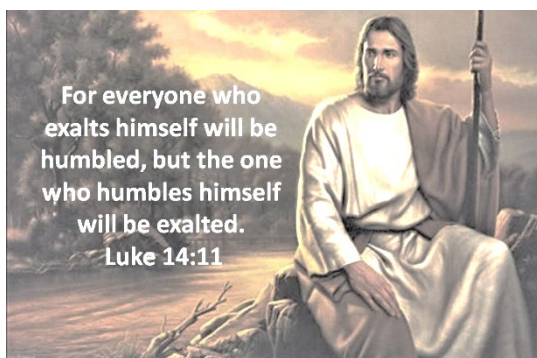


Parish Bulletin



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
31st August 2025

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 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, Siobhan McCloskey, Tom Kelly,
Geraldine O'Reilly, Patricia Hogg, Eileen McAlinden,
Kathleen Jordan, Rita Colquhoun



ANNIVERSARIES:

Laura Heaney (9.00 am), Heather Gallagher (10.30am)
Lily Robinson (11am), Margaret Hayes (12.30pm),
Joseph Woods, Rose Mullan, Anne McGlone
Sarah Bradley, Hugh O'Donnell, David Carville

**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

Weekly Collection 17th August £993.87

Diocesan Cathedral Fund £560.20

Weekly Collection 24th August £1117.92

The Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up next weekend.

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



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PARISH WEBCAMS

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Website & Webcam www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net

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.



St. Bernadette's



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.

**4th /28th Sept; 12th/26th Oct
9th/23rd Nov; 7th /21st Dec**



SPRED is a network of parishioners who form communities of faith and friendship with people with learning disabilities. The groups grow together by following an appropriate method of catechesis designed to meet their needs. Our aim is to prepare the way for full participation in the liturgical life of parish community for our friends. Would you like to enrich your faith in a new and beautiful way and make special friends? **SPRED** wishes to recruit new **volunteers** as well as **members** with learning disabilities. The local group only recently re-activated after having been inactive since the pandemic and we badly need new volunteers to enable us to continue.

For more details, please contact Paul on 07817193044.

Opening Mass for the Season of Creation

6.00 pm on Sunday, 31st August

in St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast

Celebrant: Fr Tom Layden SJ, with interfaith contributions.

This Mass marks the beginning of the Season of Creation (1 Sept–4 Oct), a time when Christians worldwide commit to prayer and action for our common home under the theme "Peace with Creation".

1st September is also World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In his message for the occasion, Pope Leo said, "Now is the time to follow words with deeds. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217)".

Season of Creation –Seminars

As part of the Season of Creation, you are warmly invited to a series of evening seminars exploring how faith, justice, and care for our common home come together in today's world. Each evening brings together voices from different backgrounds to reflect on urgent challenges and offer paths of hope.

Wed 10th Sept, 7–9.30 pm

Migration: Challenges Today and Tomorrow

Speakers: Eithne McNulty (CADA), Fr. Pat Colgan (Missionary Society of St. Columba), and the NI Migrant Centre.

Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall St, Belfast

Wed 17th Sept, 7.30–9.30 pm

Economics for Peace and Planet

Speakers: Prof John Barry (Queen's University) and Rev. Dr Allen Sleith (PCI).

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, 49 Lisburn St, Hillsborough

Wed 24th Sept, 7–9.30 pm

Many Voices, One Peace: Faith in Action in a Divided World

Speakers: Dr Naomi Green, Bishop Brendan Leahy (via Zoom), and the NI Interfaith Forum. Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Ave, Belfast BT9 7DW

Study Theology Online, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now to begin on 20 September. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com. Click [here](#) to see a 2 minute introductory film.

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

COME AND SING! St. Bernadette's Parish Choir is now recruiting new members to join our ranks. We resume our musical duties on **Sunday 7th September.**

We sing at 11am Mass every Sunday morning, with a rehearsal beforehand.

No auditions are required and we welcome singers of all ages.

If you love singing, we'd love you to come and join us! Contact Marty Lavery, our organist, or any current choir member for details

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@fmail.com



HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR to be held on Sunday 7th December from 9.30am to 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Would you be interested in booking a stall at this fair? Price is £25 per table. Please email holyrosaryfair@gmail.com to book your table. Please let us know what you will be selling on the day, as we would like to ensure we have a wide range of stalls. Confirmation of your booking will be sent by email.

Sunday 31 August 2025
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 14:1. 7-14

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Party Time!

A colorful illustration of a birthday party. In the top left, a boy in a green shirt and shorts holds a small cake. In the top right, a man with a beard in a light blue robe holds a purple streamer. In the center, a table holds a large cake, a smaller cake, and two swirls. Below the table, a girl in a pink dress sits on the ground. In the bottom left, a girl in a light blue shirt and pants holds a yellow streamer. In the bottom right, a boy in a blue shirt and shorts is jumping. At the very bottom, a girl in a blue shirt is in a wheelchair, holding a pink streamer. The background is white with faint, stylized clouds.

Invitation

Jesus invites (your name)

to come to his party!

All welcome!

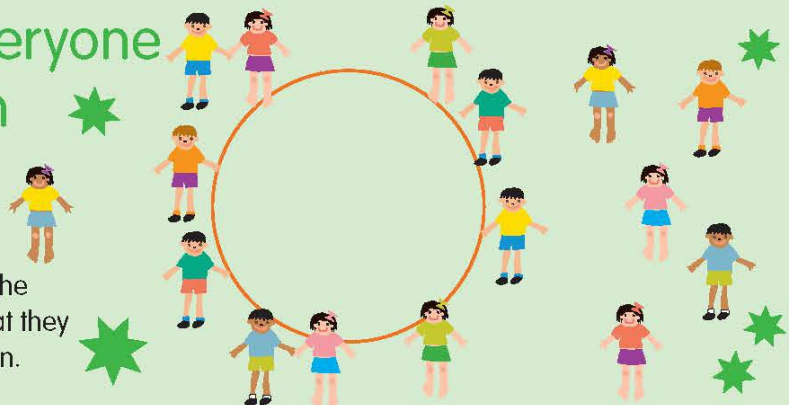
reply: (your name)

..... would love / is unable (cross out) to come to Jesus' party.

Colour
and fill
in this
party
invitation
for you
from
Jesus

Let everyone
Join In 

Draw a line from the children 'left-out' to the circle, so that they are joining-in.



Move on up!

Jesus is telling us to put other people before ourselves.
How will you put other people first today? Write your ideas onto the plates. How quickly can you reach the highest place?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to think about other people before myself. Help me to make sure that no one is left out when I am at school this week. Amen.

Let my
sister choose
the TV channel

Share my toys