



Parishes of Holy Rosary and St. Bernadette



MASS SCHEDULE

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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

(Prior booking via Parish Office)

Holy Rosary Church: Third Sunday of the month at 2p.m.

St Bernadette's Church: First Saturday of the month at 3p.m.

HOLY ROSARY TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10 a.m. to 1p.m.
Tuesday	9a.m. to 12 noon
Wednesday	12 noon to 4p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to 1p.m.
Friday	Office Closed

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More Information and resources:

holyrosaryparishbelfast.net and www.st.bernadettesparish.org



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Readings: C (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 3



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is “Seeds of Peace and Hope”. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as “Pilgrims of Hope.” This year’s theme thus appears most timely.

Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings.

In Christ, we are “seeds of peace and hope.” The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, “a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (Is32:15-18).

These words of the prophet ... remind us that, together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this “caress of God” is to become visible to our world (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 84).

(Pope Leo's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025)

EVENTS

Wednesday 10th September, Migration: Challenges Today and Tomorrow
7:00–9:00 pm, Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall St, Belfast BT1 2FL

Wednesday 17th September, Economics for Peace and Planet
7:30–9:00 pm, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, 49 Lisburn St, Hillsborough BT26 6AA



PARISH CENTRE

The Senior Citizens Group will resume on Monday 15th September evening at 8pm We meet once a fortnight so come long, all are welcome .

Bingo on 21st September and 19th October at 7p.m
All welcome



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING.

Holy Rosary : £1860.55
St. Bernadette's £1003.33

Thanks for your continued generosity and support. The second collection this Sunday will be taken up after Communion, for the priests of our parish. Collection offerings can be made by standing order or the website Donate button.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE, CELEBRATION OF YOUTH. A time of prayer and reflection, led by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ. In Clonard Monastery on Friday 26th September, 7.15am—8.30pm. All youth and young adults welcome.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE. Visit Latest News or belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk for info. on a range of programmes, including “Jesuits & Jedi: What Star Wars Teaches Us About Our Spiritual Journey”, and “A Year of Ignatian Prayer”. In addition, their “Hearts on Fire” programme is a 6 week introduction to Ignatian Spirituality, aimed at 18-35 year olds.

LIMA MISSION The Third World Group is collecting annual sponsorship payments for Fr Coney's Children's Centres, in Lima, after all the Masses this weekend. If you would like to sponsor a child within the Centres please speak to us after Mass. We will be happy to give further details. Many thanks to all our sponsors for your continued support

BOWLS St. Josephs Indoor Bowls will recommence on Tuesday 9th September at 8p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall Carryduff. New members welcome.. No experience needed and bowls will be provided.

BREDAGH WALK AND TEA commences on Thursday 11th September. Meet at 6:45pm at Bredagh club rooms each Thursday and from there we will go on a group walk in the area, returning to the club rooms for tea and chat.

JOB VACANCY. Diocesan Assistant Finance Officer. Visit www.downandconnor.org or nijobs.com. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 23rd September at noon.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

To coincide with the Jubilee of Teenagers, Pope Francis had intended to canonise Blessed Carlo at Easter 2025.

However with the death of Pope Francis, things were delayed. This weekend then, Pope Leo will celebrate the canonisation. Carlo Acutis will be the first millennial saint. In 2006, at the age of 15, he died of leukaemia. This “ordinary child”, as his mother described him, discovered the hidden treasure of faith, deeply drawn as he was to the Risen Lord present in the Eucharist. His life speaks of holiness – holiness to be found in the ordinary, not the extraordinary.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Fred McMullan
Margaret Dullaghan Michael Tate, Tom Kelly
Siobhan McCloskey, Geraldine O'Reilly,
Patricia Hogg, Eileen McAlinden, Kathleen Jordan,
Rita Colquhoun

Anniversaries:

Raymond Glover (6pm), Margaret Woods (11am)
Frances Eileen Flattery (9a.m.) Denis Carey
(10.30a.m.) Eileen Higgins (12.30p.m.)
Seamus McMorrough Maureen Quigley
Alphonsus McClean Francis McGinty

