



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 (Ezekiel 37:12-14) Ezekiel had witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem in 597 BC and was among the deportees to Babylon. Today's text concludes his vision of the dry bones. The *ruach* (wind or spirit) of God restores life. Ezekiel believed that a new Israel would come about through religious conversion. His prophecy concerns the corporate renewal of Israel. Belief in an individual resurrection from the dead was a later development in Jewish theology.

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11) In Romans, Paul contrasts the perfection people achieve through their adherence to the Law (the Jewish tradition), or their personal qualities (the Greek tradition), with the 'justification' (v.11) that is found in Jesus, through the Spirit. It is the presence of God, dwelling within us, which empowers us to lead spiritual lives. 'Go not outside, return to within yourself; truth dwells in the inner person.' (Augustine)

Gospel Reading (John 11:1-45) In the synoptic gospels, Jesus resuscitates those who have just died (Mk 5:39; Lk 7:16). John offers a more definitive view of Jesus' power to rescue the dead. Lazarus has already been buried for four days. The phrase 'I am' (*ego eimi*; v. 26) is used to identify Jesus with the Old Testament name for God. The miracle also shows the humanity of Jesus. He wept at his friend's graveside (v.35) and prayed on his behalf (v.41-42). With Jesus we can express our human frustration ('If you had been here....' v.21); before him we confess his power to save. © Intercom 2017



Reflection

Those who are in the Spirit will want to give their whole selves to the higher instincts of truth, love, compassion, sharing and justice. When we are full of that Spirit then we have truly risen with Christ for his life is truly active in us. We are both alive and life-giving. "I live, no, it is not I, but Christ who lives in me."
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Holy Week

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. If you intend to be at the **10a.m. Mass**, please gather in the **Parish Centre** at **9.55a.m.** for the **Blessing of Palms**. The Celebrant, with the choir and congregation, will then process to the church for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The **Parish Penitential Service** will take place on **Wednesday 12th. April** at **7.30p.m.**



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.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Pearl Ward R.I.P.**, of Wynchurch Gardens, whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

Anniversaries

Alice Kavanagh, Margaret Peel, Sean McCann, James Joseph Jones, Bernard Murtagh, Dan Murray, Catherine Hunter, Winnie Woloczko, Thomas Callan, Caoimhe Rooney, Michael Clarke, John Rooney, William Daly, George Black, Margaret McEvoy, Isabelle McGrogan, Tom Barry, Brendan Cassidy, Peter Cassidy.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

World Meeting of Families 2018



The Vatican authorities have announced that **Pope Francis** has said that he will do all he can to attend the **World Meeting of Families** in **Dublin** from **22nd. to 26th. August 2018**. A huge gathering of Catholic families from around the globe are expected to travel to Ireland. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held next weekend **8th. & 9th. April**. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated. *Please note that there is no envelope for this collection.* A special leaflet is available in the church porches to help you to apply for tickets to attend or if you wish to offer your services as a volunteer at the event.

Reflections on the **daily Mass readings** during **Lent** are available at the back of the church. It only takes a few moments to read them each day and anything which helps to direct our minds to a spiritual preparation for Easter is more than worthwhile.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,623**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The monthly collection for the **Support of the Priests** will take place this weekend.

Team 2 will help with the collection this week.

Offertory Envelopes for 2017

There are a number of new boxes still to be collected. If you have used the offertory envelopes in the past and have still not received your box, or if you live outside the Parish, please collect your new box from the Main Porch after Mass. The boxes have been sorted in ***alphabetical street order***. ***Please look for your street name when collecting your box***. If you do not already use the envelope system and would like to do so, please register your contact details with the representative in the Main Porch and a box will be issued to you in a few days.

Volunteers are needed to join our Parish Collection Counting Teams. If you have previous cash-handling experience and can spare 30 minutes or so once every six weeks, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.



Retirement Association

Thursday 6th. April - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.



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 3rd.

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 4th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.
8p.m. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.

Wednesday 5th.

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 6th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 7th.

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

Saturday 8th.

10a.m. - 2p.m. Taekwondo.
1p.m. - 4p.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 April - **Flo McGarrigle.**

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 9th. April - Group 10
Elizabeth Kerr, Laura Martin,
Edward O'Hare.

500 Club



Week 28: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Maura Foster & Nita Holmes.**
Each winner receives **£50.**

The **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** is under way. Do you have a **Trócaire Box**? If not, please take a box home with you, fill it, and return it at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Where does your money go? The UN has said that with 20 million people facing starvation in Africa, the world is facing the greatest humanitarian crisis since the Second World War. **Trócaire** is working in Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia to support thousands of people facing famine in the coming months.



Apostolic Workers



The **Apostolic Workers** will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 5th. April.** New members will be made most welcome! Help us to help the Missions!

Health & Safety



A health & safety inspection was recently conducted in the church in accordance with government legislation whereby places of worship must comply with regulations pertaining to all public buildings. While the inspection was deemed satisfactory, your co-operation is requested in the following matters:

- Please do not allow young children to light candles at the shrines. Hot wax can cause serious burns.
- Please do not close external doors. Sufficient escape routes must be kept clear in the event of fire or a general emergency situation.
- Please supervise young children at all times.

What's On!



April 2nd. Fr Gerard Magee (Chaplain, QUB), will conduct the **Elmwood Chamber Orchestra** in a programme of music by Grieg, JS Bach, Elgar and Beethoven, in the **Great Hall at Queen's University** commencing at **3p.m.** Entrance: Adult: £10; Student/OAP: £5. For more information Tel. **9066 9737.**

April 7th. St. John's (Newtownbreda) Concert Series with **Caim Celtic Harmony Trio** at **7.30p.m.** in support of Christian Aid's work around the world. Enjoy this evening of song & story, harp & voice. Admission by donation (£10 suggested). Refreshments included.

April 11th. The Corrymeela Ormeau Cell Group & Ballynaveigh Clergy Fellowship invite you to a screening of the film **"The Choices We Made - Bystanding and Conflict in Northern Ireland"** in **St. John's Presbyterian Church** at **7.30p.m.**