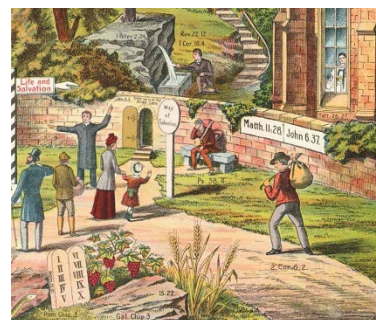
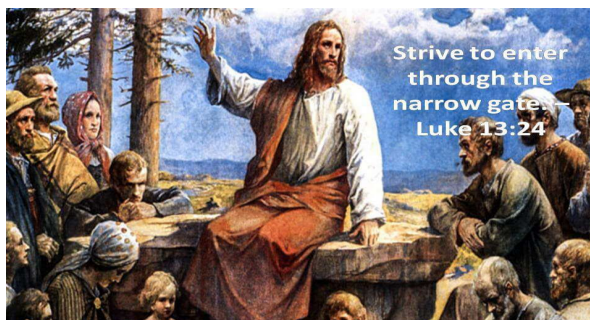


Parish Bulletin



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th August 2025

PARISH OF
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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

Michael Tate (died this week in Australia)

Siobhan McCloskey, Tom Kelly, Geraldine O'Reilly

Patricia Hogg, Eileen McAlinden, Kathleen Jordan

Rita Colquhoun



ANNIVERSARIES:

Donna Begley (9am), Rita McGettrick (12.30pm), Paul McCavana

Edward Mulhern, Georgina Lecky, Kieran Lecky, James Cassidy

Maureen Mooney, Brian Kerr, Susan McKay, Kathleen Clarke

**Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement
Support Group** ☎ 07388191309

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis will take place in Rome on 7th September.

Holy Rosary Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to a viewing of the film documentary 'Roadmap to Reality'

on 2nd September 2025, at 7.30 pm in the parish centre. 'Roadmap to Reality' explores the life of Acutis and the lessons he offers young people regarding the challenges of the digital world. The documentary blends live action, animation, and documentary-style interviews with Acutis' family, friends, tech experts, and scholars to tackle urgent questions about artificial intelligence and the technological world we live in.'



ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES

Last week's collections will be published in next week's bulletin.

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 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.

Contact details:

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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.



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PARISH WEBCAMS

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Today, Sunday, 24th 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.*"

St. Bernadette's Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 14th Sept at 11am Mass and continue each fortnight after that. All children of Primary School age are welcome. **All new children must complete the Parents' Consent Forms** which can be completed online by scanning our QR code or a paper copy which are available on our notice board at the back of the church. Looking forward to another fun year together. Any adults wishing to become a member of the children Liturgy please contact Mary Grace Wilson on 07554386905.

**Dates for Children's Liturgy: 14th /28th Sept; 12th/26th Oct
9th/23rd Nov; 7th /21st Dec**

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

mary's
meals

| a simple solution to world hunger

Donate

Dear friend,

After losing both her parents, Buhle went to live with her aunt, Girl. But, with six children to feed, the family faces daily challenges putting enough food on the table. Prolonged drought in this region of Zimbabwe has wiped out their livestock, and supplies are so stretched that most days the children don't eat before they go to school.

It costs just 10p a day to feed a child with Mary's Meals. Please, give what you can today and fuel a hungry child's journey to a better future.

A daily serving of nutritious Mary's Meals porridge (enriched with vitamins and minerals) brings her to school each day and gives her the energy to focus in class so she can achieve her dream of becoming a pilot.. Thanks to your support, Buhle is thriving and has her sights firmly set on travelling the world.

[By donating today](#), you can help more children like Buhle achieve their dreams.

Set up a foreign currency collection

As many people head off on their summer holidays, now is the perfect time to start a collection of unused foreign coins and notes at your workplace, church or local community group.

Even a small donation can make a big impact – just like the daily meal that is helping Buhle learn and dream again.

[Donate your leftover travel money today](#) and help Mary's Meals reach more children like Buhle with life-changing school meals in some of the world's poorest communities.

Mary's Meals is a registered at Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll, Scotland PA33 1AR

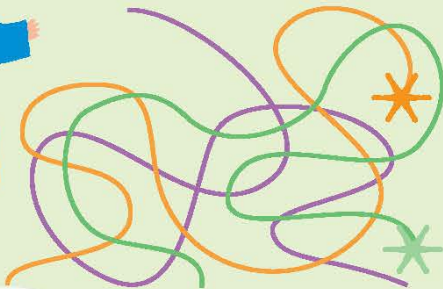


Sunday 24 August 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 13:22-30

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

THE NARROW DOOR!

Unscramble the strings.
Which door leads to Jesus?
Follow the strings to find out.



Wordsearch

Can you find these words in the puzzle?

W	A	Y	L	E
G	Z	D	O	L
B	K	O	V	A
X	L	O	E	S
F	I	R	S	T

First
Last
Way



Door
Love

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to your party! Help me to share your love with the people I meet so that I will fit through the narrow door. Amen.

Quiz

How can we follow God's way? Tick all the things that will help us get through the narrow door to Jesus' party.

I can
be kind

I can
tidy up

I can
share my
things

I can
shout at
my mum

I can
hit my
brother

The way

Chloe is trying to find her way to God. Can you find out what the message on her path says?



START



FINISH