



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 8a.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 (Deuteronomy 18:15-20) In this reading, Moses tells the people that when he dies, God will appoint another prophet for them, someone who will speak the truth and lead them to the truth. Moses is the only leader they have known and, beginning to feel insecure at his impending death, they wonder how they can distinguish between a true prophet and a false prophet. As has been his way, Moses encourages his people to live in keeping with God's teaching.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 7:32-35) Today we get a glimpse into how Paul sees his mission. Sensing the approach of a time of struggle and feeling that time is running out, Paul urges the people of Corinth not to let anything get in the way of the urgent task of teaching Christ's message, thus furthering the kingdom of God. This they would do by fully dedicating their lives to the Lord and living as he did.

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:21-28) Today's gospel story tells of Jesus' first miracle, which occurs in the sacred place of the synagogue and on the sacred day of the Sabbath. Jesus' teaching is contrasted with the teaching of the scribes. Jesus teaches with the authority of one who is free while the teaching of the scribes is constrained by tradition. The scribes know God's law but Jesus knows God's heart. His listeners are amazed! No one has ever spoken like this before. © Intercom

Reflection

This is the kind of authority which Jesus wields. Jesus did not come to rule and control people. He came, he said, not to be served but to serve. He came, above all, to make people free. So that in their freedom, they could generate all the productive and growth energies within them and be alive with the life of God within them.

He freed them from all the 'evil spirits' of fear, compulsions, narrow self-centredness, anger, resentment, hostility and violence which prevent people from truly enjoying the experience of being alive. **"I have come that they may have life, life in abundance."**
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First Friday Visits

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month. The sick, housebound, and those Parishioners who are in hospital and nursing homes will be attended by the priest during the week. Please remember to pray for the sick of our Parish and those who care for them.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New adorers are needed to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended throughout the day. Drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the strain of daily life.

Our Faithful Departed

Anniversaries

Sarah Cassidy, Gerald McCready, Seamus Boyle, Stephen King, Fr. Vincent Boyle, Rose Campbell, John Callan, Cecilia McQuade, Kathleen McNeill, Kevin Finlay, Mary McCafferty, Eugene McClone.

Teresa McGlynn, Mary Dirgen, Elizabeth Kelly, Leo McQuillan, John F. Kelly, Jim Rice, Patrick Foley, Noel Deehan, Colette Malone, Joseph Toye, Hugh Marshall, Noel Quinn, Philomena Kelly.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins today. Catholic families, in conjunction with the schools, are invited to participate in a week of celebration and reflection on the theme **"Catholic Schools: Families of Faith"**. The programme for reflection each day is:
Monday: Thinking about our family at home.
Tuesday: Thinking about our School Family
Wednesday: Thinking about our grandparents and the love they have for their grandchildren.
Thursday: Thinking about our Parish Family.
Friday: Thinking about our World Family.
A special effort may be made to say the little prayer on the icon of the Holy Family for the 2018 World Meeting of the Families to be held in Dublin in August..

On **Sunday 11th. February** at **7p.m.**, we will host an evening for young people (aged 14 and over) here in the church to experience Catholic Praise & Worship. We will focus on the **Limitless** Love of God in our lives, and share in a time of prayer and adoration. Guest speaker: Fr. James O'Reilly. All welcome!



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,415**. 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 1st. February - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.
Tuesday 27th. - Wednesday 28th. February - Annual trip to Malahide. Cost €195 p.p.s B & B for two nights, with dinner on Tuesday evening. Single room occupancy €275. To book, contact **Geraldine** Tel. **0784593 3371**

Wednesday 11th. April - 42nd Street in the **Grand Opera House** presented by **St. Agnes' Choral Society** at **7.30p.m.** Contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031**

More volunteers are needed to help clean the church. Working as part of a team, it only takes 45 minutes every 6 weeks on an afternoon or evening. If you can help, please leave your name and your telephone number in the Sacristy or contact Gillian McKeever at: g.mckeever405@btinternet.com



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9040 1169 or call in and speak to Paul on weekdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Monday

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea or coffee and a chat after Mass. All are welcome!
10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Pilates Class.
8p.m. Bowling Club.
8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

Tuesday

7p.m. Zumba Class.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Class.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga Class.
8p.m. Taekwondo.
8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.
7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1.30p.m. Junior Badminton.

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



Group Leader for **February - Anne Sharvin.**

Mass Rota

6p.m. A. Sharvin, T. McGonigle, F. Presley.
10a.m. M. Cassidy, S. Mullan, Sr. A. Kilroy.
12p.m. D. McSorley, M. Carnie.

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 4th. February - Group 9

**Mollie Hayes, Valerie O'Brien,
Brian O'Rourke.**

500 Club



Week 19: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Ronnie Hughes & Bernadette Farry.** Each winner receives **£50.**

Diocesan Directories



Copies of the **Down & Connor Directory for 2018** will be on sale 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. Buy one now before they are all gone!

Diocesan Pilgrimages



The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **July 10th. - 17th.** Prices per person sharing:
5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £650.
7 nights - July 10th. - 17th. £725.

Youth Team July 8th. - 17th. £590 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: **5 nights - July 11th. - 16th. £550.** All flights from Belfast International. Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the **Pilgrimage Office** Tel. **9064 6040** or contact us by email to: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com. A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

What's On!



January 28th. St. Joseph's College 25th Anniversary Celebrations. The College will be open for past pupils, parents, and staff from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Come along and revisit! Light Refreshments will be served.

February 1st. St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2018 "Anxious hearts and wounded lives: The place of the New Sacred." in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre** at **7.30p.m.** with **Fr. Paul Murray O.P.** Fr Paul is an Irish Dominican priest, poet, author and professor, born in Newcastle, Co. Down, and is a past pupil of St. Malachy's College. Fr. Paul lives in Rome and lectures in the Angelicum University. He was a friend and adviser to Mother Teresa of Calcutta. All are welcome!

February 16th. - 18th. Diocesan Vocations Weekend in Drumalis for men discerning a vocation to the priesthood. For further information please contact: **Fr. Kevin McGuckien** Tel. **90614567** or by e-mail to: kevinmcguckien@downandconnor.org



"Love is not boastful. Some think they are important because they are more knowledgeable; they want to lord it over others. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern and embraces the weak". Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis.