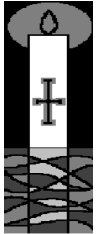




Parish of St. Bernadette



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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.

Notices for the Parish Bulletin should be sent by **e-mail only** to: info@stbernadettesparish.org

First Reading (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19) In the name of Jesus the Nazarene, Peter heals the disabled man who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. Peter uses the healing to teach the people that it's through Jesus – the one they rejected - that this man now walks.

Second Reading (1 John 2:1-5) Followers of Christ are called to love by keeping his commandments and obeying his words. But should they fail, they have Christ (here referred to as our advocate with the Father), the sacrifice that takes our sins away. He didn't die on the cross for you to bear the burden of your sins!

Gospel Reading (Luke 24:35-48) Two of the disciples have had an encounter with Jesus while walking to Emmaus. Back with the others, they are full of the experience and are still talking about it when Jesus strides into their lives again. This risen Jesus is not a ghost or a spirit but a real person with flesh and bones. He is a real person who walked the road to Emmaus – from now on a stranger on the road might be Christ! He even eats fish. What's more, he is the same Jesus who suffered and died on the cross – 'he showed them his hands and his feet' - his disciples are not being fooled. ©Intercom

✠ Calendar of Feasts

Monday 16th. April is the anniversary of the death of St. Bernadette in 1879. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in December 1933. Her remains rest in the convent in Nevers in France.

Prayer to St. Bernadette

Dear St. Bernadette, we give thanks for our church named in your honour, Bless all those who worship in it, And those who serve in it today. Grant that all who enter our church, May find peace, strength, love, And above all the true presence of the Lord.

As a Parish community, may we be ever-mindful of the needs of others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Reflection

...the constant pursuit of money and goods, of power and status, the constant escape into drugs, nicotine, alcohol and the high incident of suicides, especially among young people, all point to people who are looking for meaning, peace and happiness in their lives. They all need to hear that greeting: "Peace with you" and to experience the peace that only Jesus can give. Will I be the one to carry that message today to even one other person? If we all did just that, we would reach a very large number of people. ©1999- 2018 Living Space

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Maurice Lynch R.I.P.**, the father of a Parishioner, who died recently, for **Gerry McGettrick R.I.P.**, the former Principal of St. Bernard's P.S., whose funeral took place on Wednesday, for **Maureen McQuade R.I.P.**, of Knockbreda Park, whose funeral will take place here on **Monday at 10a.m.**, and for **John Sweeney R.I.P.**, of Wynchurch Walk, whose funeral will take place in Dromara later this coming week.

Anniversaries

Mary Duffy, Margaret McEvoy, Matt O'Neill, John J. Fitzpatrick, Maura McGurk, Leo McFall, Mary Loughran, Colm Maginnis, Imelda Deignan, Veronica McKenna, Marie Russell, Patrick Gilroy, Peter Joseph McEvoy, Sheila Wright.

Thomas J. Durcan, Eileen Curran, Bernard Duffy, Kathleen Gilchrist, Seamus Woods, Thomas Miley, Mary C. Curran, Daniel McLaughlin, Susan Short, John McElkerney, Mamie McQuillan, Ellen Woods, Gretta McEvoy, Kathleen McMenamin.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Living Church

A day of preparation for the Diocese for the World Meeting of Families will be held in **Our Lady & Saint Patrick's College, Knock** on **Saturday 21st. April**. **Jeff Cavins**, from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, will be the guest speaker. There will be a selection of excellent workshops to choose from. **"The Priests"** will be lead us in prayer and music. Tickets £15 including lunch and refreshments. Further information and registration at: www.livingchurchevents.com



"Love coexists with imperfection. It bears all things and can hold its peace before the limitations of the loved ones." Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to £1,747. The collection for the **Support of the Priests** raised £1,214. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 / 2019

There are still some boxes to be collected from the back of the church. The boxes have been sorted in **alphabetical street order**. Please look for your street name when collecting your box. You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from H.M. #Government 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. A box of envelopes will be issued to you in a few days. Please give us your support.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 17th. April - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous experience needed. All equipment will be supplied.

Thursday 19th. April - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 20th April - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m. Off peak season ticket costs £9.30.

Wednesday 25th. April - "The Colleen Bawn" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. A masterful inter-weaving of plot and character, comedy and suspense. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031.

Friday 27th. April - Monthly Lunch in the Belfast Boat Club at 1p.m. Please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.



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

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee & a chat after Mass.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

2p.m. Speech & Drama.

5p.m. Children's Soccer.

5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Class.

7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga Class.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

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

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

1.30p.m. Junior Badminton.

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

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

Ministers of the Eucharist



Group Leader for April - Flo McGarrigle.

Mass Rota

6p.m. E. Mooney, C. Foster.

10a.m. G. Mooney, J. McGinnity, E. McGrath.

12p.m. F. McGarrigle, G. Flanagan,
E. McGettrick, N. McGarvey.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 22nd. April - Group 9

Elizabeth Kerr, Laura Martin,

Edward O'Hare.

500 Club



Week 30: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Janet O'Rourke & Marie McKinney.**

Each winner receives £50.

World Meeting of Families Dublin 2018



Prepare for the big event in Dublin by reading Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on Love in the Family - **Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love**. Copies available from the Sacristy Price £5.

Please return your **Trócaire Lenten Box** As soon as you can so that the total amount collected in the Parish can be sent off. The amount collected so far is **£3,839** including cheques payable directly to **Trócaire**. Sincere thanks to everyone for your most generous donations. You can continue to give to **Trócaire** throughout the year by using the wall-box at the back of the church.



Coffee Morning



David O'Hare who hosted the Coffee Morning for the charity **Hope for Children** last Sunday, wishes to thank everyone who supported the event. Over **£470** was raised.

Parish Pastoral Council



Our meeting this month involved an evaluation of the programme held during Lent, '**Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!**'. Whilst numbers attending were not in line with previous attendance figures it was generally accepted that the programme certainly focused minds on Pope Francis' exhortation on love in the family (*Amoris Laetitia*) - the theme for the forthcoming World Meeting of Families in Dublin (see www.worldmeeting2018.ie/amoris). Members also discussed the possibility of Parish representation at the final mass for this gathering and at which Pope Francis himself will be present. It is likely that attendance will be as part of a Diocesan Pastoral Area event and information will follow.

What's On!



April 25th. Beginning Experience for the widowed, divorced, and separated in **St. Bride's Hall** from 8p.m. to 10p.m. All welcome.

June 29th. - July 1st. Living Church Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Cost £65. For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the **Living Church Office** Tel. 9069 0920 or email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org by **Friday 15th June.**