



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.



Diocese of Down & Connor

In the light of advice from the Public Health Agency regarding **Coronavirus** and the communication from the Irish Episcopal Conference Secretariat the Bishop has asked for the following:

Suspension of the Sign of Peace, During Mass only the celebrant should receive from the Chalice, Holy Communion should only be administered into the hands and NOT onto the tongue, Holy water fonts should be drained and not used, The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands with particular care before and after distributing Holy Communion.

These measures are preventative and should not in any way raise any existing levels of concern. Best practice in all circumstances at this time of year should be followed in accordance with the Public Health Agency's advice and normal levels of hygiene.

Parishioners are advised to take the usual and necessary precautions before attending regular services in churches open to the public, such as:

Washing / sanitising hands before attending Mass, Washing / sanitising hands after coughing or sneezing, Use of disposable handkerchiefs, Coughing into the crook of the elbow and not into the palms of hands etc.



Lifeline

Many people will either know someone who has taken their own life or perhaps know somebody who has lost a loved one due to suicide. Reach out by simply listening to someone who is low in mood, showing them that you love them and how much they mean to you is the best that you can do for them or contact us at **Lifeline** Tel. 0808 808 8000 (24-hour helpline support for those in distress or despair.)

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Dowey R.I.P.**, for **Kathleen Duffin R.I.P.** whose Month's Mind Mass is today at 12pm, and for **Geraldine McStravick R.I.P.**, the relative of Parishioners, whose funeral will take place in St. Malachy's Church on Tuesday at 1pm.

Anniversaries

Betty O'Rourke, James Sweeney, Brian Coney, Mark Corr, Edwin Gray, Jackie Polley,

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, please Tel. 077 3377 3758.

The Season of Lent



What are you doing for Lent? 'No Greater Love', the biblical programme, based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land, continues in **St. Bernard's P.S.** at 8.15pm next **Tuesday**. The presentation is entitled "Are you the Christ? Jesus' Death and Trial before the Sanhedrin".

Each week there is an opportunity to pray and to discuss the content of each week's presentation. Please come along even if you missed the opening session last week. Everyone will be most welcome! Future sessions will take place on **March 3rd., 10th, 24th**, concluding on **March 31st.** **There will not be a session on Tuesday 17th March.** Hosted by the **Parish Pastoral Council**. If you would like further information, please email:

ppc@stbernadettesparish.org

Diocesan Vocations Weekend



Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place in **Drumalis Retreat Centre**, from **Friday 6th. - Sunday 8th. March**. If you wish to attend or would like further information contact:

Fr. Kevin McGuckien,

23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast BT17 0LT
Tel. 9061 4567.

Email: k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org



Parish Collections

Last week's Parish collection amounted to £1,412. The monthly collection for **the Support of the Priests** takes place this weekend. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

2020/21 Envelope Boxes

New boxes have already been distributed in several districts of the Parish. If you have used the offertory envelopes in the past and have still not received your box, or if you live outside the Parish, please collect your new box from the Sacristy after Mass. If you do not currently use the system and would like to take a box, please give your name and contact details to the Sacristan or e-mail: info@stbernadettesparish.org



Retirement Association

Thursday 5th. March - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15am.

Friday 6th. March - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 11am. Concession rate £2.20 per game. All members invited to take part.

Wednesday 11th. March - The A.G.M. Will take place at the monthly Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre. New members for the committee are needed and volunteers would be greatly appreciated!

This year Cancer Focus NI is the official charity partner for the Belfast City Marathon which takes place on Sunday 3rd May. We need volunteers to join us along the route at our cheering & water stations and in The Charity Village at the end of the race. To register your interest or for more information,

Email: volunteer@cancerfocusni.org.



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. parishcentre@stbernadette'sparish.org

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

Ministers of the Eucharist

March - Group 1.

Team Leader - Maura Presley.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 8th. March.

Group 8.

500 Club

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 24:** **Michael Canning & Desmond Malone.** 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.



Diocesan Pilgrimages

The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **July 7th. - 14th.** Prices per person sharing:
5 nights - July 8th. - 13th. £650.
7 nights - July 7th. - 14th. £725.

Youth Team July 5th. - 14th. £590 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: **5 nights - July 8th. - 13th. £550.** All flights from Belfast International. Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. **9077 0162** or contact us by email to: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com. A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

Apostolic Workers

St. Bernadette's Monthly Meeting will be held in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass next **Wednesday 4th. March.** New members will be made most welcome! Please help us to help the Missions!

This Lent your love can help change lives. This is the season for solidarity with the poor and underprivileged. Lenten Boxes are now available in the church. Please take one home with you and return it with your donation at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



What's On!

March 1st. Lenten Soup & Bread in Holy Rosary Parish Centre throughout Lent, served each Sunday between **12.30pm.- 2.30pm.** ending on **5th April.** Solidarity with the poor and the hungry. A sale of ceramic crafts, made by a member of our Parish community, will also be available. All voluntary donations/funds raised from the sale will go towards Trócaire, Mary's Meals and Sharing Fair. Please join us to help support this crucial work.

March 1st. Sunday Night Bingo in Holy Rosary Parish Centre at 6.45pm. This has been a great social family night so why not come along – enjoy the craic and help us raise funds!

March 14th. "Unbound - Freedom in Christ" led by Fr. Gerry Campbell and a team from Armagh Archdiocese in St. Bride's Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Ave. From **9.30am - 5pm.** Everyone is most welcome to attend!