



St. Bernadette's Parish

Pastoral Community of South & East Belfast



The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 10th January 2021

Sunday Readings Cycle B (Weekday Readings Cycle 1)



Psalter Week 1



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New Restrictions due to Coronavirus - Statement from the Catholic Bishops of the Northern Dioceses

Following a meeting on Thursday afternoon (7th January 2021) between Faith Group Leaders and Junior Ministers of the Executive Office, the Bishops of the Northern Dioceses issued a statement (see diocesan website for full text). It stated that:

"... for a limited period (from midnight on Thursday 7 January until Saturday 6 February 2021, subject to review in late January), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place without the physical presence of the faithful - with the exception of marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services (subject to regulations). Arrangements for recording and/or livestreaming, and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations."

As we face these difficult times, Pope Francis' words from November 2020 may offer some perspective. *"Let us offer to the Lord this distance between us, for the good of all, and let us think, let us think a lot about the sick, about those who are already marginalised when they enter the hospitals, let us think of the doctors, the nurses, the volunteers, the many people who work with the sick at this time: they risk their life but they do so out of love for their neighbour, as a vocation. Let us pray for them."*

Sunday Mass Times (online only until 6th Feb)

St. Bernadette's: Saturday 6pm Vigil & Sunday 11am.
Good Shepherd: Sunday 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm.

Weekday Mass Times (online only until 6th Feb)

St. Bernadette's: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30am
Good Shepherd: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 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 participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

All Masses in St. Bernadette's and Good Shepherd are broadcast live on the internet.

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live".

Visit www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net and Click on "Holy Rosary Webcam".

Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

The churches **will be open for private prayer** at the following times:

St. Bernadette's: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 – 12.
Good Shepherd: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10.30 – 12.30.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. 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.

Parish Offerings

Weekly Offertory 27 th Dec:	£1,596.00
Christmas Voluntary:	£1,707.03
Weekly Offertory 4 th Jan:	£736.00
Monthly Stipend 4 th Jan:	£936.00



Thank you for your continued generosity and support over the Christmas & New Year period.

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 particular needs.

Our Faithful Departed

We pray for our beloved dead:

Recently Deceased

Betty McCaughan.

Anniversaries

Joseph White, Maureen McCann, George Presley, Bobby Craig, Peter Mulgrew (11am), Jean Cunningham, Alice Coney, Bernadette Heverin.



May they rest in peace.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Our Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers listening & support to the bereaved. Phone No. 07733773758.



First Friday Visits to Sick & Housebound

First Friday visits to the sick, housebound and those in nursing homes are **still suspended** given the current health emergency. The Diocese is seeking professional advice as to best practice in relation to home visitation, so that these may be resumed safely, protecting everyone's health and wellbeing.

As a parish community let us support those who are sick, housebound or in residential care, through our prayers and perhaps even a phone call if appropriate.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who clean the chapel after Mass each day and tour stewards. When the church reopens for public worship, we are looking to recruit new volunteers to assist with the cleaning on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening. It takes 3 people each evening approximately 15/20 minutes. If you want more information, or are willing and able to help, please contact the parish office.

A Poem for the New Year

The Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal those broken in spirit
To feed the hungry,
To release the oppressed
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all peoples
To make music with the heart ...
And to radiate the light of Christ
Every day, in every way
In all that we do and in all that we say
Then the work of Christmas begins.

By Howard Thurman

St. Bernadette's SVP

Many thanks to parishioners for your very generous response to the Christmas appeal.

Donations can still be made via the marked donation box on the wall in the side porch of St Bernadette's Church or left in a marked envelope stating SVP through the door of the Parochial House at 28 Willowbank Park. Donations can be made online at Svpni.co.uk or telephone 02890750161. St Bernadette's SVP now have their own dedicated giving site which can be accessed on the link below

svp.ie/StBernadettesSouthandEastBelfastAppeal

Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated and never so important as in this health and economic crisis when we are witnessing unprecedented challenges.

In addition, should you require assistance or know of someone who does, please contact our SVP Regional Office at 02890351561 where your request will be treated confidentially and directed to our Conference.



The season of Ordinary Time begins on Monday 11th January 2021. Weekday readings follow Cycle 1.

4 Corners Festival Belfast

The 4 Corners Festival will take place from 31 January – 7th February 2021. This inter-denominational arts festival aims to promote reconciliation. Because of the pandemic it is a purely on-line project with all events being available in the comfort of your home via "live" video streaming services such as Facebook and YouTube. The theme for the festival is BREATHE (the Hebrew word **Ruach** means 'breath' or 'spirit'). The festival aims to breathe hope and creativity into Belfast and further afield at a very difficult time. For details see www.4cornersfestival.com

Diocesan Directories

The 2021 Down & Connor Diocesan Directory is available from the sacristy. Price £4.

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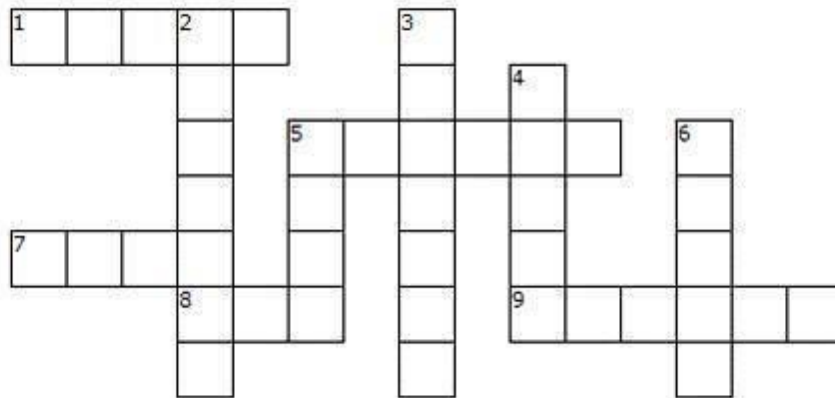
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JOHN	POWERFUL	KNEEL
STRAP	SANDAL	BAPTISED
WATER	SPIRIT	HEAVENS
DOVE	VOICE	BELOVED



The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."



ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
5. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

FORGIVE	JORDAN	JOHN	DOVE	REPENT
CONFESS	WATER	SIN	VOICE	HONEY