



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 8:23-9:3) In the opening words of this reading, there is an entire history of God's workings: God is always doing a new thing. There are days now past, with their successes and their failures, their humiliations and their 'learning curves.' Yet we are assured that 'in the days to come,' God will act anew. There is no stagnation for those who look to God.

Second Reading (Corinthians 1:10-13.17) St. Paul's first task, in writing to the immature Christians at Corinth, is to urge them to overcome their factions and divisions. This is very telling! Paul wants them to hear the rest of his exhortations as a single, united, listening community.

Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23) If the Gospel is called 'Good News,' then why is 'repent' the first word Jesus speaks in his public ministry? There is no contradiction here, because 'repent' is not a threat; it is an invitation to turn to God's grace, to leave the darkness and walk in the light. ©Intercom

✠ 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.

Practical things to do:

- Read and reflect on the Sunday Scriptures before coming to Mass (this is prayer); or come a little early to Sunday Mass, and using the Sunday Missalette, quietly read through the Readings before Mass begins;
- During the week think back to the Sunday Mass and recall the scriptures you heard - reflect for a moment on any sentence or thought that made an impact on you at that time;
- Volunteer to read the Word of God at Sunday Mass.

Our Faithful Departed ✠

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Arthur Kennedy R.I.P** whose Month's Mind Mass will be offered on Tuesday at 7.30p.m.

Anniversaries

John Conaghan, Tom Flanagan, Jane Boyle, Ella Dolan, Fr. Vincent Boyle, Eugene McGlone, Teresa McGlynn, Colette Malone, Seamus Boyle.

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, please Tel. 077 3377 3758.

Catholic Schools Week ✠

Catholic Schools Week 2020 begins today on the theme '**Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation**'. Families, Parishes and schools, North and South, are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools and on their contribution to the common good of our society. This year's theme encourages us to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God's creatures. The daily themes are:

- Monday: Living in Harmony with God.
- Tuesday: Living in Harmony with our Neighbours.
- Wednesday: Living in Harmony with All Generations.
- Thursday: Living in Harmony with the Earth.
- Friday: Living in Harmony in our Catholic School.



Parish Collections

Last week's Parish collection amounted to £1,922. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Have you recently moved into St. Bernadette's Parish? You can assist the Parish considerably by taking **Offertory Envelopes** and if you pay tax, the Parish will receive a payment from the Inland Revenue at **no extra cost** to yourself if you sign a **Gift Aid Form**. Just call into the Sacristy after Mass and leave your name and contact details. Please give us your support.



Retirement Association

Thursday 30th. January - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15am.

Friday 31st. January - Ten Pin Bowling at the **Ice Bowl, Dundonald** from 11am. Concession rate £2.20 per game. All members invited to take part.

Wednesday 19th. February - "Kiss Me Kate" at the **Lyric** at 7.30p.m. Music & lyrics by Cole Porter. Adm. £12. If you wish to attend please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.



Diocese of Down & Connor

Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2020** will be on sale in the Sacristy 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.



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.

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

Ministers of the Eucharist



February - Group 4.

Team Leader - Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 2nd. February.

Group 3.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 19:** **Maura Macklin & Bobby Madine.**

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



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

Adoption Service



The **Family Care Adoption Society** is urgently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. There is a great need to provide loving, safe and secure homes. For more details Tel. 7136 8592 / 9069 1133 or email@familycaresociety.org

What's On!



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.

January 30th. Mass of Remembrance & Healing in the **Church of St. Teresa of Avila, Glen Road** at 7pm. For those who have suffered the loss of a child through death in the womb, at birth, or in infancy. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Centre.

February 6th. "Christian and Citizen?" St Brigid's Day Lecture 2020 presented by **Baroness Nuala O'Loan** in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

September 22nd. - 29th. Drumbo & Carryduff Parish Pilgrimage to Poland. Departing from Dublin direct to Krakow. £860 per person sharing, half-Board includes all tours. Spiritual director Fr. Michael Sheehan. £260 deposit is required. Booking forms available from the **Parish Office** Tel. 9081 2238 Option 2.