



Parishes of Holy Rosary and St. Bernadette



MASS SCHEDULE

[Why Sunday Matters – an invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass | Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

SUNDAYS

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH	Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
HOLY ROSARY PARISH	9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAYS

St Bernadette's Parish:	Mon, Tues, Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish:	Thurs, Fri & Sat 10.00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Good Shepherd church Saturday	10.30am
St. Bernadette's church. Saturday	5.15pm

BAPTISMS

(Prior booking via Parish Office)

Holy Rosary Church: Third Sunday of the month at 2p.m.
St Bernadette's Church: First Saturday of the month at 3p.m.

HOLY ROSARY TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10 a.m. to 1p.m.
Tuesday	9a.m. to 12 noon
Wednesday	12 noon to 4p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to 1p.m.
Friday	Office Closed

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More Information and resources:

holyrosaryparishbelfast.net and www.st.bernadettesparish.org



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th SEPTEMBER 2025

Readings: C (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 4



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is "Seeds of Peace and Hope". On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as "Pilgrims of Hope." This year's theme thus appears most timely.

Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings.

In Christ, we are "seeds of peace and hope." The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Is32:15-18).

These words of the prophet ... remind us that, together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this "caress of God" is to become visible to our world (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 84).

EVENTS

Wednesday 17th September, Economics for Peace and Planet
7:30–9:00 pm, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, 49 Lisburn St, Hillsborough BT26 6AA

St Bernadette's Retirement Group

Looking forward to welcoming back our members this Wednesday 17th September, to our coffee morning after 9:30am Mass. Our Clifton Street Cemetery visit will be Wednesday 24th September, meeting there at 11:30am. If you wish to attend, the £10:00 admission will be collected at our September coffee morning.



PARISH CENTRE

The Senior Citizens Group will resume on
Monday 15th September evening at

8pm We meet once a fortnight so come long, all are welcome.

Bingo on 21st September and 19th October at 7p.m



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING.

Holy Rosary : £1601.20

St. Bernadette's £1269.70

MONTHLY OFFERING.

Holy Rosary : £1405.14

St. Bernadette's £1161.87

Thanks for your continued generosity and support. The second collection next Sunday is the Autumn Voluntary Collection and will be taken up after Communion, for the priests of our parish. Collection offerings can be made by standing order or the website Donate button.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE, CELEBRATION OF YOUTH. A time of prayer and reflection, led by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ. In Clonard Monastery on Friday 26th September, 7.15am—8.30pm. All youth and young adults welcome.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE. Visit Latest News or belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk for info. on a range of programmes, including "Jesuits & Jedi: What Star Wars Teaches Us About Our Spiritual Journey", and "A Year of Ignatian Prayer". In addition, their "Hearts on Fire" programme is a 6 week introduction to Ignatian Spirituality, aimed at 18-35 year olds.

LIMA MISSION The Third World Group is collecting annual sponsorship payments for Fr Coney's Children's Centres, in Lima, after all the Masses 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

The Rise and Shine Trust - Lourdes 2026 - The Rise and Shine Trust, are welcoming guest applications for our fully supported and funded pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, France next Easter, 2026.

Who Can Apply?

- *Young people aged 11–30* with additional needs (full care and support provided)
- *Children under 11* with additional needs or serious/terminal illness (must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).

We are also seeking *volunteer carers* to join us in supporting our guests in Lourdes. If you are interested or have questions, contact Jarlath (07855802011) or Kristina (07761531813). Or Apply Online: www.riseandshine.ie Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information: [riseandshinegroup103](https://www.facebook.com/riseandshinegroup103)

MINISTRY OF WELCOME/FÁILTE GROUP

The Ministry of Welcome is one of the Church's liturgical ministries. Here in St Bernadette's we hope to extend our Ministry of Welcome team. It is a wonderful ministry where a small contribution can make a big difference. There will be talks given at this weekend masses regarding what is involved. Also we are meeting in the coffee lounge (parish centre) after 11 am mass on the 21st. You are very welcome to come along and find out more.

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Fred McMullan
Margaret Dullaghan Michael Tate, Tom Kelly
Siobhan McCloskey, Geraldine O'Reilly,
Patricia Hogg, Eileen McAlinden, Kathleen Jordan,
Rita Colquhoun

Anniversaries: Dennis O'Connor, James Begley
(9am) Betty Montague, (10.30), Siobhan McCloskey
(12.30pm Months Mind), Helen Rennick (6pm),
Tom Kelly (Months mind 10am Saturday), Kathleen
Blacks, Damien McGirr, John Gormley

