

# Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF  
HOLY ROSARY



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ST BERNADETTE



Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time Year C  
27<sup>th</sup> July 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:** 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**

## PARISH WEBCAMS

Visit [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

[www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net](http://www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net) for Holy Rosary Parish and click on "Holy Rosary Live".

## OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Eileen McAlinden, Eugene Cassidy (9am) died in England 4<sup>th</sup> July, Kathleen Jordan, Rita Colquhoun, John Kennedy, Phyllis Mooney

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Seamus Bell (6pm), Don Anderson (10.30am), Elizabeth Lyttle (11am), Euphemia Kennedy Declan O'Kane (12.30pm), Patricia Ward John Cummings (1st Anniversary), Maria Stewart

**St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group** ☎ 07388191309



## ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES

**Collections for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July will be published next week.**

**The Monthly Collection** for the support of the priests will be taken up next week

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



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## 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.

## HOLY ROSARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Parish Welcome Team and anyone who is interested in joining the team, in the parish centre on 29th July at 7.30 pm.

## PARISH COFFEE MORNING

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to a coffee morning on Saturday 16 August in the parish centre. We'll serve tea, coffee and some treats between 11am and 1pm. If you'd like to help us, telephone Catherine 07882 789508

## HOLY ROSARY PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10am to 3pm.

The parish office will be closed on Fridays.



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.



## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 27 July 2025

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. Augustine asks, "What do we mean by old age?" He tells us that God himself answers the question: "Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, 'When I am weak, then I am strong'".

*(Extract from Pope Leo's message for today)*

### Prayer for today

**'Blessed are those who have not lost hope'**

*(Sir 14:2)*

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!  
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,  
animated by the hope that comes from You!  
Help us in this divisive world,  
to bring the hope of communion.  
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,  
to bring the hope of peace.  
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,  
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.  
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our  
loved ones  
and for everyone we meet,  
the memory of your tenderness.  
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,  
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!  
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost  
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!  
Amen.

### Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025.

**£699.00** pps. Price includes return bus transfers, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Galway Cathedral, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick and more. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### 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 July and 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 July and August. A lovely way to spend some time during the summer.
- Our next coffee morning will be Wednesday 17th September after 9:30 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**



## PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

**The Season of Creation takes place from  
September 1st to October 4th.**

It is a time when Christians around the world come together to pray, reflect, and take action on caring for the environment and addressing ecological concerns. The observance begins on the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (September 1st) and concludes on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4<sup>th</sup>).

The Season encourages prayer, education, and advocacy for environmental stewardship.

### **The Symbol for 2025 is the Garden of Peace**

The symbol is characterized by a dove carrying an olive branch bringing life to the Garden of Peace.

In the Biblical story of the flood, the dove plays the role of the blessed messenger: The dove sent out by Noah returns to the ark with a fresh olive branch in its beak, signalling that the flood is receding.

As the flood story begins with a situation where "the earth is filled with violence" (Genesis 6:13), the return of the dove with the olive branch came to be known as a sign of new peace.

### **A Call to Action: "The Effect of Justice Will Be Peace"**

God calls us to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). We are called to live in peace, worship the Creator, and work for a just and sustainable community that aligns with God's eternal plans. As co-workers with the Creator, we must embody peace with all of Creation.

To delve deeper into the theological reflection that guides the 2025 theme and symbol, find more information here:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

For information about events which will be happening locally see the website of –Join the dots together.





Sunday 27 July 2025  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 11:1-13

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## OUR FATHER!

Jesus' friends ask him how to pray. Jesus tells them to use the words of the Our Father. God is our Father who loves us very much.

## God wants to help us

Find out how in this word search

W	L	J	H	L	Z	Y	Q	A
F	O	R	G	I	V	E	S	N
S	V	D	O	S	L	B	R	S
H	E	Q	D	T	M	P	K	W
G	S	N	G	E	V	H	S	E
B	Z	K	T	N	T	R	Z	R
G	I	V	E	S	S	D	Y	S
B	Y	F	A	T	H	E	R	Y

"FATHER  
GOD  
LISTENS  
ANSWERS  
LOVES and  
FORGIVES"

## What is a good dad like?

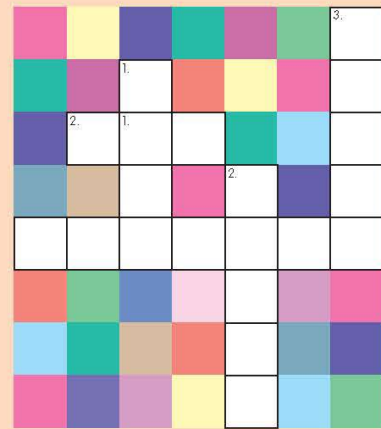
Look at the crossword answers to help you.

### down

1. When we are sad he h \_ g \_ us
2. When we are hungry he f \_ \_ d \_ us
3. He h \_ \_ \_ \_ us when we are stuck

### across

1. He laughs and has f \_ \_ with us
2. When we are worried he l \_ s t \_ n \_ to us



## Link the parts of the Our Father with the meaning

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name

thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven

give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us

and deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

Don't let anything bad harm us.  
Amen

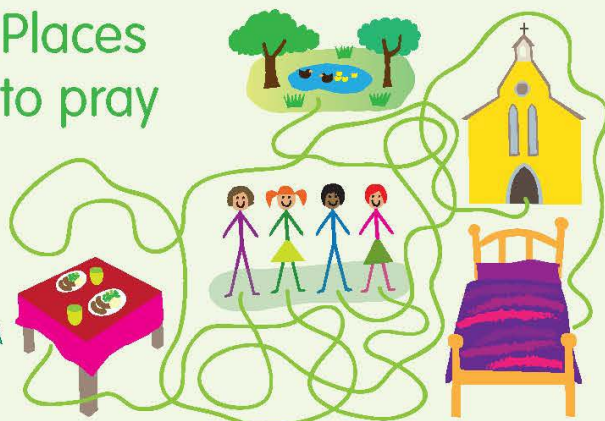
Give us everything we need

Dad, in heaven, your name is holy

Let everything on earth be done  
like you want

Forgive what we do wrong, just as  
we forgive people who hurt us

## Places to pray



We can pray  
anywhere.  
Follow the  
paths to find  
the different  
places where  
these children  
can pray.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for being  
such a good dad! Amen.

Answers: Down 1 hugs, 2 feeds, 3 helps. Across 1 fun, 2 listens.