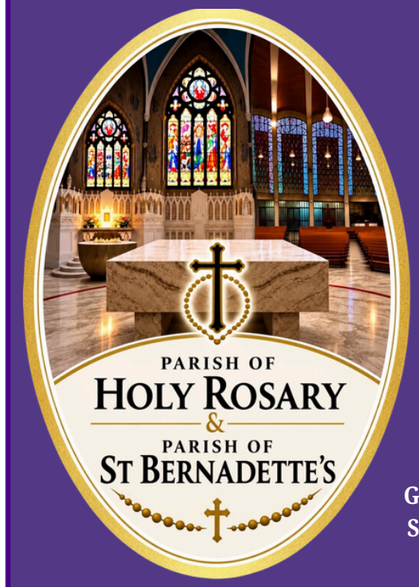
MASS SCHEDULE

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

Good Shepherd Church: At 2p.m on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.
St Bernadette's Church: At 2p.m on the 1st Saturday of the month

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Join us for the Christmas Craft Fair on **Sunday 6th December (9:30am-2:00pm)** in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre to browse a wonderful variety of craft stalls and pick up some gifts! We are also looking for donations of baked goods for our cake stall - with all cake proceeds going toward parish funds - as well as a few volunteers to help put up the Christmas trees before the fair.
If you can bake or help with the setup, please contact the Parish Office.

ADVENT NIGHT PRAYER

The Clergy of the Vicariate are gathering on the four Sundays of Advent for Night Prayer in our Churches across the Vicariate at 7.00pm. We invite parishioners to join us if they can:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	**1st Sunday 29th Nov**
Good Shepherd Church	**2nd Sunday 6th Dec**
St Colmcille's Church	**3rd Sunday 13th Dec**
St Brigid's Church	**4th Sunday 20th Dec**



First Sunday of Advent
29TH November
Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 1



DATES FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Holy Rosary: 29TH November & 13TH December
St Bernadette's: 6THDecember & 20TH December

St Bernadette's Retirement Group

We hope to see you at our next coffee morning on **Wednesday 16th December** after Mass. **AbilityNet** will be there again, to sort out your phone/tablet issues. The annual 2 course lunch is booked for **Wednesday 20th January**, £25...choices can be made at our next coffee morning. Another date for your diary, **the Lyric.... Waking Ned, Tuesday 23rd Feb 7:30. £15**
New members are always welcome, just come along to our coffee morning. (£5 registration.) Our Thursday weekly walk: we meet at 10:15 in the church carpark. All members are very welcome to join in at any time.

St. Bernadette's SVP Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens

A friendly reminder to everyone who has booked for the St. Bernadette's SVP Christmas Lunch that it will take place at **The Ivanhoe Hotel on Wednesday 2nd December at 12.45 pm**. We look forward to welcoming you all and sharing a lovely Christmas lunch together!

The launch of St Bernadette's SVP annual appeal takes place this weekend.

Donations can be made in a number of ways including our red boxes. For those who pay tax there are blue envelopes available at the back of the church. Donations can also be made online using the following; **https://www.svp.ie/fundraiser/st-bernadettes-christmas-appeal-2026/** QR codes are also available on the posters. Any support will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Fayre – The Commons, Ormeau Road

The Commons, Ormeau Road, will be hosting its Christmas Fayre on **12th December, from 2pm to 7pm.** Come along and enjoy an afternoon of festive fun, with a variety of craft stalls, hot food and live music. There will be something for everyone! All are very welcome.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th–13th December 2026

Young people aged 16–35 are invited to the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Donation-only, with free buses nationwide and all meals included. All are welcome! **Register at youth2000.ie**

Advent Mini Retreat at Holy Family Church

(226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December. Holy Mass at 11:00, Followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



The students of Order of Malta QUB, Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, St. Mary's University College Liturgy Group and Student Union invite you to participate in their annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal for the benefit of the homeless and vulnerable families of Belfast. This year's appeal is in partnership with Belfast Homeless Services.
Items Required: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Sanitary Products, Sweets, Chocolate, Gloves, Scarves, Hats.
Drop-Off Point: Please leave shoeboxes under the Christmas Tree at **St. Mary's University College Student Union, 191 Falls Road, Belfast.**
Deadline for drop-off is Tuesday 8th December
If you are unable to drop-off, collection may be possible. For information email: **qub@orderofmalta.ie** or call **Seán McGrath on 07444076405**

Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday 8th December.
Mass times for the Feast Day will be at:

St Bernadette's church 9.30am	**Good Shepherd church at 7.00pm**

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTION:
Holy Rosary: £1686.00
St. Bernadette's: £1278.60

The Weekly Collection will be taken up this weekend. The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up next weekend, after Communion.
Offering can be made by standing order or the Dona machines in the church porch.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support
We acknowledge with gratitude two donations, for parish funds of £100 and £300

Saint Bernadette's Parish Sunday Reading Group 2027.

The rota for the weekend reading groups are currently being planned, for the masses at 6:00pm [vigil] and 11:00am morning masses, for 2027. New readers are welcome and any persons who would wish to read at the weekend masses in 2027, approximately 4 times per year, should contact, Joe McLaughlin the Sacristan at St Bernadette's church. They should also obtain and complete a consent form, for data protection purposes, in order to be included in the circulated rota and any updates.

Holy Rosary Primary School

Wednesday 2nd December 9am -10.30.am

Holy Rosary Nursery School Open Morning

Saturday 12th December 2026 from 10am-12 noon

Years 6 and 7 Pupils and Parents

Open Morning in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock

Saturday, 16th January 2027 9.00 am – 12.30 pm
Principal's Address 9.00 am and 11.00 am.
Anyone considering entry to our Sixth Form is also most welcome.

Celebration of Mass and Blessing with the Holy Relic of Saint Padre Pio

Thursday 10th December at 7pm in St Matthew's Church Belfast.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is a global charity that serves a free nutritious meal every school day to over three million children in 16 countries. Volunteers from Mary's Meals will give a presentation in Holy Rosary parish centre on **Thursday 3 December at 7pm**.
The presentation will explain the charity's origins and screen a film on life stories improved by Mary's Meals. Come and find out how their simple idea works.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased:
Brian Magee
Mary (Molly) Hanna
Mary McLarnon
Kathryn Rutherford
Patricia O'Hare
Stephen Downey
Paul Curran
Maureen Smyth

Anniversaries:
Kathryn Rutherford (MM)(6pm)
Michael Donnelly (11am)
Paul Carey (9am)
Michael Devlin (10.30am)
Robert John Magee (12.30pm)
Mamie Blaney, Patrick Blaney,
Marie Moloney, Margaret Dorman,
Terry Maguire, Clare McGlade,
James Scollon, Hugh Magee, Margaret Harrison
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord