

Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



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ST BERNADETTE



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20th April 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:

Easter Monday 9.30am

Tuesday 9.30am

Wednesday 9.30am

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

PARISH WEBCAMS

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on "Holy Rosary Live"

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2025

- For the right to an education.
- For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- For families in crisis.
- For the use of the new technologies.
- For working conditions.
- That the world might grow in compassion.
- For formation in discernment.
- For mutual coexistence.

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OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

RECENTLY DECEASED

Elizabeth Farrell, Marie Mackey, Kathleen Boyle, Duncan O'Neill, Gabriel McCaffrey, Rosenda Majury, Laurence Donnelly, Frank McMullan (Month's Mind Sat 26th 10am), Terry Despard George Burke, Renee Maloney

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maureen Haire, Seamus Woods, Mary McCrudden, Mary Gogarty, Eleanor Flanagan & Patrick Lavery (9am), Sheila Wright (10.30am), Kevin Carville (11am) Molly & Alex McAllister (12.30pm), Pauline Cassidy, John Pollock

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07388191309



ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES

Weekly Collection: £1438.74

The Easter Voluntary Collection will be taken up at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

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



TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2025

If you are bringing your Trócaire Boxes to the church, please do so only during Mass times.

If possible, it would be appreciated if you would change coins into notes to assist the parish counters



St Bernadette 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.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Bernadette's SVP Senior Citizens' Outing will take place this year on 22nd May. We will be going to The Ulster American Folk Park, and afterwards for lunch in Mellon Country Inn, Omagh.

LAUDATO SI'

TENTH ANNIVERSARY TO BE MARKED IN KNOCK

The 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* will be marked at the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock, Co Mayo, with a special event titled '**Raising Hope for Our Common Home**' on **Saturday April 26th**. The day-long gathering will take place from 10am to 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, located opposite the Knock Bookshop.

This significant milestone will be celebrated with a rich programme of dialogue, reflection, and discussion, featuring three distinguished guest speakers. Renowned environmentalist, scientist, and broadcaster Eanna Ní Lamhna will join Jane Mellett, Church outreach officer with Trócaire, and geographer Dr Brendan O'Keeffe to share insights on climate action, faith, and our responsibility to care for the planet.

Ahead of the Knock gathering, Ms Mellett said, "This celebration promises to be a hopeful and inspiring occasion, inviting all to renew their commitment to caring for our common home. "Hope is found in action and there are many good news stories which can inspire us all in this time of ecological crisis. Truly, much can be done!" (LS, 180).

Laudato Si', published in 2015, has had a profound impact on global conversations – within and without the Church – about ecology, sustainability, and the moral imperative to protect the Earth. This event at Knock Shrine offers a meaningful opportunity for individuals to explore the message of the encyclical, connect with like-minded people, and reflect on their role in fostering a more just and sustainable world. Tickets are priced at €15 per person and include access to all talks and discussions throughout the day. As space is limited, early booking is strongly recommended. For bookings and more information, please contact Nicola Mitchell at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or call +353 (0) 94 93 88100 ext 408.

2025 PILGRIMAGE SESSION LOUGH DERG 3-day Pilgrimage

(in the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil)

Friday 30th May until Friday 15th August

Admission £85. Booking essential : info@loughderg.org
www.loughderg.org for details of pilgrimage dates through the season.

The **Belfast Marathon** will be taking place on Sunday 4th May. Last year we had a great turnout from the Parish to cheer on parishioners who were taking part. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to cheer them on, hand out sweets and water, please get in contact with Ellie 07907120836. Hope to see you there!! 🏃



St Bernadette's Children's Liturgy
Dates for Children's Liturgy
4th/18th May. 1st/15th/29th June

TOM KELLY (Sacristan)

Tom Kelly will be retiring from his employment as sacristan of Good Shepherd church, on 30th April 2025. We are grateful to Tom for his many years as sacristan and very much appreciate Tom's example of faith and prayerfulness. May you have good health and many years to enjoy your retirement, Tom.

In the meantime, we would be very grateful for some help in opening the church of the Good Shepherd each morning and, if possible, to lock the church in the evening. If you would be willing and able to assist, please contact Fr. Brendan as soon as possible. If the church were opened at around 9.30a.m. each morning (apart from Sundays), we might be able to set up a rota, if needed. Thank you in anticipation

ST BERNADETTE'S RETIREMENT GROUP

- Our next **coffee morning** will be Wednesday 21st May after 9:30am Mass. £5 annual registration is still being collected for membership. Old and new members are most welcome, so come along and meet new friends.
- Members are also very welcome to join us for our **weekly walk**. We meet at 10:15am in St Bernadette's church carpark every Thursday.
- **Lyric Theatre**: Wednesday 14th May, '**Night at the Musicals**' - for the members who have already paid.
- Would you like a free tour of **Stormont Buildings** on Wednesday 30th April '25 at 12 noon? If so, please give your name at our May Coffee Morning or to a committee member.
- Have you ever visited **Clifton House** and experienced the Belfast Poor House? The cost is £9. If you'd like to go on Thursday 5th June at 2 00pm, please submit your name and £9 at our May coffee morning or to a committee member.
- **Our Outdoor Bowling Season** in Ormeau Park has begun: would you like to join? You'll be made very welcome on Tuesdays at 11am and Fridays at 2pm. No experience required. Bowls supplied. Please wear flat footwear. Please come along!

HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE

The Senior Citizens will meet on the following Monday evenings at 8pm:

12th & 26th May; 9th & 23rd June.

The next Bingo Evenings at 7pm:

27th April; 18th May & 15th June

PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

*Rev Deacon Patrick Keown, Fr Paul Fleming,
Fr Jose Bharanikulangara and Fr Brendan Hickland,
wish parishioners, their families, and friends a Happy and Blessed Easter*





Sunday 20 April 2025
John 20:1-9
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord

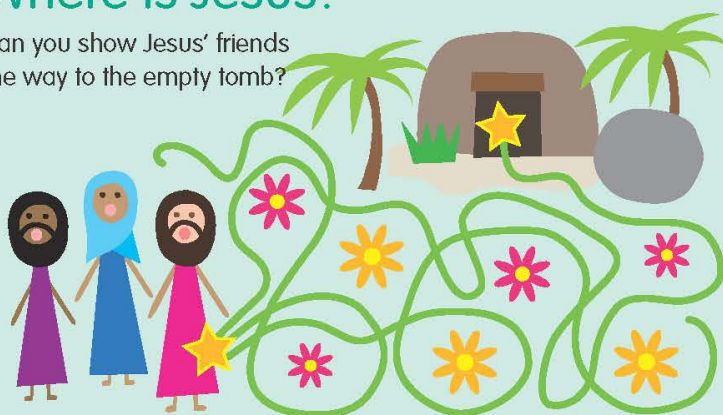
In the
GOSPEL TODAY

GOOD NEWS!

Mary goes to the tomb and finds it empty. Simon Peter and another disciple come and see too. Now they understand – Jesus is alive!

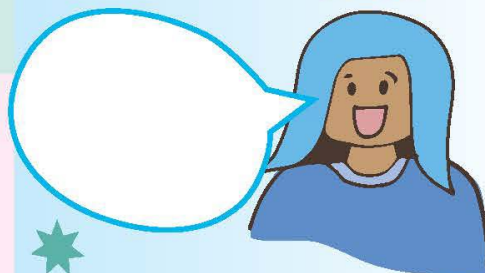
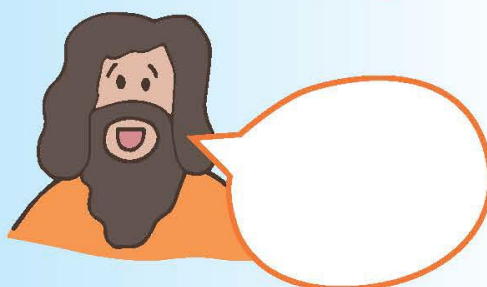
Where is Jesus?

Can you show Jesus' friends
the way to the empty tomb?



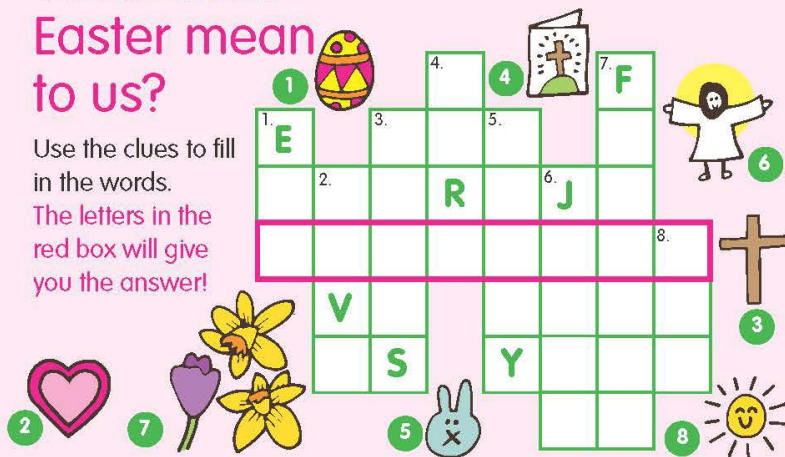
Happy day!

Mary and Peter are happy because
Jesus is alive! *What are they saying?*



What does Easter mean to us?

Use the clues to fill
in the words.
The letters in the
red box will give
you the answer!



It's great!

Cool!

Hooray!

Yippee!

Fantastic!

I'm so happy!

Choose the best words to write in their
speech bubbles – *or use your own!*

A PRAYER TO SAY

I am so happy that you are
alive, Jesus! Thank you for
showing me that good can
come out of something bad.
Help me to enjoy the life that
you have given me! Amen.

Code word



What does this word say? People in the Bible used it when they were very
pleased about something. *Maybe you will hear people shout it today!*

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Answers: Code word = Alleluia. 1. Egg, 2. Love, 3. Cross, 4. Card, 5. Bunny, 6. Jesus, 7. Flowers, 8. Sun.
Hidden word = Good News.