



Parish of St. Bernadette

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C) 24th. November 2019. Vol.17 No. 13.

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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 10a.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

First Reading (2 Samuel 5:1-3) The tribes of Israel took delight in King David, a man chosen by God to lead them. How much more should we Christians take delight in Christ, Our King and our Saviour!

Second Reading (Colossians 1:11-20) This reading speaks about the power of Christ, the King who has transferred his people from the reign of darkness and hopelessness into his kingdom of light and love. Christ our King has brought reconciliation where there was division, and the last words of the reading tell how he did this: 'by his death on the cross.'

Gospel (Luke 23:35-43) Even as he hangs dying on the cross, Christ the King is mocked by the crowds, by his executioners, and by one of the people dying with him. And even then, Christ the King responds with loving generosity to the spark of faith he finds in another dying man. ©Intercom



Reflection

Our King has been chosen for us by God but it is for each one of us to profess our allegiance to him. We do this not just saying so in so many words but by taking on board the fullness of his life and teaching which we find in the Gospel and in the New Testament. And, as members of his Body, we too in some strange way share in that Kingship. Today we are called to work together to expand the reality of his Kingdom in our families, in our society and in the world generally. Lord Jesus, your Kingdom come! ©Intercom



Irish Churches

A series of resources on homelessness and housing insecurity has been launched by the Irish Inter-Church Meeting - the body that comprises the Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. With the current election underway in NI, it is felt that this issue should be among those raised by voters. Some key questions on homelessness and housing insecurity in NI are included. While the election is predominantly about BREXIT, this question is also among the important ones for our society, north and south. Further information on these resources on homelessness and housing insecurity can be found via this link: <https://www.irishchurches.org/cmsfiles/homeless/>

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

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

Fr. Jim Downey, Denis Glackin, Patrick Cassidy, Maureen Small, Stephen Mossey.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

November Lists of the Deceased are available at the back of the church. Please put completed lists in the collections baskets or into the wall box beside Our Lady's Shrine. The names of the dead will be placed on the altar and will be remembered at each of the Masses this month.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved over the last few years. To speak to someone in confidence Tel. 077 3377 3758.

Do This In Memory Of Me



The "Do This In Memory" Programme for children, preparing to receive their **First Holy Communion** begins this **Saturday** at the **6pm. Mass**. The programme takes place within the context of the Sunday Parish celebration of the Eucharist. This highlights the importance of the Sunday Eucharist as a place where we gather, are nourished by the **Word** and the **Bread of Life**, and are sent forth to live the **Gospel**. It also acknowledges the home as the most important and significant place, where the faith of our children is nurtured, nourished and sustained.

The programme will continue on: **14th. December, 25th. January, 15th. February, 14th. March, 3rd. & 25th. April, 13th. June.**

We thank the leaders and parents who will lead the programme. We pray for God's blessing on them



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to £1,509. The annual collection for the **Bishop's Commissions** raised £771. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



Retirement Association

Wednesday 27th. November - Monthly Lunch in the Bureau By The Sea, Whiteabbey at 12.30pm for 1pm. To make a booking, please contact **Seamus** Tel. **07767 271019** *before Sunday 24th. November*. Please advise if you require transport from the church car park at 12pm before the lunch.

Thursday 28th. November - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 29th. November - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 11am. Concession rate £2.20 per game. All members invited to take part.

Wednesday 4th. December - The Lyric presents "Driving home for Christmas" by Grimes & McKee, at 7.30pm. Tickets £12. Contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible to secure your ticket.



Living Youth

Join us for our Summer Pilgrimage to the **2020 Youth Festival at Medjugorje** from **29th. July - 7th. August**. (ages 17-25) We will join more than 50,000 other young people from around the world to celebrate our Catholic Faith. Cost £799. For an application pack, visit www.livingyouthni.org or Tel. **9023 2432** or info@livingyouthni.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.

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. Taekwondo.

Thursday

10 - 11a.m. Yoga Class (mixed ability).
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. Book a **free** trial at: www.playballkids.com
7p.m. Youth Club at 7p.m. - 8.15p.m. for Juniors and 8.30p.m. - 10p.m. for Seniors. Registered members only!

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1.30p.m. Junior Badminton. New members aged 8 - 18 welcome!

Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From **Monday - Friday** for P1 - P7 children from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Call **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910**.

Ministers of the Eucharist



December - Group 2.

Team Leader - Flo McGarrigle.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 1st. December.

Group 5.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 10: Eileen Lynch & Maura Foster**
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



Our **Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Wednesday 11th. December** at 12.30pm in the **Ivanhoe**. If you wish to attend, please register your phone number and menu choice on the list in the Sacristy or contact **Frances** Tel. **078005 62398** *before Sunday 1st. December*.

SVP Christmas Cards will be available at Masses on this weekend. This year instead of a specific price per pack, Parishioners will be invited to make a suitable donation.

The **Annual S.V.P. Christmas Collection** will be held on **Saturday 7th. & Sunday 8th. December** after all Masses. Gift Aid will add a significant amount to what you contribute at no cost to you. Gift aid envelopes will be available next weekend.

Diocese of Down & Connor



Applications from suitably qualified persons are invited:

Principal Safeguarding Practitioner

We wish to recruit a knowledgeable safeguarding professional, to take on the role and challenges as Principal Practitioner within the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Safeguarding Team. If interested in making application for this post, please download an application form from the Diocese of Down and Connor website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies>. Closing date for applications will be 12 noon on **Monday 2nd. December 2019**.

What's On!



November 24th. Bingo in Holy Rosary Parish Centre at 6.45pm.

November 27th. Mass For Deceased Clergy & Religious at 7pm, in St. Peter's Cathedral.

November 29th. Knockbreda Methodist Church Outdoor Community Event from 6 - 9pm with Christmas stalls, Santa & his reindeer, **Jackie Fullerton** switching on the Christmas tree lights, Ormeau Community Choir, face painting, balloon modelling, burger van, & plenty more!

Saturday 30th. November - Kid's Event from 2-4pm.
Sunday 1st. December at 4pm: Outdoor Carol Service with Downshire Brass Band. Under a stretch tent on the grounds. Blankets will be available to protect your knees! Tea and coffee on arrival. All welcome!