



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.

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First Reading (Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:1-4) Habakkuk is a prophet who quite literally takes on God! He challenges the apparent silence of God in the face of injustice and oppression in Judah. God will tell him, in reply, that the dreaded Chaldeans are going to sort the people of Israel out and put manners on them. The thought horrifies Habakkuk even more. In the second half of this reading, however, God promises that obedience to divine will, and steadfastness in the face of upheaval, will not go unnoticed or unrewarded.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:6-8) Extracts from the Second Letter to Timothy are begun today. Like the other two 'pastoral' letters, its authorship remains disputed. It provides, nonetheless, a timeless mix of advice and exhortation to those charged with pastoral care and leadership within any Christian community. Preachers and pastors are reminded that, because of their calling, they have been 'trusted to look after something very precious'. Let's reflect upon this, before attempting to say anything this Sunday.

Gospel Reading (Luke 17:5-10) Having challenged the Pharisees and highlighted the danger of riches, Jesus' focus now returns to his disciples. Chapter 17 opens with a warning about leading 'little ones' astray – damaging the faith of those still struggling to believe – and then emphasises the need for unceasing forgiveness in the face of others' failings. Perhaps it is the demanding nature of these expectations that causes the disciples to beseech the Lord to 'Increase our faith'. In response, Jesus challenges them even further: It is not that they need 'more' faith, rather, the need to begin to grasp what 'faith' is actually about. It is less about what they can or cannot do – and more about the extent to which they can surrender themselves to the Lord and his service.



Day For Life

This Sunday we celebrate the "Day for Life" on the theme 'Everything is Connected'. It is a day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. When we recognise and grow in wonder that we are all brothers and sisters living in one common home, it will not only affect how we care for the environment, but also how we care for one another and how we welcome and accept those with different needs and abilities, refugees, the elderly, the unborn, the forgotten and the abandoned. "When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 117)



The Rosary Month

October 7th. is the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**. The month of October is entirely dedicated to the Mother of God. The rosary is a very powerful prayer. Perhaps we might take a little time to say the rosary or at least a decade or two during this special month.

Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Susan Curry R.I.P.**, a relative of Fr. Armstrong, whose funeral took place on Tuesday in St. Colmcille's Church, Holywood.

Anniversaries

Edward Murtagh, Joseph McElhatton, Dermott O'Hara, John Gallery, James McElwee, Katie Hamilton, John Richardson, Peter Hughes, Thomas McLorinan, Janet Byrne, Frank McGowan, Josephine Wieglib, Lena Bennett, Hugh Bennett.

John McMahan, Maureen Hamilton, Gordon Kennedy, Thomas Tierney, Kathleen Maguire, Annie Cooke, Ethna Kearney, Martin Stranney, Betty Finlay, Brian Clifford, Billy Walsh, Sean McKernan.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Sacrament of Baptism



The **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated on the first **Sunday** of each month at **1.30p.m.** by appointment only. Four weeks advance notice and the completion of a Baptism Card is required. Baptism Cards can be obtained from the Sacristy, the Parish Centre, and from the Lourdes Chapel Porch. Completed cards must be returned to **28 Willowbank Park**. A member of the Parish Baptism Team will contact the parents during the week before Baptism to discuss the significance of the sacrament and to help deal with any queries that may arise.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,847**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

The monthly collection for the **Support of the Priests** will be taken up this weekend.

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**. Please contact the Sacristy after Mass.



Retirement Association

Thursday 6th. October - Weekly Walk at **10.15a.m.**
Meet in the church car park.



Youth Choir

New youth choir starting in October! It's a new, fun and great way to get involved in your Parish for things such as the John Paul II award or for Duke of Edinburgh! If you sing or play an instrument, why not come along and join us at our open rehearsal this **Sunday after 12 p.m. Mass** in the **Parish Centre**. If you're interested, drop in or text **Owen Tel. 074720 11248!**



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. Pilates (2 sessions).
7.30p.m. Wynchurch Art Group.
8p.m. Bowling Club.

Tuesday 4th.

7p.m. Zumba resumes.

Wednesday 5th.

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
2p.m. Speech & Drama.
5p.m. Children's Soccer.
5.30p.m. Irish Dancing Classes.
7p.m. - 8.30p.m. Yoga (Two sessions).
8p.m. Taekwondo.

Thursday 6th.

4.30p.m. Speech & Drama.
7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 7th.

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

Saturday 8th.

10a.m. Taekwondo.
1p.m. Junior Badminton.
1p.m. - 2:30p.m. - Beginners session
2:30p.m. - 4p.m. - Improvers session

After School Club

Rosetta 2-4 Club for P1 - P7 children from **Monday - Friday** from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** For more information please contact **Sinead Tel. 07816 779910.**

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Ministers of the Eucharist



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

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 9th. October - Group 7

Colette Duffin, Fiona Kearney.

Ita Maguire.

500 Club



Week 2: Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Prize Draw: Mary McAllister & Mary Close.**

Each winner receives **£50.**

Apostolic Workers

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our **Annual Church Door Collection** last weekend. The amount raised so far is **£2,700**. If you have not returned your envelope, please place it in the collection baskets at Mass, or leave it in the Sacristy, and remember to sign the Gift Aid form. Your donations will make such a big difference to the missionary priests, religious, and lay workers to help the poor and deprived in the Third World. Help us to help the Missions!

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

Clonard

Year of Mercy Clothing & Necessities Drive "Clothe the stranger" - Pope Francis. During the month of October we are collecting items for **The Morning Star Hostel & The Welcome Organisation**. Both organisations are in need of: Towels, Face Cloths, Toiletries, Men's Clean Casual Clothes - Jumpers Trousers Tracksuit Bottoms, Men's underwear and socks (unworn), Hats & Gloves. Most of us have that coat or pair of trousers that we no longer wear; do you have anything from that list you could donate to these fantastic facilities? Please bring your donations to **Clonard Monastery Reception** before **Friday 21st. October.**

What's On!



October 9th. The Dedication of Studies Mass will be held in the **Chaplaincy, Elmwood Ave.** at **8p.m.** The celebrant will be the **Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown**. All students, staff, family & friends welcome! Daily Mass at 12.15p.m. Sunday Mass at 8p.m. during term time.

October 13th. "Celebrating and Supporting Families" hosted by **Bishop Treanor** in **St. Joseph's College** at **7p.m.** This event is supported by the **Down & Connor Family Life Forum** which provides pastoral services for families in our Parishes to raise the profile of these organisations and affirm their ministry towards families. Everyone welcome!

October 20th. The **RCIA Programme** for those interested in the Catholic faith begins at **St. Mary's, Chapel Lane**. Should you wish to take part, please contact **Fr. James Boyle MHM**, or **Anne McCrossan** a.s.ap. to arrange a meeting and to register. Tel. **9032 0482** or Email: administratorofstmarys@btinternet.com