



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.

Monday 9.30a.m.

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

Wednesday

9.30a.m.

Thursday

9.30a.m.

Friday - No Mass.

Drumbo 9.30a.m.

Good Shepherd Church 10a.m.

Saturday

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

Holy Days of Obligation

10a.m.

Confessions Saturday

6.45p.m. after the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday from 9a.m. to 7.15p.m.

Baptisms

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

All Masses are streamed live online via the Parish website: www.stbernadettesparish.org

First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17) Namaan, powerful commander of the Syrian army, suffered from leprosy. Initially, he was annoyed that the prophet Elisha asked him merely to take a dip in the river Jordan. Surely something more dramatic was needed, for the healing of a great man? But God's power works through the simplest of actions!

Second Reading (2 Timothy 2:8-13) The wonderful confidence of the apostle: he may be in chains, but God's word cannot be chained. Our circumstances may seem to oppress us, but nothing can tie down the Word of God.

Gospel (Luke 17:11-19) Jesus, especially in Luke's Gospel, loves to tell stories that portray the despised in a good light. Our respectability is of limited significance to the Lord, who has a special place in his heart for the wretched and the outcast. ©Intercom

✠ John Henry Newman

This Sunday, Blessed John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint by Pope Francis. The first English saint of modern times, John Henry Newman founded the first Catholic university in Ireland. He was described by Pope St. John Paul II in his 1993 Encyclical Letter, *Veritatis Splendor (The Splendour of Truth)* as 'an outstanding defender of the rights of conscience'.

One of his greatest writings is "The Mission of My Life":

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

Our Faithful Departed ✠

Anniversaries

Eddie Galway, Caroline Martin, Tom Gogarty, Matt Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Curran, May Phillips.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved over the last few years. To speak to someone in confidence Tel. **077 3377 3758**.

The Rosary ✠

"Would you be so kind as to come here....". This was the very gracious invitation made by **Our Lady to St. Bernadette** at Lourdes.

In this month of October, we are given a similar invitation - to come into Our Lady's presence and to reflect on her story, by praying the Rosary.

Proposed introduction of legislation by Westminster allowing for unregulated abortion in N.I.

The Northern Bishops request your support for the online petition by **Baroness Nuala O'Loan** calling on the Secretary of State and Members of the N.I. Assembly to take action to prevent the introduction of unregulated abortion to the North by Westminster on 21st. October. The petition can be found online at **Change.org** (search for Nuala O'Loan).

Extraordinary Mission Month Events

A Conference and Celebration of D&C Missionaries Abroad & at Home

Saturday 19th. October from 9.30am - 4.30pm in St. Mary's University College.

Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission Sunday 20th. October at 3pm in St. Patrick's Church, Lisburn.

If you would like to book Anniversary Masses, Baptisms, Marriages etc., please call into the Sacristy or Tel. **9079 3023 Option 2** or send an e-mail to the following address:

info@stbernadettesparish.org



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,587**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



Retirement Association

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

Wednesday 23rd. October - "Playboy of the Western World" by J.M.Synge at the Lyric at 7.30p.m. Adm. £12. Please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible to book your seat!

Friday 25th. October - Monthly Lunch in Castlereagh Hills Golf Club at 1pm. Two courses £16. Booking is essential, please contact Mary Tel. 9070 1112 or Geraldine Tel. 9070 1027 before 16th. October.



Both Lives Matter

Both Lives Matter invite you to **Stand With Us** at our cross-community, inter-generational peaceful gathering to oppose Westminster's extreme abortion regime which is set to come into effect here on 22nd October. A Rally will be held this **Sunday 13th October** at 3.30pm in the **Falls Park**. Visit: www.bothlivesmatter.org for more information on the campaign. Please do not bring any flags, banners, posters, leaflets or loudspeakers. Both Lives Matter will have one banner which will unite all participants.)

The guidelines will come into effect on October 22nd, unless the N.I. Assembly is reconvened by October 21st. This is due to the forcing through of the extreme abortion law in Westminster which would legalise in N.I. ***abortion up to 7 months of pregnancy.***



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee after Mass.
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
8p.m. Indoor Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. - 8p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday

7p.m. Art Class.

Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.
7p.m. Youth Club at 7p.m. - 8.15p.m. for Juniors and 8.30p.m. - 10p.m. for Seniors. Registered members only!

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1.30p.m. Junior Badminton. New members aged 8 - 18 welcome!

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From Monday - Friday for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Call Sinead Tel. 07816 779910.

Ministers of the Eucharist



October - Group 4.

Team Leader - Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 20th. October.

Group 10.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for Week 4: **Sharon McKee & Janet Edwards.**
Each receives £50.

The new cycle is up and running, thank you to all promoters and subscribers. All annual subscriptions are now due. Cheques payable to **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**, place in a plain envelope with your name and **500 Club** on the outside and put into the collection basket. New members can leave their name, address and telephone number in the Sacristy. Please give us your support!

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to anyone in need. We can provide direct financial assistance and essential items such as food, fuel, and household items. Do you need our help? Tel. 9035 1561.

Latest News



Apostolic Workers



Our **Annual Church Door Collection** will take place after all Masses this weekend. Donation envelopes & Gift Aid forms are available from our members after each Mass. Please take an envelope, give whatever you can afford, and sign the Gift Aid form. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, or left in the Sacristy. Your donation can make such a big difference to the missionary priests, religious, and lay workers who are helping the poor and deprived in the Third World. Help us to help the Missions!

Down and Connor Apostolic Work will celebrate **Mission Sunday 20th. October** in **St. Patrick's Church, Lisburn** at **2.30pm**. Bishop Noel Treanor will be main celebrant assisted by visiting missionary priests. All Apostolic members, associate members and friends will be most welcome!



Living Youth

We invite applications to take part in a building project in **Malawi** from **10th. -22nd. August 2020** (tbc). Working with Habitat, this opportunity will enable you to raise vital funds to help build homes in Lilongwe, Malawi for some of the families in need. Costs: Personal Donation £500; Personal Fundraising Target £1800. Visit: info@livingyouthni.org or Tel. 9023 2432. To register visit www.habitatni.co.uk/gvapplication and select Living Youth from the drop-down list.

What's On!



October 19th. Legion Of Mary Catholic Young Adult's Conference in QUB Catholic Chaplaincy from **9am -5pm**. Theme "**Call To Sainthood In Today's World.**" Speakers include Fr Martin Graham, Fr Dominic McGrattan, Fr. Paddy McCafferty, Nashville Dominicans, & others. £10 inc. lunch. Ages 18-40. To book Tel. 074704 59008 or email: cyaconference16@gmail.com