

Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY

PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



17th August 2025



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 No 9.30am Mass on Monday due to funeral of Siobhan McCloskey at 10am in Holy Rosary Parish.

Tues, Wed 9.30am

Holy Rosary Parish: Mon 18th Requiem Mass for Siobhan McCloskey 10.00am
Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.00am

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY:

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

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

RECENTLY DECEASED

Siobhan McCloskey, Tom Kelly, Geraldine O'Reilly, Patricia Hogg, Eileen McAlinden, Kathleen Jordan, Rita Colquhoun, John Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Janet and Christopher Rice (6pm), John Savage, Rose & Peter Gilbride (9am), Leroy Lindo (10.30am), Francis Martin (1st Anniversary 12.30pm), Eileen Mulhern, May McLaughlin, Eugene and Pat Cassidy

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ 07388191309



ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES

Weekly Collection £1488.39
Trocaire £55.15

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



Saints during the week
Tues 19th Aug St John Eudes (priest)
Wed 20th Aug St Bernard (abbot & doctor of the Church)
Thurs 21st Aug St Pius X
Fri 22nd Aug The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 23rd Aug St Rose of Lima, St Eugene(Eoghan) (bishop)

St Eugene (Eoghan) The Feast of St. Eugene (Éoghan) of Ardstraw, the patron saint of the Derry Diocese He is also known as the second patron saint of Derry. St. Eugene's Cathedral in Derry specifically celebrates his feast day with the lighting of candles on sconces above the consecration crosses on the anniversary of the cathedral's consecration (April 21st) and on August 23rd, according to the cathedral's website.

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PARISH WEBCAMS

Website & Webcam www.stbernadettesparish.org

Website & Webcam www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net

VENTURE SCOUT REUNION

Fortieth 110th Venture Scout Reunion will be held on Saturday 13th September. If you're interested in attending, please contact Nona via email Conaghannona66@gmail.com

HOLY ROSARY PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10am to 3pm.

The parish office will be closed on Fridays.

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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.



On Sunday week, 24 August, parishes across Ireland are invited to unite once more in a **Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza**. For 24 hours on 24 August, everyone is invited to pray and reflect in a particular way for the suffering people of Gaza. Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Apostolic Administrator of Dromore, said, "Only a short ten weeks ago, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland called for the month of June to be a time of prayer and solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza. Heartbreakingly, since then, the situation has deteriorated further. Innocent lives continue to be lost, many of them children and families while hunger, violence and devastation tighten their grip on a people caught in the crossfire.

"Across the parishes of Armagh and Dromore I have published a pastoral letter that echoes the urgent appeals of Pope Leo XIV, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa and the Heads of Churches in the Holy Land, for an immediate ceasefire, the release of hostages and respect for international humanitarian law. As Pope Leo reminds us, "Every human being has an intrinsic dignity bestowed by God Himself."

"The Bishops of Ireland have condemned, in the strongest terms, the genocidal acts being carried out with the sanction of the Israeli government, actions that have led to the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians. Such disproportionate violence is described as "unconscionable... and immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively." The ongoing suffering of hostages held by Hamas and the cruel withholding of their remains from their families is also acknowledged and unequivocally condemned. In the face of such darkness, this call to prayer is a call to hope," Archbishop Martin said. How Can We Respond?

On Sunday, 24 August, you are invited to take part in 24 hours of prayer and reflection. Whether as a parish or in the quiet of your own home, please consider:

- Attending Mass and offering it for peace in Gaza
- Spending time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
- Praying the Rosary for peace and justice
- Lighting a candle at home or in your parish church
- Making a small personal sacrifice or act of penance
- Reaching out to your political representatives to advocate for justice and humanitarian aid
- Supporting trusted aid organisations bringing relief to Gaza

Archbishop Martin concluded, "*This is a moment for our nation to radiate the light of Christ into the darkness, a light of peace, of justice and of hope for our world. Let us stand together, as one body in Christ, for the people of Gaza and for all who long for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.*"

Save the Date:

Abide in His Love Women's Conference
Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal.

An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK),

Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, The Nashville Dominican Sisters, Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin.

More speakers to be announced. Check out **Eventbrite** for tickets & more information. Not to be missed!

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.

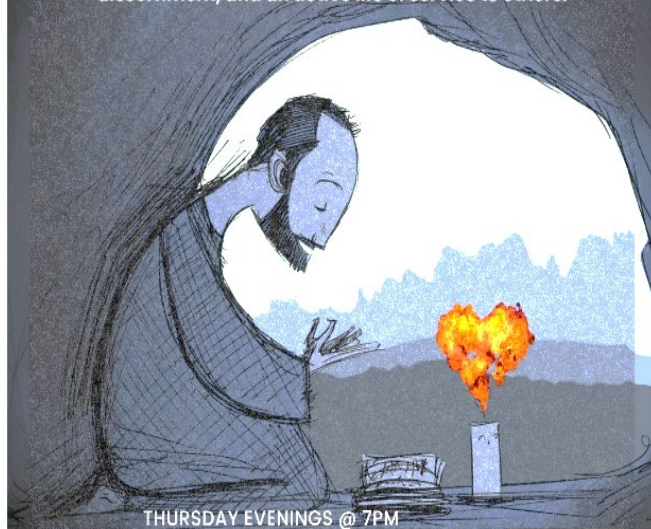
Please see a member of the committee

ORMEAU CONCERT FOR GAZA: Initial steps are being taken to organise a concert, mainly involving talent from the Ormeau area, for humanitarian relief in Gaza. This will involve Ormeau churches and the wider Ormeau community. Some of the proceeds will be channelled directly to Holy Family church in Gaza. The aim is to hold the concert in October, at a date and venue to be confirmed. If anyone is interested in helping in any way, please contact Michael McLoughlin, 07710585105. **Let us light a candle rather than curse the darkness.**

HEARTSONFIRE

**AN INTRODUCTION TO IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY
 THROUGH SIX ENCOUNTERS**

Ignatian spirituality is a spirituality for everyday life. It insists that God is present in our world and active in our lives. It is a pathway to deeper prayer, good decisions guided by keen discernment, and an active life of service to others.



THURSDAY EVENINGS @ 7PM
 BEGINS 9TH OCTOBER

JOIN US IN ULSTER UNIVERSITY
 CHAPLAINCY LOUNGE (BA-02-003)
 18 - 35 YEAR OLDS - REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE OR
 EMAIL CONOR: MCQUAIDCONOR12@GMAIL.COM
 PIZZA PROVIDED





Sunday 17 August 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:49-53

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS BRINGS FIRE!

Jesus wants us to change the world! It won't be easy, but Jesus wants us to treat other people with love and kindness. When we treat people fairly, we spread peace.

Can you find the message by using the first letter of each picture?



I am standing with Jesus

These people are all friends of Jesus.
Draw yourself standing alongside
them. Unscramble the letter to find
out what they are all saying.

We f _ l _ _ _ (wloo)
J _ _ _ s (ues)



Jesus' message is good



The fire that Jesus
brings will get rid of
bad things. Can you
find some of these
good things that
Jesus brings?

LOVE PEACE
HOPE LIFE
TRUTH FAITH

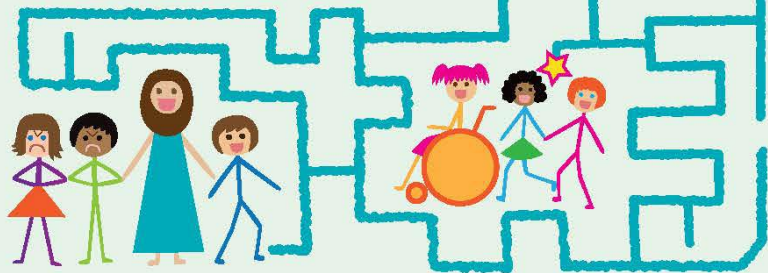
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A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, I want my heart to burn
with your love. Help me to
stand up for you and what is
right, even if other people don't
agree with me. Help me to
make a better world. Amen.

Maze

Some people don't want to follow Jesus.
Alfie has chosen to walk with Jesus.
Help Alfie and Jesus find their way to the
happy friends at the centre of the maze!



Answers: Jesus brings the fire of love. We follow Jesus.