

# Lent

# Parish Bulletin

# 3rd Sunday of Lent



PARISH OF HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE



Sunday Cycle C Psalter Week 3  
Third Sunday of Lent  
20th March 2022

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish Vigil 6.00pm & 11am  
Holy Rosary Parish 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES FOR LENT

Monday	9.30am	St. Bernadette's
	7pm	Holy Rosary
Tuesday	10am	Holy Rosary
	7pm	St. Bernadette's (Novena)
Wednesday	9.30am	St. Bernadette's
	7pm	Holy Rosary
Thursday	10am	Holy Rosary
	7pm	St. Bernadette's
Friday	10am	Holy Rosary
	7pm	Holy Rosary
Saturday	10am	Holy Rosary



Given the Covid situation, the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass remains in place UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The faithful are encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass whenever possible or to participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

Visit [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

[www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net](http://www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net) for Holy Rosary Parish and click on the webcam

### Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St. Bernadette's Parish: Weekdays (Lent) 10.00 – 4pm.  
Holy Rosary Parish: Weekdays 10.30 – 5pm.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays Holy Rosary 12 – 12.30pm (conference room)  
Saturdays St. Bernadette's 5.15 – 5.45pm (Lourdes chapel)

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### PARISH CENTRE RE-OPENING

The Parish Centre has been closed since March 2020. With the easing of COVID restrictions, the hall will re-open at the beginning of April 2022. The Parish Finance Committee has reviewed the pricing structure for the hire of facilities, given the increasing energy costs. The costs will be: Large Hall £25 per hour (+ £10 per hour for use of kitchen); Minor Hall £20 per hour (+ £10 per hour for use of kitchen) and Lounge £20 per hour. Enquiries and bookings can be made directly to Paul at [parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org](mailto:parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org)

### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**Recently Deceased:**  
Tony Rocks (Canada), Eileen Smyth, Anto Haughey, Veronica Duncan.



**Anniversaries:**  
Brian Goldsmith (6pm), William Mooney, Henry O'Rawe, James Kelly, Leo Sloan, Brian Meenan, Susan, Hugh & Sheelagh Griffin (12.30pm).

**St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎.**  
07385591055 (new number)  
**Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎.**  
07818090323

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 21st Mar St. Enda  
Thur. 24th Mar St Oscar Romero  
Fri. 25th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord

### ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

**Weekly Collection (13th March) £1,141.97**

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances through a standing order, PayPal, or parish envelopes.



### SVP

Many thanks to Parishioners for your continued support and generosity. Without your help our work would not be possible. Donations can continue to be made online at [www.SVPNI.co.uk](http://www.SVPNI.co.uk) or telephone 02890750161.

If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at 02890351561 and you will be **Confidentially** directed to one of our Conference Members or **another Conference of your choice.**



See online bulletin for Children's Activities.

## RELAXATION OF COVID-19 RELATED REGULATIONS & RESTRICTIONS

The pandemic is not over, and we will continue to live with the risks and effects of COVID-19 for some time. As a result, it is important that, in a spirit of Christian solidarity, we all do what we can to care for each other. Therefore, the Diocese continues to strongly recommend a number of protective measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all.

1. **Face Coverings:** the Diocese **strongly recommends that face coverings continue to be worn at all times in the church.**
2. **Hand Sanitizers:** will continue to be provided at the entrances. Hand sanitizing when entering the church is strongly recommended.
3. **Social Distancing:** While we no longer have to observe social distancing in the church, one area in the church will remain with closed off pews for those who may wish to continue social distancing
4. Those administering Holy Communion should continue to sanitize their hands before & after distribution, & wear face coverings.
5. Communion in the hand should remain the norm.

## LENT

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### MORNING PRAYER FOR LENT

Morning Prayer will be celebrated Monday to Saturday, beginning 20 minutes before the morning Mass time. (Texts are available through the *Universalis* app.)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & LENTEN PRAYER

Wednesdays 10am – 12noon St. Bernadette's  
Fridays 10.30am – 12.30 Holy Rosary

### VIA DOLOROSA (SORROWFUL WAY) LENTEN REFLECTIONS

These reflections, led by members of the congregation, will be held in Good Shepherd Church at 7.45pm on Thursday 10th, (none on 17th March), 24th, 31st March, and Thursday 7 April. **All are welcome to come along or join us on the webcam.** The running time is approximately 20 - 25 minutes.

These reflections (recorded last year during Covid restrictions) can also be viewed online at anytime at the St. Bernadette's Parish website. See the *Lent Resources 2022* section at [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

### LENTEN CALENDAR

A Lenten Calendar is available on the parish website. See the *Lent Resources 2022* section at [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

### TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2022

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign was launched on Ash Wednesday. Boxes are available in the church. The Lenten Campaign will focus on Zimbabwe, through the story of Thandekile and her two children. For further information see [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org), section Lent 2022. Trócaire can benefit again this year from the UK Aid Match programme, which means that the UK government will match parishioners' donations up to a maximum of £2 million. This is an opportunity for our Lenten donations to double.

### "NO GREATER LOVE" LENTEN PROGRAMME

The Living Church office will be offering the "**No Greater Love**" programme on-line during Lent this year. (This programme started in parishes in 2020 but the pandemic restrictions meant that the course was never finished.) There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. To book a place on this online program please e-mail [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

The 6 sessions to choose from are: Mondays at 11am **or** 7pm; Tuesdays at 7:30pm; Wednesdays at 7:30pm; Thursdays at 11am **or** 7pm.



Jesuits in Scotland are running an online Lent course, presenting a daily episode from the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Spanish courtier-turned priest who devised Ignatian spirituality. The retreat will show how God transformed the life of St. Ignatius and through him, the lives of countless others. People take part individually but can also join weekly groups to share the fruits of their prayer and be helped in finding new ways to pray and be inspired. More details at [www.onlineprayer.net](http://www.onlineprayer.net)

## THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

At this time in the Catholic Church all over the world, Pope Francis is calling for a period of listening in preparation for a gathering, known as a synod. The synod will take place in Rome in 2023. Pope Francis' goal is to encourage us to listen to the Holy Spirit as well as listening to one another. As with all journeys, it begins with small, first steps. We are now taking our small, first steps on this synodal pathway.

Recently you received a postcard in the church. Cards are still available to collect at the back of the church. On your postcard you will see four questions that ask you about your experience of the Church and ask for your thoughts and ideas for the future. Some people will want things to change and others will want things to stay the same. It's important to remember there are no right or wrong answers. This is about *your* experience of the Church and *your* ideas for the future. We would ask that you think about the questions, pray about them, discuss them perhaps at home, and submit a response. This will allow your voice to be heard.

Completed postcards should be returned **by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March** to allow the information to be gathered and fed back into the diocese. There is a box available at the front of the church (at Our Lady's shrine) for you to return your postcard.

Alternatively, it is now also possible to submit your feedback directly to the Living Church Office using their on-line questionnaire. See [www.downandconnor.org/synod](http://www.downandconnor.org/synod) This facility will remain open until Palm Sunday (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April).



### SYNODAL LISTENING IN THE PASTORAL COMMUNITY OF SOUTH & EAST BELFAST

As part of this whole process, Bishop Treanor has encouraged local parishes to come together, pray and enter into a conversation about our Church at this time. You are invited to join in the synod conversation on **Thursday 31st March 7 – 9 pm in St Colmcille's Parish Centre, 191a Upper Newtownards Road.** The session will be facilitated by Jim Deeds from the Living Church office and Catherine McCoy, Pastoral Worker in St John's.



### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The Irish Bishops have asked that a Special Collection be taken up at Masses on the weekend of **26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March**, to support humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to *Caritas Internationalis*, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



# CHILDREN'S CORNER

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GALILEANS BLOOD SINNERS REPENT  
 PERISH EIGHTEEN TOWER SILOAM  
 GUILTY PARABLE FIG THREE



## Third Sunday of Lent

"God gives us another chance"



'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.' Luke 13: 6-9

Church of Saint Leo the Great [www.stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner](http://www.stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner)

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### The Parable of the Fig Tree

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Jesus Tells a Story

Then he told this \_\_\_\_\_: "A man had a \_\_\_\_\_ tree, planted in his \_\_\_\_\_, and he went to look for \_\_\_\_\_ on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For \_\_\_\_\_ years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig \_\_\_\_\_ and haven't found any. \_\_\_\_\_ it down! Why should it use up the \_\_\_\_\_?'

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more \_\_\_\_\_, and I'll \_\_\_\_\_ around it and \_\_\_\_\_ it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it \_\_\_\_\_.'

Luke 13:6-9

cut	fertilize	parable	tree
dig	fig	soil	vineyard
down	fruit	three	year

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