



# 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

**First Reading (Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13)** The prophet calls us to integrity and humility. Integrity: saying what we mean and doing what we say. Humility: knowing the truth about ourselves.

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)** God chooses what is foolish by human reckoning. The world values power and influence. The Lord values thinking of others before we think about ourselves. How foolish is that?

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:1-12)** Those who do not seem particularly fortunate are truly blessed. If we live for others rather than for ourselves, then we have discovered the secret of living peaceably and contentedly in the world.



## 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 coming week.

## ✠ Preparing for Easter

Discover the biblical roots of the prayers, hymns and rituals used in the Mass and come to appreciate the splendour of the liturgy. Develop your love for the Mass through increased understanding of what happens in our most important celebration, the centre of Christian worship. The **Parish Pastoral Council** warmly invite you to participate in "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" presented in DVD format by Dr. Edward Sri, in **St. Bernard's P.S.** each **Tuesday** from **28th. February to 28th. March** from **8.15p.m. to 9.45p.m.** The cost for essential resources is £15 (payable on first night of the course). To help with the organisation, **pre-enrolment is essential.** Please register your name and contact details in the Sacristy by **Tuesday 14th. February.**



## Eucharistic Adoration

*"Praise God in difficult moments. Seek God in quiet moments."*  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues each **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** Why not drop in for a few minutes of quiet reflection, away from the rush and strain of daily life, and simply say a silent prayer? Or just sit and reflect in the presence of the Lord? We need more adorers at lunch time and in the afternoons. *"Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"*

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anna Napier R.I.P.**, of Cheltenham Park, whose funeral took place in St. Malachy's Church on Wednesday, and for **Tom Conaghan R.I.P.**, of Glenholm Avenue, whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

## Anniversaries

Fr. Vincent Boyle, Rose Campbell, John Callan, Cecilia McQuade, Kathleen McNeill, Kevin Finlay, Mary McCafferty, Eugene McGlone, Alex Warde, Teresa McGlynn, Mary Dirgen, Elizabeth Kelly, Leo McQuillan, John F. Kelly, Jim Rice, Patrick Foley, Noel Deehan, Joseph Toye, Hugh Marshall, Noel Quinn, Philomena Kelly, John Woloczko, Jim Greenwood, Charles Holmes, Albert Coyle.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

## Calendar of Feasts

**Wednesday 1st. February** - St. Brigid, Virgin and Abbess, secondary patron of Ireland.

**Thursday 2nd. February** - The **Presentation of the Lord** or **Candlemas Day**. Candles for use in the church during the year will be blessed at the morning Mass. If you wish to have candles blessed for your own personal use, please leave them into the Sacristy early on Thursday morning. This is also the **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Please remember to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**Friday 3rd. February** - **St. Blaise**, Bishop & Martyr. The **Blessing of Throats** will take place after the **9.30a.m. Mass.**

## Vocations



Have you felt called to serve Christ in the Church as a priest? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. A retreat will take place in **Drumalis Retreat Centre** from **Friday 17th. to Sunday 19th. February.** If you wish to attend or would like further information please contact: **Fr. Kevin McGuckien** Tel. 9061 4567 or by email to: [kevinmcguckien@downandconnor.org](mailto:kevinmcguckien@downandconnor.org)



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,816**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

**Team 5** will help with the collection this week.

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

**Monday 30th. January** - "Jackie" at QFT, depicting the events before and after the assassination of JFK as seen through the eyes of his wife. Starts at **6.40p.m.** Adm. £4. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. **0784593 3371** as soon as possible.

**Thursday 2nd. February** - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.** Meet in the church car park.



## Adoption Service

**Family Care Adoption Society** is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more details Tel. **7136 8592 / 9069 1133** or [email@familycaresociety.org](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org)



## 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 30th.

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.

7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.

8p.m. Bowling Club.

8.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. Pilates Class.

### Tuesday 31st.

7p.m. Zumba Class.

8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m. Relaxing Yoga Class.

### Wednesday 1st.

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.

### Thursday 2nd.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

### Friday 3rd.

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.

7p.m. Youth Club - registered members only!

### Saturday 4th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.

1p.m. - 4p.m. Junior Badminton

### After School Club

**Rosetta 2-4 Club** from Monday to Friday for P1 - P7 children. Please contact **Sinead** Tel. **07816 779910** for further information.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



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

## Ministers of the Word



**Sunday 5th. February** - **Group 1**  
**Gerard Malone, Brendan Kerr (snr),**  
**Maura Macklin.**

## 500 Club



**Week 19:** Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Ella Dolan & Valerie O'Brien.**

Each winner receives £50.

## Diocesan Directories



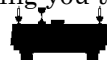
The **Down & Connor Directory** for 2017 will be on sale after all of the Masses this weekend. Priced at **£4** each, it includes lots of useful information on Mass times in every Parish, contacts for priests, religious orders, schools, and all Diocesan organisations. Buy one now before they are all gone!

## Catholic Schools Week



The theme for the **National Catholic Schools Week 2017** is "**Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.**" Several events will be held during the week commencing on **29th. January** until **4th. February**. On **Monday 30th. January** from **10a.m. to 12p.m.**, **St. Bernard's P.S.** invite all Grandparents of pupils in the school and interested Parishioners to visit the school. There will be a short talk from a guest speaker **Caroline Bradley** on 'Care for the Family'. Caroline will explore the role of grandparents in the modern family and how, as grandparents, you can pass on the gift of faith. She will outline some skills on how to nurture our children and how to support them to choose to follow the faith themselves. The talk will be followed by light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Apostolic Workers



The **Apostolic Workers** will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 1st. February**. New members will be made most welcome! Help us to help the Missions!

The **St. Vincent de Paul Shop** on the Ormeau Road is open again after major renovation work. Drop in and see our extensive stock. Donations welcome!

Latest News



## What's On!



**February 4th. Accord** invites married couples to take some time out to reflect on the gifts and strengths that enrich your life together, in **St. Mary's Pastoral Centre**, Chapel Lane from **10a.m. to 3p.m.** Cost £10 per couple including lunch. Contact **Deirdre** Tel. **07980 898399**

**February 4th. St. Agnes Choral Society 60th. Anniversary Concert** in the **Ulster Hall** at **7.30p.m.** Tickets can be purchased online at [www.ulsterhall.co.uk](http://www.ulsterhall.co.uk) or Tel. **9033 4455**. Proceeds in aid of **Alzheimers N.I.**

**February 7th. St. Brigid's Day Lecture "Significant aspects of The Jubilee of Mercy"** by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, Archbishop of Westminster, in **St. Brigid's Church** at **7.30p.m.** Everyone welcome!