times:</b>	12.15pm - 2.45pm (tea coffee and biscuits)
<b>Location:</b>	Ormeau Library, 247 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GG

We know how much strength it takes to live with arthritis and other long-term conditions. Our programmes are designed to improve your confidence and connect you with other people with similar conditions.

Participants will develop their skills and knowledge on:

- Getting a good night's sleep
- Managing symptoms
- Working with your healthcare team
- Effective problem-solving
- Better communication
- Handling difficult emotions
- How to relax
- Tips for eating well
- Managing anxiety

#### How to Register:

**Call us on:** 028 9078 2940

**Email:**  
[niservices@versusarthritis.org](mailto:niservices@versusarthritis.org)

**QR:** Scan the QR code



**VERSUS  
ARTHRITIS**



### Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025.

**£699.00** pps. Price includes return bus transfers, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Galway Cathedral, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick and more. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**St Agnes' Choral Society** proudly presents the Irish amateur premiere of the smash-hit musical **Come From Away** at the Lyric Theatre, Belfast, from 4-15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025. This remarkable true story is filled with hope, humanity, and heart, telling how a small town in Newfoundland welcomed stranded airline passengers in the wake of 9/11. Uplifting, moving, and filled with joyful music, Come From Away is a celebration of kindness and community. Book now at [lyrictheatre.co.uk](http://lyrictheatre.co.uk) or call 028 9038 1081

**GSOTM - Traditional Music Summer Scheme**, from 11th to 15th August, in Edmund Rice College. 96-100 Hightown Rd, Newtownabbey BT36 7AU Further information on website: [gsotm.org](http://gsotm.org)





Sunday 10 August 2025  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 12:32-48

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### We have many gifts

Jesus trusts us with the gifts he has given us. He wants us to use them. Name the gifts that these girls and boys have.

What could they do with their gifts to make others happy?



Lucy is s.....  
She could .....



Mark is d.....  
He could .....



Bella is r.....  
She could .....



Isaac is c.....  
He could .....

Name a gift that Jesus has trusted you with. How do you use your gift to help other?

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me to be ready to meet you, Jesus. Give me an open and loving heart. Help me to see you in the people I meet and to share my time, energy and talents. Amen.

Jesus tells a story about some servants who were ready to welcome their master home. Jesus wants us to be ready to welcome him. He wants us to share our many blessings with others.

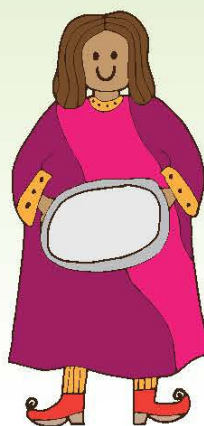
### Which order?

This child is getting ready for church.  
Number the pictures 1-4 in the right order.



### Spot the difference

God the Father is like a master who is so happy with his servants he sits them down at a table and serves them. Draw onto the plates the food that you would like to be served.



Jesus says that God the Father loves us very much.

Find the two differences between the masters.



Imagine Jesus is visiting your house today. How would you want him to find you? Draw yourself doing something you would be proud for Jesus to see.



Answers: Difference: Shoe colour; hair colour. Order: C, D, A, B. Their gifts are singing, drawing, running, cooking.