

Lent



Parish Bulletin

4th
Sunday
of
Lent



Sunday Cycle C Psalter Week 4
Fourth Sunday of Lent
27th March 2022



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Holy Rosary Parish 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR LENT

Monday	9.30am	St. Bernadette's
	7pm	Holy Rosary
Tuesday	10am	Holy Rosary
	7pm	St. Bernadette's (Novena)
Wednesday	9.30am	St. Bernadette's
	7pm	Holy Rosary
Thursday	10am	Holy Rosary
	7pm	St. Bernadette's
Friday	10am	Holy Rosary
	7pm	Holy Rosary
Saturday	10am	Holy Rosary



Given the Covid situation, the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass **remains in place UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. The faithful are encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass whenever possible or to participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

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

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on the webcam

Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St. Bernadette's Parish: Weekdays (Lent) 10.00 – 4pm.
Holy Rosary Parish: Weekdays 10.30 – 5pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays Holy Rosary 12 – 12.30pm (Conference room)
Saturdays St. Bernadette's 5.15 – 5.45pm (Lourdes chapel)

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PARISH CENTRE RE-OPENING

The Parish Centre has been closed since March 2020. With the easing of COVID restrictions, the hall will re-open at the beginning of April 2022. The Parish Finance Committee has reviewed the pricing structure for the hire of facilities, given the increasing energy costs. The costs will be: Large Hall £25 per hour (+ £10 per hour for use of kitchen); Minor Hall £20 per hour (+ £10 per hour for use of kitchen) and Lounge £20 per hour. Enquiries and bookings can be made directly to Paul at parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Robert Erne, Gerry McDonald (Dublin), Tony Rocks (Canada), Eileen Smyth, Anto Haughey, Veronica Duncan.



Anniversaries:

Eileen Goldsmith (6pm), Mary Braniff, Mary Donnelly, Bridie Crawley, Fr Tom Hamill, Karl McConvey, Patrick Marnier, Michael Bannon (9am), Kathleen Gargan (10.30am), Grainne Walls (12.30pm), Patrick & Elizabeth Drumm.

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎
07385591055 (new number)

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎
07818090323

ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Collection (20th March) £1,295.73
Needy Parishes Collection (20th March) £ 578.69

The Annual Financial Report to Parishioners for the year ending 31st December 2021 will be presented at the

Masses this weekend. Hard copies of the Report will be available to collect at the back of the church.

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to parish finances over the past very challenging year. Thanks also to the parish collectors and counters. Many thanks also to the Parish Finance Committee for all their behind-the-scenes work during the year.



A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to love and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE THIS WEEKEND

The Irish Bishops have asked that a Special Collection be taken up at Masses this weekend, **26th/27th March**, to support humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to *Caritas Internationalis*, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



Anyone wishing to make an online donation should go to the Trócaire website at www.trocaire.org. Trócaire are part of the *Caritas Internationalis* network and are supporting *Caritas* working in the region.

SVP

Many thanks to Parishioners for your continued support and generosity. Without your help our work would not be possible. Donations can continue to be made online at www.SVPNI.co.uk or telephone 02890750161. If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at 02890351561 and you will be **Confidentially** directed to one of our Conference Members or **another Conference of your choice**.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE - pupils, staff and parents - on the great news of making it onto the Department of Education's list for a new building.

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

Today (Sunday 27th March) is the final day to submit your postcard responses. There is a box available at the front of the church (at Our Lady's shrine) for returns.

It is still possible to submit your feedback directly to the Living Church Office using their on-line questionnaire. See www.downandconnor.org/synod. This facility will remain open until Palm Sunday (Sunday 10th April).



SYNODAL LISTENING IN OUR PASTORAL COMMUNITY OF SOUTH & EAST BELFAST

As part of this whole process, Bishop Treanor has encouraged local parishes to come together, pray and enter into a conversation about our Church at this time. You are invited to join in the synod conversation on **Thursday 31st March 7 – 9 pm in St Colmcille's Parish Centre, 191 Upper Newtownards Road**. The session will be facilitated by Jim Deeds from the Living Church office and Catherine McCoy.

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2022-2023

The new Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2022-23 are now ready for collection and distribution. Boxes can be collected from the sacristy at Mass times. We would also be very grateful if parishioners could help us deliver the new envelope boxes throughout the parish. Please contact the Parish Office or sacristy. Many thanks in anticipation. If you do not currently use the envelope system and would like to take a box, please contact the parish office or e-mail: stbernadettes@downandconnor.org



LENT prayer • fasting • almsgiving

MORNING PRAYER FOR LENT

Morning Prayer will be celebrated Monday to Saturday, beginning 20 minutes before the morning Mass time. (Texts are available through the *Universalis* app.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & LENTEN PRAYER

Wednesdays 10am – 12noon St. Bernadette's
Fridays 10.30am – 12.30 Holy Rosary

VIA DOLOROSA (SORROWFUL WAY) LENTEN REFLECTIONS

These reflections, led by members of the congregation, will continue in Good Shepherd Church at 7.45pm on Thursday 24th, 31st March, and Thursday 7 April. **All are welcome to come along or join us on the webcam**. The running time is approximately 20 - 25 minutes.

These reflections (recorded last year during Covid restrictions) can also be viewed online at anytime at the St. Bernadette's Parish website. See the *Lent Resources 2022* section at www.stbernadettesparish.org

LENTEN CALENDAR

A Lenten Calendar is available on the parish website. See the *Lent Resources 2022* section at www.stbernadettesparish.org

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2022

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign was launched on Ash Wednesday. Boxes are available in the church. The Lenten Campaign will focus on Zimbabwe, through the story of Thandekile and her two children. For further information see www.trocaire.org, section Lent 2022. Trócaire can benefit again this year from the UK Aid Match programme, which means that the UK government will match parishioners' donations up to a maximum of £2 million. This is an opportunity for our Lenten donations to double.

"NO GREATER LOVE" LENTEN PROGRAMME

The Living Church office will be offering the "**No Greater Love**" programme on-line during Lent this year. (This programme started in parishes in 2020 but the pandemic restrictions meant that the course was never finished.) There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. To book a place on this online program please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org. The 6 sessions to choose from are: Mondays at 11am **or** 7pm; Tuesdays at 7:30pm; Wednesdays at 7:30pm; Thursdays at 11am **or** 7pm.



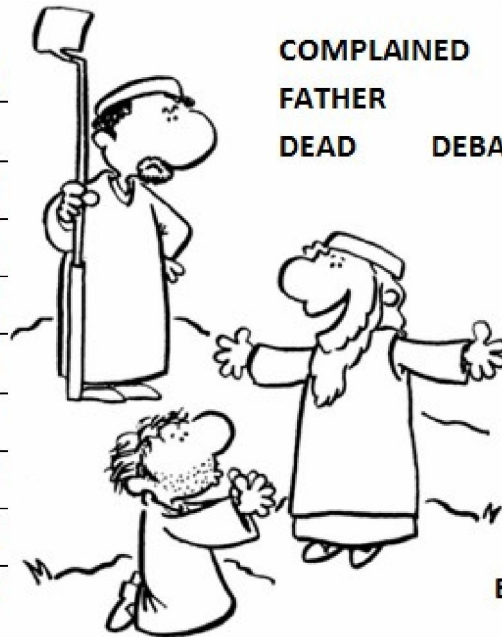
Jesuits in Scotland are running an online Lent course, presenting a daily episode from the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Spanish courtier-turned priest who devised Ignatian spirituality. The retreat will show how God transformed the life of St. Ignatius and through him, the lives of countless others. People take part individually but can also join weekly groups to share the fruits of their prayer and be helped in finding new ways to pray and be inspired. More details at www.onlineprayer.net

See online bulletin for Children's Activities.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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COMPLAINED
FATHER
DEAD
DEBAUCHERY
PIGS
BELLY
HUSKS
KISSED
CALF
FEAST
ELDER
ANGRY
BROTHER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"The Prodigal Son"



'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" Luke 15:11-24

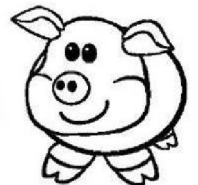
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The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 20-4-12-10-8 _____
- 16-1-26-18 _____
- 18-14-11-23-21-1-10-26 _____
- 5-15-11-9-14-3 _____
- 20-11-14-3-15-23 _____
- 19-1-18-18-15-8 _____
- 9-4-18-14 _____

FATHER
SONS

WEALTH
STARVING

PIGS
KISSED

FOUND
LOST