



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

9.30a.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

If you would like to book Anniversary Masses, Baptisms, Marriages etc., please call into the Sacristy or Tel. 9040 1975 at Mass times or send an e-mail to the following address: info@stbernadettesparish.org.

First Reading (Isaiah 49.3:5-6) God is not a local or regional deity. In his providence, he called the Chosen People out of all the peoples of the earth. But he did so in order that they might be a blessing for humanity, 'the light of the nations so that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' It is in Jesus, born of the Chosen People, that this promise is fulfilled.

Second Reading (Corinthians 1:1-3) These are the opening lines of a letter in which St. Paul will do a good deal of necessary correcting and rebuking. Even the rebukes will be grace, yet Paul wisely opens with a blessing: 'May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.'

Gospel (John 1:29-34) Two things are clear from the testimony of John the Baptist. He is utterly certain that Jesus is the One who will take away the sins of the world; and he is adamant that he does not know this because of his own insight, but because God has revealed the identity of Jesus to him. ©Intercom

Octave for Christian Unity

The theme chosen for 2020, 'they showed us unusual kindness', finds its origins in the Acts of the Apostles (27:18 - 28:10). This scriptural reference is focused on the shipwreck of St. Paul believed to have occurred off Malta. The theme stresses the unusual kindness given to St. Paul, something that must be seen in the search for Christian unity. Through unusual kindness towards one another, Christians are drawn closer together, heeding the prayer of Jesus, 'that they may all be one'. There must also be an awareness of the need for hospitality to the many migrants and refugees who today embark on journeys as dangerous as that of St. Paul.

Today, Sunday 19th. January at 3pm, a special ecumenical service will be held in Good Shepherd Church in conjunction with the Church Unity Octave. The invited preacher will be Rev. Brian Anderson, President of The Irish Council of Churches. This is an opportunity for us to come together in prayer with other Ballynafeigh churches.

Do This In Memory Of Me

The "Do This In Memory" Programme for children, preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May, takes place next Saturday at the 6p.m. Vigil Mass.

Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gerard O'Hare R.I.P., the father of Parishioners, who died on Friday, for Bob Craig R.I.P., whose funeral took place on Monday, and for Betty McCafferty R.I.P., whose Month's Mind is this weekend.

Anniversaries

George Presley, Mary Catherine McKinney, John Peel, Jack Bradley, Teresa Mossey, Anne McGing, Joan Fallon.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved. If you feel the need to speak to someone in strict confidence and would like to make contact with the Group members directly,

Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis has established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be Sunday of the 'Word of God.' The Pope is clear that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. The Word of God builds on the texts and prayers of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, being conscious that it comes just after the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are reminded that while we are not yet united around the table of the Eucharist for Holy Communion we do share on many Sundays of the year the same scriptural readings in our different Christian assemblies. We are urged to continue to pray for Christian unity.



Parish Collections

Last week's Parish collection amounted to £1,640. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The collection for the **Diocesan Youth Commission** takes place this weekend. Your contributions will help fund the numerous forms of ministry to youth within the Diocese helping parishes to develop the faith of young people.



Retirement Association

Thursday 23rd. January - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15am.

Friday 24th. January - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 11am. Concession rate £2.20 per game. All members invited to take part.

Friday 31st. January - Monthly Lunch in the Errigle Inn at 1pm. To help finalise the catering order, please contact Mary Tel. 9070 1112 or Geraldine Tel. 9070 1027 before 24th. January. Advance booking essential.



Diocese of Down & Connor

Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2020** will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at £4 each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations.



Child Safeguarding

Parents/guardians must accompany children using the toilet facilities in the church and the Parish Centre. Vulnerable adults must also be accompanied by a close relative or carer.



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 & a chat 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.
3.30p.m. & 4.15p.m. **Playball Classes** for ages 2-9.
7p.m. **Youth Club** - Registered members only!

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1.30p.m. Junior Badminton. New members are always welcome!

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Monday - Friday** this week for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. For further information, contact Sinead Tel. 07816 779910.

Ministers of the Eucharist



January - Group 3.

Team Leader - Jim McGettrick.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 26th. January.

Group 2.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for Week 18: **Malachy McKinney & Tony Marken**
Each receives £50.

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.



Volunteers Needed



Parishioners are invited to undertake the important roles of **Ministers of the Word** to proclaim God's Word at weekend Masses or as **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** serving Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick and housebound. Some long-serving Ministers are stepping down due to ill-health or retirement. We are very grateful to them for their great service to the Parish. We appeal to young people in particular to volunteer. Training will be provided. If you can help or need more information, please leave your name and contact number in the Sacristy, speak to Fr. Spence, or send an e-mail to:

info@stbernadettesparish.org

Irish Pilgrimage Trust



We bring over 1,200 young people with special needs to Lourdes each Easter. We are a charitable organisation and we need volunteers to work as carers accompanying the group throughout the week. The cost is €650. If you are interested, please contact **Jarlath** Tel. 07855 802011 or visit: <https://www.irishpilgrimagetrust.com/>

What's On!



January 19th. Sunday Night Bingo in Holy Rosary Parish Centre at 6.45p.m. Great prizes and a bit of fun! Proceeds to the Parish Centre Building Fund.

January 21st. "The Global Persecution of Christians" with Dr. Michael Kinsella from Aid to the Church in Need at **Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy at 7pm.** Everyone is welcome.

January 21st. Service for Christian Unity in St. Anne's Cathedral at 7pm. The speaker will be **Fr. Tony Curren** who is in charge of relations with Anglicans and the Methodists at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

January 25th. Annual Diocesan Liturgy Seminar in St. Brigid's Parish Centre with Fr. Albert Mc Nally from 1.30pm. - 4.30pm. The theme is 'Word of God - Gift and Challenge'. Parish Ministers of the Word are especially invited to attend. Registration from 1pm. The Seminar is open to all. Cost £10 per person.

Help to conserve heat! Please close the internal doors as you enter and leave the church!