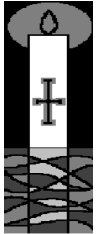




Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 9a.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 14:21-27) Paul and Barnabas engage in the wonderful task of 'putting fresh heart' into the disciples.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 21:1-5) The Bible opens with God's creation of heaven and earth. Now as it closes, the promise of the first creation is fulfilled, in 'a new heaven and a new earth.'

Gospel (John 13:31-35) It is when he is about to depart from his disciples that Jesus leaves them the commandment of love. To love is even more important than to see or understand.
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Reflection

Christianity is primarily concerned at reaching out, at building communities whose main concern is together to work for the transformation of our whole society in the vision of the Kingdom. It might also be said that all the other great religions, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism are also community-centred. All of these religions also include as an integral part prayer, meditation, contemplation. But the aim is not just to help the individual cope but to help with strengthening one's understanding and commitment to the common vision of the Kingdom.

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Golden Jubilee

The Mass of Celebration will be held at 3p.m. today to celebrate the 50th. Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Armstrong.



Prayer at Exam Time

Almighty God, please help me in my exams. Help me to face them with courage and peace. Help me to understand the questions that are asked; to remember what I have studied and to express my answers clearly. Guide and direct me in all my decisions and help me especially to discover my true vocation to love and serve you in my life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remember to pray daily for someone who may be sick, lonely or depressed, those who have suffered bereavement, and all who are in need of your prayers! Seven-day candles for Our Lady's Shrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine are available from the Sacristy. Price £5. "I Lit A Candle For You" prayer intention cards are also available. Price £1 each.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Bridie Harkin R.I.P.**, mother of a Parishioner, whose funeral will take place in Maghera on Monday.

Anniversaries

Rose Woods, Molly Black, Gerard Maguire, Margaret Vernor, Marie Glover, Jean Downey.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

The **Annual Blessing of Graves** will be held at the following burial grounds:

Sunday 19th. May - City Cemetery

Sunday 26th. May - Hannahstown

Sunday 2nd. June - The Rock

All services commence at 3p.m.

Parish Bethany Bereavement Support. To speak to someone in strict confidence Tel. 077 3377 3758.

First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the P4 boys and girls who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at their First Holy Communion Mass yesterday. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped prepare the children to receive the sacrament. We also thank the P3 parents and other volunteers who prepared and served the food and refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Family Fun Day



The Pastoral Area of South Belfast is planning a **Family Fun-Day** on 15th. June in the Parish of Drumbo & Carryduff. It will be a free event open to all of the families in the area and the Parishes of the South Belfast Forum. All of the activities will take place around the Parish Hall. We need six volunteers from St. Bernadette's Parish to help out on the day. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Fr. Armstrong** Tel. 9079 3023 option 1.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday in the Lourdes Chapel from 9a.m. until 7.15p.m. "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mk 14:34)



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,682**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The annual collection for the **Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood** takes place this weekend. There are currently a small number of students in formation. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 21st. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m.

Thursday 23rd. May - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 24th. May - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

Wednesday 29th. May - Monthly Lunch in the Belfast Boat Club at 1p.m. Two courses £17. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 9070 1027 or **Mary** Tel. 9070 1112 as soon as possible.

Wednesday 5th. June - 'All Mod Cons' at The Lyric at 8p.m. A compelling new comedy-drama exploring our capacity to accept change For bookings, contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible. First come first served!

Wednesday 19th. June - Visit to **EPIC**, the Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin. Entrance fee €10 per person. Travel by train (concession). For bookings, contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019 *no later than Wednesday 12th. June.*



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. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday

10a.m. - 11a.m. Yoga For All.

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** this week for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Call **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

Ministers of the Eucharist



May - Group 3.

Team Leader - **Jim McGettrick**.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 26th. May

Group 11.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for Week 35: **Paul Gordon & Michael Canning**. 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

Latest News



Please return your **Lenten Fast Box** as soon as you can. Boxes can be placed in the collection baskets or left in the Sacristy. Please remember to fill in the Gift Aid form. If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make it payable to **St. Bernadette's Parish Trust**. This will be included in the total Parish contribution to Trócaire. The amount raised presently stands at **£6,894**.



Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on **Sunday 9th. June** (The feast of St. Colmcille). A coach will depart from **St. Colmcille's Church** car park, Newtownards Road at **7.30a.m.**, returning at **10.30p.m.** Stopping at the Killyhevlin Hotel for breakfast and for an evening meal on the return journey. Cost: £45 p.p. by **5th. June**. To book, please contact **Geraldine** at the Parish Office Tel. 9065 4157.

What's On!



May 25th. & 26th. Plant Sale in the grounds of the **Good Shepherd Church** after all of the Masses. Proceeds to the new Parish Centre Building Fund.

June 1st. St. Bernard's P.S. 60th Anniversary Dinner in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw's Bridge**. Tickets: £45p.p. including drinks reception, 2 course meal, live music and DJ. Purchase tickets at: www.stbernardspss.com/pta or call **Brenda** Tel. 075954 70542. All parents, past pupils, family and friends of the school are welcome to attend! Guaranteed a great night out! (This event is for over 18s only). Hosted by St. Bernard's PTA.

June 8th. Cappella Caeciliana and Holy Rosary P.S. present our end-of-season concert in the **Good Shepherd Church** at **7.30p.m.** with the Key Stage 2 choir of Holy Rosary P.S., directed by Louis McVeigh, with organist Stephen Hamill. Visit www.caeciliana.org for tickets.

THE PRIESTS in concert in **St. Bernadette's Church** on **Friday 21st. June** at **8p.m.**

Tickets £25 (under 19s free) on sale now!

Debit/ credit card sales online only at: www.stbernadettesparish.org

Cash sales: **Matchetts Music, Wellington Place.**

Bread & Banjo Bakery, 353 Ormeau Road.

The Sacristy (after Mass times only).