

Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



Christ is risen!
ALLELUIA

love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12

6th Sunday
of
Easter

Cycle B Psalter Week 2
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9th May 2021

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 10am

Given the current public health emergency the [Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass](#) has been extended 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: Mon, Tues, Wed 10am -12pm
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.30 -12pm

Our Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Seamus Higgins, Margaret Donnelly, Terry Egar, Onuegbune Ifediora, Margaret Button, Brian O'Rourke, Jim Kearney, Michael McComish, John Mooney.



Anniversaries: Marie Glover (6pm), Mary Cassidy, Joe McKinney, Teresa Blaney, Felix & Sarah McGovern (11am), John Hannah, Danny Gallagher (9am); Hugh Quinn (10.30am); Patrick McFarlane (12.30pm), Mary & Michael Killen, James Dolaghan.

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎. 07733773758

The Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Safety Arrangements in the Church during the COVID-19 Health Emergency

1. Masks **MUST** be worn (unless someone is exempt as outlined in public health agency guidance).
2. Use Hand Sanitizer (available at the Church doors).
3. Keep the 2m **Social Distance** in mind when sitting in the pews & approaching for Holy Communion.
4. Whatever you bring with you into the Church, please take with you when you leave.

In order to comply with COVID restrictions around social distancing, the seating capacity of St. Bernadette's church is **86 pews for individuals or family groups**.

Do be aware that when the capacity of the church is reached, the doors are closed over. Recently the church has reached its capacity at the 11am Mass, but the Vigil Mass can still safely accommodate more people.

We wish to thank the volunteers who act as stewards or clean the church. Their work ensures the church can stay open safely for everyone. We are looking to recruit new volunteers to assist with the cleaning. If you are willing and able to help, please contact the parish office.

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

A copy of the Sunday Rota is available to collect from the sacristy.

PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Offering (2nd May) £ 854.90

Monthly Stipend (2nd May) £ 841.40

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances through a standing order, PayPal, the Donate Button, or parish envelopes.

We recognise that this is a time of financial worry for many, and for that reason giving to the parish should be secondary to your own needs.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 10th May St. Comgal
Thursday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima
Friday 14th May St. Matthias (Apostle)

Over the next number of weeks, we will explore extracts from Pope Francis' book *Let us Dream* (Week 3)

Let us Dream. The Path to a Better Future

Part One: A Time to See

You have to go to the edges of existence if you want to see the world as it is. I've always thought that the world looks clearer from the periphery, but in these last seven years as Pope, it has really hit home. You have to make for the margins to find a new future. When God wanted to regenerate creation, He chose to go to the margins – to places of sin and misery, of exclusion and suffering, of illness and solitude – because they were also places full of possibility ...

... This theme of helping others has stayed with me these past months. In lockdown I've often prayed for those who sought all means to save the lives of others while giving their own. ... they did not prefer saving their own lives to saving others'. So many of the nurses, doctors, and caregivers paid that price of love, as did priests and religious and ordinary people whose vocation is service. We return their love by grieving for them, and honouring them.

Whether or not they were conscious of it, their choice testified to a belief: that it is better to live a shorter life serving others than a longer one resisting that call. That's why, in many countries, people stood at their windows or on their doorsteps to applaud them in gratitude and awe. They are the saints next door, who have awoken something important in our hearts, making credible once more what we desire to instill by our preaching.

They are the antibodies to the virus of indifference. They remind us that our lives are a gift and we grow by giving ourselves: not preserving ourselves but losing ourselves in service.

What a sign of contradiction to the individualism and self-obsession and lack of solidarity that so dominate our wealthier societies! Could these caregivers, sadly gone from us now, be showing us the way we must now rebuild?

May, the month of Mary



Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Pope Francis 2020

Global Rosary Marathon for the Month of May



Pope Francis invites Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The initiative will involve all the Marian Shrines of the world in a special way. Individuals, families, and communities are invited to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic.

First Holy Communion

Let us keep in our prayers the boys and girls in Primary 4 who are preparing for their First Holy Communion next week or over the next number of weeks.

Prayer before Communion

Lord Jesus, come to me.

Lord Jesus, give me your love.

Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.



Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.

Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Healing Power of Poetry"

with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD

hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

20th & 27th May and 3rd June

Focusing on the poets Patrick Kavanagh and Seamus Heaney, these three sessions led by Sr Una Agnew will look at some of the ways in which poetry offers an alternative mind-set to experiences of social unrest, self-questioning, isolation, failure, and personal loss and gifts us instead with moments of perspective, meaning, transcendence and spiritual healing. Suggested Donation: £30 per person.

For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196 or 028 28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

SVP: Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generosity, especially through these difficult times. Donations may be left at either of the Parochial houses in Holy Rosary and St Bernadette's Parishes.



For St Bernadette's Parish donations can also be made online at www.Svpni.co.uk or telephone 02890750161 or on the dedicated giving site which can be accessed at

<https://www.svp.ie/stbernadettessouthandeastbelfastappeal>

If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office 02890351561 and you will be directed to your local SVP Conference. Holy Rosary Parish helpline 07512605759

TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

On behalf of Trócaire and all those who will benefit from this year's Lenten campaign, many thanks for your support and generosity this Lent.

Boxes & Donations can still be returned to the church. You can also donate directly to the Lenten campaign through the Trócaire website at www.trocaire.org. Through the UK Aid Match Programme, the UK government will match all donations given by **May 16th**.

Children's Corner

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REMAIN JOY COMPLETE FRIENDS
 COMMAND LIFE SERVANTS BUSINESS
 CHOOSE BEAR LAST NAME



Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Love One Another"

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:9-17



Draw you, your friends and family with Jesus. Pray the Our Father together think of all the ways Jesus shows his love for you!

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