



# Parish of St. Bernadette



**Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) 31st. March 2019. Vol.16 No. 32.**  
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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 **9a.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 (Joshua 5:9-12)** God is accompanying his people, as they make their way into the Promised Land. Our God is God-with-us, the God who accompanies us.

**Second Reading (Corinthians 5:17-21)** Christ is the great Reconciler, the One who works to bring each and every one of us into a new relationship with God our Father.

**Gospel (Luke 15:1-3.11-32)** There are two lost sons in this well-known Gospel passage. One gets lost by leaving his father's house. One stays at home and becomes lost in bitterness and resentment. The father loves both and reaches out to both. ©Intercom



## Reflection

We thank God that we have a Lord who is so ready to forgive and welcome us back again and again. But we cannot stop there. We have to learn to act towards others in the same way. "Forgive us our sins AS we forgive those who sin against us." We, too, need to see the person in the here and now and not continue to dredge up past hurts and resentments, anger and hatred. By imitating Jesus more, we find that our relationships improve. In so doing we are coming closer to having the mind of Jesus but we are doing something else as well. We will find that life will become a far more peace-filled and harmonious experience. It is a perfect win-win situation. 1999- 2019 Living Space



## 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 continues on **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **9a.m.** until **7.15p.m.** New volunteers are needed to attend so that someone is always present before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Please be aware that LIVE Streaming of all Masses via the Parish Website takes place in this Church for the housebound or for those living abroad.** Visit: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and click on "Watch Live".

**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. Anything which helps to direct our minds to a greater spiritual preparation for Easter is more than worthwhile.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Laurence Glennon R.I.P.**, formerly of Wynchurch Avenue, whose funeral took place on Friday.

## Anniversaries

Una Flynn, Margaret Peel, William Daly, Desmond & Kathleen Grant, Seamus White, Bernard Murtagh, Gráinne Carol Walls, Jack Rennick, Fr. Owen O'Kane, Michael Bannon.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

**Parish Bethany Bereavement Support.** To speak to someone in strict confidence Tel. 077 3377 3758.

## Preparing for Easter <sup>+</sup><sub>+</sub>

Our Lenten programme "*Let it be Done Unto Me*", continues on **Monday** in **St. Bernard's School** at **8.15p.m.** There will be a video presentation followed by a short discussion exploring the importance of Mary's role in the Church and in each of our lives. The programme will continue each **Monday** until **8th. April**. Please come along even if you missed the previous sessions. Everyone will be most welcome!

If you attend the Vigil Mass, please arrive early. **Lenten Stations of the Cross** will take place each **Saturday** at **5.45p.m.** It is surely one of the most important devotions honouring the Passion of Jesus.

## Prayer For Mother's Day <sup>+</sup>

Mary, Mother of Jesus, we ask you on this Mother's Day to pray for our own dear mothers. May your Son, Jesus, reward them for all the care they have so lovingly given us over the years. May He give them peace of heart for all the time they have soothed us in times of trouble or failure. May Jesus give them joy of spirit for all the times they have healed our wounds and wiped away our tears. We ask you, Mary, on this day when we honour and praise our mothers for their unconditional love and care, that Jesus might bestow upon them His choicest blessings and His deepest love. Amen



## Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,538**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

### 2019/20 Offertory Envelope Boxes

The new boxes have been delivered to Parishioners' homes. If you have not received your box or if you live outside the Parish, please call into the Sacristy. If you do not have Offertory Envelopes and would like to take a box, please leave your contact details in the Sacristy or e-mail: [info@stbernadettesparish.org](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org)



## Retirement Association

**Thursday 4th. April** - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

**Friday 5th. April** - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. £2 per game.



## Diocesan Pilgrimages

**Bi-Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima** led by Bishop Noel Treanor D.D. from **15th.-22th. August 2019**. Full board at the Hotel Avenida: £715 (includes taxes and insurance). For bookings, contact **Joe Catney** Tel. 9071 4001 or 077 7642 5631.

**NURSES!** The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** needs volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame, during our 2019 Pilgrimage (10th.-15th. July). You will need to be a registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly registered nurses will be most welcome. For more information or to register your interest please send your contact details to: [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) and we will get back to



## 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/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. - 9.15p.m. Yoga Class.  
8p.m. Taekwondo.

### Thursday

10a.m. - 11a.m. **Yoga For All**. Limited spaces still available! Contact **Rachel** Tel. 07802 469676

### 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 **Tuesday - Friday** this week for P1 - P7 children from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



April - Group 2.

Team Leader - Flo McGarrigle.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 7th. April.

Group 4.

## 500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 28: Margot Mullin & Cathleen Leyden.** 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

Latest News



This Lent your love can help change lives. This is the season for solidarity with the poor and underprivileged. Lenten Boxes are now available in the church. Please take one home with you and return it with your donation at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



A Lenten Soup & Bread Lunch in aid of **Trocaire** will be served from **12.30p.m. - 2.30p.m.** in the **Good Shepherd Parish Centre** each **Sunday** throughout the season of Lent. Please join us to enjoy some lunch, chat, and help support the charity.

## Apostolic Workers



We will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 3rd. April**. New members will be made most welcome! Please help us to help the Missions!

Our **Annual Retreat** will be held on **Palm Sunday 14th. April** from **10a.m. to 5p.m.** in **Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar**. Cost £25. For bookings, please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 078459 33371.

## What's On!



**April 6th. & 13th. Step Up For The Hospice Walk 2019!** Range of locations - walking from 3 to 9 miles! For more information and to register please visit our website: [www.nihospice.org](http://www.nihospice.org) or Tel. 9077 7123

**April 7th.** The **Elmwood Chamber Orchestra**, under the direction of Fr. Gerard Magee (Chaplain Q.U.B.), perform music by Arensky, Wagner and Mozart in the **Great Hall** in the **Lanyon Building** at **Queen's** at **3p.m.** Tickets at the door: Adult £10; Student £5.

**April 18th. - 20th. Easter Triduum Retreat for Men** (18-40) in the **Benedictine Monastery, Rostrevor**. Take time to reflect, examine your life and consider your call. You will be made most welcome! If you are interested, please contact: **Fr. Thierry** Tel. 4173 9979 or by e-mail to : [benedictinemonks@btinternet.com](mailto:benedictinemonks@btinternet.com)

**April 27th. Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot** with concelebrated Mass at **12.30p.m.** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, in **Sean McDermott Street, Dublin**. For further information and to make a booking, please contact **Mary Holden** Tel. 9442 3956.