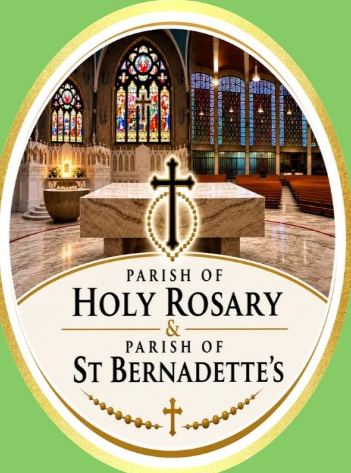




MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

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 2p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Rev. Patrick Keown (Deacon) p.keown@downandconnor.org

Kylee (Parish Support Officer) Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9.15a.m - 1p.m. Closed Fridays

Holy Rosary Parish Office (028) 90642446 Option 2
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Philomena (Finance Officer) p.dawson@downandconnor.org
More Information and resources:
holyrosaryparishbelfast.net and www.st.bernadettesparish.org

2026 Retreats Dates for Your Diary

Annual Theme: Faith, Simplicity, Love: A Mother's Path to Holiness

Compline Retreat: 1st May 2026, 11 Priday Centres, Mayo

Alpha Retreat: 2nd October 2026, 1st November 2026, Ely House, Dublin

Painting Retreat: 14th March 2026, Dominican Sisters, Limerick

Catholic Mothers Ireland - Family Day.

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on Sunday 6th September at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City. The day will begin with Mass at 2pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents. This promises to be a lovely date for the whole family. For more information and booking details, please email info@catholicmothers.ie.

Poor Clares Galway, Half-Day Retreat for women 18-40

with Women's spirituality speaker Louise Mc Guinness, An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer and communion with God. The event will take place from **2pm to 6pm on Sunday the 6th of September** register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>

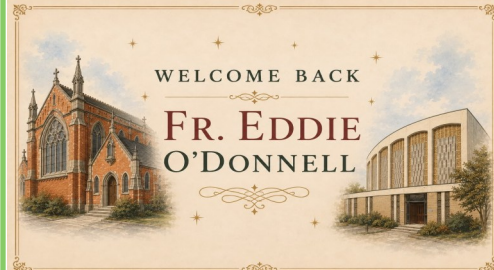


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY

23rd AUGUST

Readings: A (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 1





We warmly welcome back **Fr. Eddie O'Donnell** to our parishes following his retirement as Parish Priest of St. Brigid's. Returning to where his ministry as a priest first began, Fr. Eddie will reside at 501 Ormeau Road and continue his priestly service across our parishes. May God bless him with good health and many happy years among us.

MARY'S MEALS

If you set up a new monthly regular gift **between 1st and 31st August 2026**, your first three payments will be **TRIPLED!** And if you are already a Promise Pledger and choose to increase your regular gift during this time, your increase will be tripled for the first three payments at the new rate. This is thanks to a generous donor who is matching new regular gifts and increases to regular gifts, up to a value of £250,000. Help us unlock all the available funding to provide even more meals for hungry children. To increase your Direct Debit or recurring card payment, or contact us on **0800 6981212**.



Abide in His Love Women's Conference.

The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20–22 November 2026. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

VACANCY – PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER

Downpatrick Parish is seeking to appoint a **Parish Support Officer** on a permanent basis, **16 hours per week, Monday–Thursday, 10.00am–2.00pm**. Full details and application forms are available at www.downandconnor.org
Closing date: 12 noon, Thursday 20 August 2026

ACCIDENTAL ACTIVE ARTS

COMMUNITY ARTS CLASSES FOR OVER 60s:

- SWING BELFAST
- FIGURE THIS: LIFE DRAWING
- SPIRITS: PUBLIC SPEAKING
- AND MORE

LOW COST & NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT YOU ENJOY.

GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT WHAT'S ON: VISIT ACCIDENTALTHEATRE.CO.UK/ACTIVE-ARTS

Catholic Mothers Ireland Annual National Mass

Date for your Diary: September 6th

Catholic Mothers Ireland is hosting a special Mass to mark another year of fellowship, prayer & teaching.

Sunday 6th September 2026, 2 p.m.

Termonbacca Derry

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. All mums & families are warmly invited to attend & join in prayer. **Donation only on the day**

To book, please email: info@catholicmothers.ie

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Holy Rosary: £1747.00
St. Bernadette's: £1320.56

DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL COLLECTION:

Holy Rosary: £722.00
St. Bernadette's: £522.71

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support
Collection offerings can be made by standing order or the Dona machines in the church porch.

St Bernadette's Third World Group Lima Mission

Father Coney and staff members from St Bernadette's Children's Centres in Lima will be speaking at all Holy Rosary Masses next **Sunday 30th August** and St Bernadette's Masses on **5th & 6th September**. Their aim is to thank the Sponsors for their continued support over many years, and at the same time promote the sustainability of the projects. The Third World Group will be on hand and happy to give further details.

St Bernadette's Retirement Group

Our Thursday weekly walk. We meet at 10.15 in St Bernadette's Church carpark. The weekly walks run throughout July & August. All members are welcome to join at any time. Registration for the year is £5. New members are always welcome

MONDAY TEAS

Monday Teas will resume this Monday, 24th August in St Bernadette's Parish Centre. Sadly this will be our last Monday Tea with Fr Jose as he leaves for Antrim Parish shortly. All welcome.

St Bernadette's St V De Paul

The Senior Citizens outing will take place on 17th September to Mount Stewart. All senior citizens are welcome. If you wish to come along please contact Frances @ 078 0056 2398 and leave your name and number or alternatively leave your name in the sacristy.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased:

Thomas (Tommy) Napier
Patrick (Pat) McCarney
Frank Maguire
Gerald (Gerry) Henvey
Niamh Fleming
Mary Hanvey

Anniversaries:
Eileen Bailie (6pm)
John Brennan (9am)
Maggie Holmes (10.30am)
Kathleen Clarke (12.30pm)
Frank McCullogh
Maureen Mooney
Georgina Lecky
Kieran Lecky
Edward Mulhern

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

