



# Parish of St. Bernadette

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## Mass Times Sunday

10a.m. with the Adult Choir.

12p.m. Children's Liturgy for P2 - P5.

## Weekdays

9.30a.m. except on Tuesday.

## Tuesday

7.30p.m. (with Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

## Saturday

6.00p.m. Vigil Mass with the Folk Choir every second Week.

## Holy Days of Obligation

10a.m.

Other Mass times may vary and will be published in the Parish Bulletin and on the church notice boards, and Parish website.

## Confessions Saturday

6.45p.m. after the Vigil Mass.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday from 8a.m. to 7.15p.m.

## Baptisms

On the first Sunday of each month. By appointment only four weeks in advance.

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**First Reading (Malachi 3:19-20)** Malachi is the last of the twelve minor prophets in the Old Testament. His name means (appropriately) 'messenger'. He lived at the time of the rebuilding of the Temple after the Babylonian captivity in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. It seems strange to be talking about sun and healing rays and 'blazing like an oven' in the middle of November. As we approach the end of the liturgical year, there is the anticipation of the end times.

**Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)** We continue from where we left off last week. It seems to indicate a particular complaint that was brought to Paul's attention. He is clear on the importance of each person's contribution regarding work, and quite emphatic about reminding the listeners that he also pulled his weight when he was with them. The suggestion that some are not keeping busy and minding the business of others suggests that some things never change.

**Gospel Reading (Luke 21:5-19)** If, as scholars suggest, Luke's gospel was written in the period around AD 80-100, then the people who first listened to these words would have known what the Romans had done to the Temple in Jerusalem after the Jewish revolt in AD 70. Nothing was left. Jesus is speaking of the end times and advises people to be circumspect about the signs that might lead them into thinking that the end was near. Whatever about the signs and portents, the reality of persecution would have been something known to those listening to Luke's Gospel. Jesus' words of encouragement to them are as real today as they were then, as we attempt to defend the message of the gospel in a climate of aggressive secularism.



## Vocations Vigil

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for **Vocations** to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life will take place in **Good Shepherd Church** on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** from **7.30p.m. - 10p.m.** concluding with Mass at 9pm. In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis said that **'Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.'** May we take up this invitation to come together as a Diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and religious life.

### Permanent Diaconate

The Diocese initiated training for the **Permanent Diaconate** three years ago. Twelve men have now completed their Preparatory Year and are in their second year of formation. Preparations are under way to begin another Preparatory Year in 2017. Men, between 35 and 60 years of age who would like to consider the Permanent Diaconate are invited to contact **Fr. Alan McGuckian** at the **Living Church Office** Tel. 9069 0920 or send an e-mail to us at: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maurice McHugh R.I.P.**, of **Saintfield Road**, whose funeral Mass will take place here on **Monday** at **11a.m.**, also for **Veronica Beggs R.I.P.**, a former Parishioner, whose funeral took place in Drumbo on Saturday.

### Anniversaries

Catherine Bradley, Peter & Norah Melly, Maureen McMahon, Mary Sweeney, Francis Kerr, Bridget Magee, Margaret Collins, Anthony Kelly, Anne Marie Mossey, Mary Teresa Smith, James Magoran, Ena Rainey, Paddy King, Michael Bradley, James Duffy, Elizabeth Butler.

Maurice Burns, Sarah Maxwell, Sarah McCartan, Mary Flynn, Gerard O'Kane, Margaret Clements, Mary V. Kearney, William Shepherd, Pat Murtagh, Mary Ann Murray, Mary Ann McElkerney, Teresa Quorall, Sr. Theresa Mossey, Anna Heaney, Eileen Hanratty, Laurence Glennon.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Mass will be celebrated each day during November for the repose of the souls of relatives and friends whose names have been included in the **November Dead Lists**. If you wish to donate an offering for Masses, please include it in the envelope provided. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Completed lists may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box on the wall beside Our Lady's Altar.



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,903**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Team 6 will help with the collection this week.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from the Inland Revenue at **no extra cost** to yourself if you sign a **Gift Aid Form**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. Please give us your support.



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 17th. November** - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m. Meet in the church car park.

**Wednesday 30th. November** - Monthly Lunch in Eight South, 14 The Square, Carryduff at 1p.m. Cost £17. To book a place contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 or **Veronica** Tel. 9040 2776 as soon as possible.



## Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9040 1169 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

### Monday 14th.

The after Mass tea/coffee is cancelled today.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7.30p.m. Pilates (2 sessions).

7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

### Tuesday 15th.

7p.m. Zumba.

8p.m. - 9.15p.m. New Relaxing Yoga Class for 6 weeks!

### Wednesday 16th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

2p.m. Speech & Drama.

5p.m. Children's Soccer.

5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga & Relaxing Yoga from

8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Please contact: **Maeve** Tel.

**0771383 2995** for details.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday 17th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 18th.

9.30a.m. Pilates.

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

### Saturday 19th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. Junior Badminton.

1p.m. - 4p.m.

### After School Club

**Rosetta 2-4 Club** for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** For more information please contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

The latest edition of the Bulletin is published online each week. Whether at home or abroad, you can keep up-to-date on current news and events in the Parish. Visit our website at: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

## Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for November - **Maura Presley**.

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 20th. November** - Group 1  
**Gerard Malone, Brendan Kerr (snr),**  
**Maura Macklin.**

A new **Rota** for **Ministers of the Word** is now available for collection from the Sacristy. A special word of thanks to all of our Readers but especially to those who are retiring down after many years of faithful service.

## 500 Club



**Week 8:** Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Colette Loughran & Paul Reihill.**

Each winner receives £50.

A **Lunch for Senior Citizens** will be held in the **Ivanhoe Hotel** on **Wednesday 7th. December** at **1p.m.** If you wish to attend, please put your name and number on the list in the Sacristy or contact **Frances** Tel. **07800 562398**.

Latest News



*Names must be in by **Tuesday 29th. November** at the latest.*

**Christmas Cards** will be on sale in the Lourdes Chapel Porch this weekend after all of the Masses. The price is £3 per pack of 10 cards.

## What's On!



**November 13th. Bishop Noel Treanor** will celebrate the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in **St. Patrick's Church** at **3p.m.** Everyone will be most welcome to attend!

**November 17th. Abortion Debate.** Rebecca Kiessling, inspirational pro-life speaker will be debating with Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner of the N.I. Human Rights Commission, in **Queen's University Students' Union** at **7p.m.** All welcome to attend. For more information please Tel. **9027 8484** or [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

**November 23rd. Mass for Deceased Members of the Knights of St. Columbanus** in **St. Patrick's Church, Donegall St.** at **7.30p.m.** Families and friends of the deceased are most welcome to attend.

**November 25th. St. Agnes' Choral Society** host their **60th. Anniversary Ball** at **The Ramada Hotel, Shawsbridge**. The Society was founded in 1957 by the late Fr. Black and a number of musical enthusiasts from the local community. Parishioners of St. Bernadette's are welcome to join our celebration. To book tickets please e-mail: [agneschoral@gmail.com](mailto:agneschoral@gmail.com) or Tel. **077532 22003**.

**November 27th. "The Mercy of God in Art"** presented by **Dr. Eileen Kane** at **4p.m.** in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue**. This event has been arranged by Bishop Treanor to mark the closing of the Jubilee of Mercy. All welcome! Admission free!

## Mass Times



The funeral Mass for **Maurice McHugh R.I.P.** will be celebrated at **11a.m.** on **Monday**. There will **not** be a Mass at 9.30a.m.