



# 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](http://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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org).

**First Reading (Malachi 3:1-4)** The Prophet Malachi wanted worship to be worthy of God, present in his Temple. This would call for purification and refinement, much in the way that precious metals are smelted so that any undesired content is eliminated. In a similar way, the infant Jesus, present in the Temple, will grow up to call people to conversion of life.

**Second Reading (Hebrews 2:14-18)** The Letter to the Hebrews underlines the humanity of Jesus, in order to emphasise his compassion – he understands our human nature from the inside. As the high priest who atones for sin, Jesus is also the sacrifice, the altar and the Temple.

**Gospel (Luke 2:22-32)** From the helpless infant being carried to and from the Temple, to the child growing in maturity and wisdom, Jesus shares fully in our human condition. ©Intercom

## Sacrament of Confirmation

The **Service of Light & Commitment** for P7 children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Monday at 7p.m.**

The **Confirmation Mass** will take place on **Friday 14th. February at 11am.** Fr. Michael Sheehan PP.VF., Drumbo & Carryduff will confer the Sacrament.

## Calendar of Feasts

Monday 3rd. February - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr. St. Blaise was a physician and bishop of Sebastea, in historical Armenia (modern Sivas, Turkey) who is venerated as a Christian saint and martyr. He is the patron saint of throat disease. The traditional Blessing of Throats will take place after the 9.30a.m. Mass.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much wants to see you! **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New volunteers are needed to attend in the afternoons at especially between **1pm & 5pm** so that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.

## Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Sean Carroll R.I.P.**, the brother of a Parishioner who died in England during the week.

### Anniversaries

Dermot Crowley, Colette Malone, Sarah Keenan, Noel Quinn, John Burns, Fr. Fred MacSorley, Peter, Mary, & Leo McQuillan,

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.

## The Season of Lent

**What are you doing for Lent?** This year why not travel with Jesus as he enters into his Passion? **'No Greater Love'** is a programme, based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land. Over five weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus through the scriptures from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. The presenter is Edward Sri who leads us on a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. At each session there will be the opportunity to pray and talk together as members of our Parish Family. There will be five sessions - one for each week of Lent leading up to Holy Week. We plan to run the programme in **St. Bernard's Primary School** on Tuesday evenings at **8.15pm**, following evening Mass. Further details will be provided by the Parish Council over the next few weeks.



## Parish Collections

Last week's Parish collection amounted to £1,693. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 6th. February - Weekly Walk.** Meet in the church car park at 10.15am.

**Friday 7th. February - 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.

**Tuesday 24th. - Thursday 26th. March** - Our annual trip to **Malahide**. Cost €177 p.p.s bed & breakfast for two nights (including dinner on the Tuesday). Single room occupancy €282. If you wish to go, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371.



## 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.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



February - Group 4.

Team Leader - Anne Sharvin.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 9th. February.

Group 4.

## 500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 20: Fr. Brendan McMullan & Margaret Coomber.** 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.



## 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](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)

## Apostolic Workers



We will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass next **Wednesday 5th. February**. New members will be made most welcome! Please help us to help the Missions!

## What's On!



**February 4th. 'Why I'm a lapsed agnostic in Ireland today'** with **John Waters**, journalist and commentator in **Q.U.B. Chaplaincy, Elmwood Avenue** at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

**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!

**February 10th. New Monthly Whist Drive** in **Good Shepherd Parish Centre** at 8pm sharp. Adm £5. Prizes and Complimentary Tea, Coffee & Biscuits. Come along and give us your support!

**February 10th. Visitors' Evening** in **St. John's Hall, Knockbreda Road** at 7.30pm with guest speaker **Roisin McAuley**, BBC. The ladies of St. Bernadette's Parish are cordially invited to attend. Supper will be served. Please contact **Marie** Tel. 9079 2226 if you wish to attend.

**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.

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