



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 (Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7) For the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus (also known as Sirach), keeping the Law of Moses is the ultimate wisdom. In Leviticus 19:17-18, observant Jews are counselled against taking revenge. Sirach echoes that teaching and warns that divine punishment will be visited on those who harbour anger and resentment.

Second Reading (Romans 14:7-9) St Paul reminds Christians in Rome that they belong to Christ in life and in death. It follows that the death of the Christian, as well as his or her life, has witness value. This has implications for parish and faith community. Funerals, for instance, provide opportunities for memorable and graced liturgical celebrations that are quite unique. If we celebrate funerals well (and the records show that we do!) it is because Jesus is Lord of the dead and the living.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:21-35) Perhaps Peter is weary of hearing Jesus talk about forgiveness. Perhaps he is puzzled by Jesus' own seemingly endless forgiving of wrongs. He bluntly asks: 'How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' As is his habit, instead of answering the question directly, Jesus tells a story. This one is about a king and his subjects, linking the story vaguely with 'the kingdom of heaven'. One clear message emerges: forgiveness received is for passing on to others. This echoes the Lord's prayer: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'. Genuine forgiveness is 'from the heart' (v.35). © **Intercom**



Golden Jubilee

The 50th. Anniversary Mass to celebrate the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church will take place on **Sunday 29th. October at 3p.m.** Bishop Anthony Farquhar will preside. All Parishioners, our former Parishioners, and friends will be most welcome to attend. The Parish choirs will combine to accompany this special liturgy. It is hoped that some of the priests who worked here over the years will also be present. Please make a note in your diary to attend!

Everyone attending the Anniversary Mass will be invited to enjoy a Buffet meal in the Parish Centre. **Admission is free by ticket only!** Tickets are available from the Sacristy.

Do you have an original copy of the booklet for the opening and dedication of St. Bernadette's Church in 1967? If you do, please contact Michael in the Sacristy.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New adorers are needed to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended throughout the day. Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection away from the strain of daily life, and say a little prayer?

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pat McKenna R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, whose funeral took place recently in Dublin.

Anniversaries

Edward Kelly, Monica Callan, Harry Philips, Mary Toyne, Mai Cush, Lawrence Devlin, Annie Holmes, Ann Conaghan, Dominic Cullen, Kathleen Gibney, Selina Quinn, Annie Watters.

Daniel McKavanagh, Willie McGlinchey, John Hannaway, Annie Stranney, Aidan McCourt, Declan Kelly, John Boyle, Brian Feeney.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** visits those who have been bereaved over the last few years, to offer listening and support. To make contact with the Group members directly, please Tel. **077 3377 3758.**

Reflection



With God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and with the individual Christian, forgiveness is infinitely available but only where a mutual healing of wounds is sought, only where there is a desire to have that change of mind and behaviour which puts an end to the sinful way. ©1999- 2017 Living Space

Altar Servers



More children and young people are needed to serve at Mass at weekends. Candidates must have received First Holy Communion. The role is not restricted to primary school children. Secondary level students will be most welcome. Parental permission forms are available from the Sacristy.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,622**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The **Autumn Voluntary** collection will take place this weekend.

Team 3 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 19th. September - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m.

Wednesday 20th. September. - Visit to the historic **Kilmainham Gaol**. For more information & to book please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371**

Thursday 21st. September - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 22nd. September - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

Wednesday 27th. September - Monthly Lunch in the **Belfast Boat Club** at 1p.m. To book, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **078459 33371** as soon as possible.



Faith & Life Convention

The **Diocesan Faith and Life Convention** will take place on **Saturday 30th. September** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. **Cardinal Kevin Farrell**, Prefect of the newly-created Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, will be the keynote speaker. Further information and registration details can be found in the church porches or register online at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org



Our new shop will open on the Ormeau Road next month selling men's, ladies, children's clothing, brick a brac, household items such as; ornaments, kitchen ware, pictures, curtains etc., books & media. Please help us to stock the shop by donating suitable items. Contact **Aileen** Tel. **07781454787**.



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 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.

8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Friday

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

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

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.

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 **September** - **Jim McGettrick**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 24th. September - Group 1
**Gerard Malone, Brendan Kerr (snr),
Maura Macklin.**

500 Club



Week 52: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Patrick Hardy & May Stewart.**

Each winner receives **£50**.

Try your luck at winning some cash! The new cycle of the **500 Club** commences on **18th. September**. For just **£1** per week you have 2 chances weekly to win **£50**. All annual subscriptions are now due, cheques should be made payable to: **St Bernadette's Parish Trust**. A big thank you to all our promoters and members. If you would like to join the 500 Club, please leave your name, address, and contact number in the sacristy after Mass, new members are always welcome!

Lima Mission



The **Third World Group** will collect annual sponsorship payments for **Fr. Coney's Children's Centres in Lima** after all of the Masses this weekend. If you would like to sponsor a child please speak to us in the church porch after Mass. Many thanks to all of our sponsors for your continued support.

Church Cleaning



More volunteers are needed to help clean the church. It only takes **45 minutes** every **6 weeks**. If you can help, please leave your name and your telephone number in the **Sacristy** or contact **Gillian McKeever** at: g.mckeever405@btinternet.com

Diocese of Down & Connor



The **Diocesan Liturgy Seminar 2017**, entitled 'Putting on Christ - A journey of Transformation: The Rite of Christian initiation in Action' will be held on **Saturday 23rd September** from 1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m. in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre**, Derryvolgie Avenue. Registration from 1p.m. It will be presented by **Jane Ferguson**, a member of The Council for Liturgy of the Irish Bishops' Conference. The Seminar is open to all and the cost is **£10** per person. To book, please contact: **Malachy McKeever** Tel. **07760 108 903** e-mail: liturgy@downandconnor.org

What's On!



September 18th. Love to Sing: Ormeau Community Choir begins rehearsals at 11a.m. in **Ballynafeigh Methodist Church Hall**. It will run on a weekly basis until 11th. December. All are welcome (over 18). Contact **Maureen** Tel. **077178 38644**

September 23rd. Good Shepherd Prayer Group still meets every Saturday night at 7.15p.m. in the church.

September 27th. Annual Pioneer Mass in **Corpus Christi Church** at 7p.m. Persons wishing to be presented with Gold, Silver, Young Pioneer etc. contact **Pat** Tel. **9262 9959** or **Josephine** Tel. **9061 7116**. Light refreshments will be served.