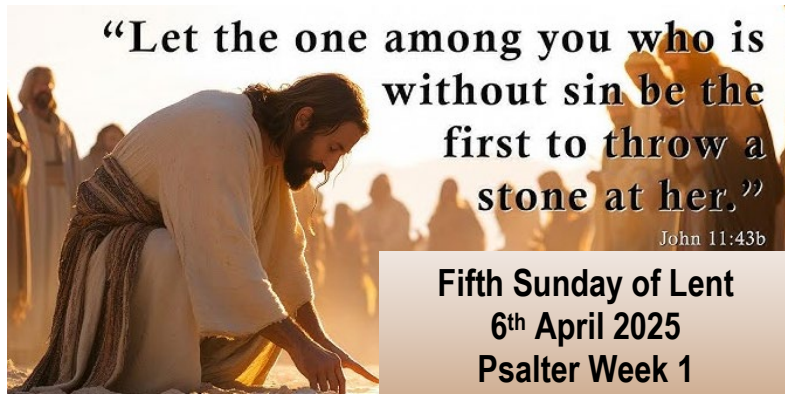


Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE



“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 11:43b

Fifth Sunday of Lent
6th April 2025
Psalter Week 1

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 Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
HOLY ROSARY PARISH Fri & Sat 10.am

Confessions Saturday:

Good Shepherd church 10.30am
St. Bernadette's church 5.15pm

Morning Lenten Prayers in St Bernadettes Church will take place each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings commencing at 9.15am.

SIGN OF PEACE will be reintroduced at all Masses. For those who are uncomfortable with the sign of peace as a handshake, then a nod or smile will be sufficient. We ought never to take offence if someone prefers a non-contact form of the sign of peace as we do not know their personal circumstances.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is very grateful for your prayers and the Christmas Crib donations for their work in countries where there is great suffering and where Christians are suffering persecution. A total of £2,030 was donated from Holy Rosary and St. Bernadette's parishes. ACN is having a Mass offered for all the donors.

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OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen Boyle, Gabriel McCaffrey,
John (Duncan) O'Neill, Rosenda Majury,
Frank McMullan, Laurence Donnelly, George Burke,
Mary (Renee) Maloney, Terry Despard

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan McGinn, William McMillan, Mary Turley
Bernard Murtagh (6pm), Seamus Wilkinson
Mary O'Hare (9am), Margaret Gilmore (10.30am)
Mary Donaldson (12.30pm), Maureen O'Kane,
George Black, Christina Dougherty, Seamus White,
Una Flynn

Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord.

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



Those who
have died
in Christ
will rise

ST BERNADETTE'S FINANCES

Weekly Collection 23rd March £1351.01

Weekly Collection 30th March £1719.87

**The collection for the support of the
priests will be taken up this weekend.**

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



St Bernadette 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.

DEFIBRILLATORS: We are very grateful to some
local businesses who have donated toward
the defibrillators for Good Shepherd church
and St. Bernadette's church. To date £2,150
has been donated



St Bernadette's Children's Liturgy
Dates for Children's Liturgy
February 2025 – June 2025
 6th April; 4th/18th May. 1st/15th/29th June

Due to increasing numbers of children attending St. Bernadette's Children's Liturgy group we are looking for adults 18yrs onwards to join our group and help lead the children in our fortnightly liturgy activities.

Anyone interested please contact Mary Grace

ST BERNADETTE'S RETIREMENT GROUP

- Our next coffee morning will be Wednesday 16th April after 9:30am Mass.
- £5 annual registration is still being collected for membership. Old and new members are most welcome, so come along and meet new friends.
- 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.
- A date for your diary: Lyric Wednesday 14th May, Night at the Musicals. If you would like to attend, please submit your name and £15 to one of our committee members or at our April coffee morning. Money MUST be paid by 16th April.
- Would you like a free tour of Stormont Buildings? On Wednesday 30 April '25 at 12 noon? If so, please give your name at our April Coffee Morning or to a committee member.
- Have you ever visited Clifton House and experienced the Belfast Poor House? The cost is £9. If you'd like to go on Thursday 5th June at 1 o'clock, please submit your name and £9 in at our April coffee morning or to a committee member.

Quilting Group: The next meeting of the Quilting Group will take place on 10 April at 2pm. We meet in the conference room of the Good Shepherd Church and beginners are always welcome. The quilts we make are donated to Daisy Lodge, but everyone has other projects as well. If you are interested, please come along and join in.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE

The Senior Citizens will meet on the following Monday evenings: 7th April; 12th & 26th May; 9th & 23rd June.

The next Bingo Evenings: 27th April; 18th May & 15th June

PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Community Walk, Talk and Tea. This is an open invitation to anyone to join with a group to get out of house and be active. We meet on Thursdays at Bredagh GAC Hall 341 Ravenhill Road 6.45pm for 7pm start and go for short walk approximately (30 minutes), then return to the hall for tea and goodies.

LENTEN INVITATION

Parishioners are invited and encouraged to join the **parishioners and clergy of our neighbouring parishes to pray Night Prayer together on the Sundays of Lent at 8.00pm** in this **Jubilee Year of Hope**. The service lasts approximately 15 minutes. Parishioners are warmly invited to come together to support one another in prayer.

Sunday 6th April Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Carryduff.
Sunday 13th April St Colmcille's Church, Belfast.

STEP FORWARD AS A PILGRIM OF HOPE THIS LENT!

As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. We invite you to join us for our new Lenten program, Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus this Lent, a 6-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels of Lent and the lives of the Irish saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. They were the great evangelisers of the Christian faith in Ireland.

Invite a family member or friend or neighbour to come with you for these weeks of prayer and reflection. All welcome.

Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre

Date: Tuesdays of Lent

Time: 6.45 p.m. to 8p.m.

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.? We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song, and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy0r> scan the QR code please contact +447759496677 info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk



Sale of Pre-Loved Paintings and Wall Art, with coffee morning, for **Christian Aid**. St John's Presbyterian church halls, Saturday 12 April 10am-1pm. Donations of prints and pictures gratefully accepted - for details. ☎ Jennifer Cairnduff 07889395132.

The West Belfast Historical Society

The next meeting will be Friday 11th April at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre, Finaghy Road North (Access via Church Gateway on Finaghy Rd North). **The April talk is entitled: "The Life of Monsignor James O'Lavery of the Diocese of Down and Connor. Guest speaker will be Mr Roddy Hegarty.** Refreshments will be provided.



Sunday 6 April 2025
John 8:1-11
5th Sunday of Lent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

NEW START!



A woman has done something very wrong. People drag her to Jesus. Jesus does not blame her. He stops other people hurting her and gives her a new start.



Being forgiven

What do you say when you want to be forgiven?

I am ...



What is Jesus like?

Choose which words tell us what Jesus was like. Draw a ring round each of them.



Word search

How many times can you find the word **SORRY** in the word search?

R	R	O	S	Y	O
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O	S	O	R	R	Y
S	O	R	R	Y	S
O	R	R	Y	R	O
S	S	O	R	R	Y



A PRAYER TO SAY

It's very easy to see what other people are doing wrong, Jesus, but help me to think about myself instead. Help me to be sorry when I have done something wrong and do something to change. Thank you for always giving me a new start. Amen.

How many changes?

Look carefully at the first picture. What has changed in the second picture? Find six changes and draw arrows to them.



Answers: Smile, frown, arms, button, bib flap, shoes.