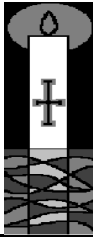




Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 (Acts 2:1-11) The coming of the Holy Spirit is an abstract concept, yet the account of Pentecost is filled with sensual experience. The disciples, gathered together and in hiding, are enlightened. They hear a sound like a violent wind, feel it fill the house and see tongues of fire descend on each of them. In this way, the God who became flesh is encountered through human senses, even in his most ethereal form.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13) In our faith journey, we may often find ourselves preoccupied with identifying those whose beliefs match all, some and none of our own. In this reading, St Paul reminds us of the variety of gifts within the unity of the Spirit, echoing the words of Jesus, 'Whoever is not against us is for us'. There is certainly a wrong way to live, but there is more than one right way.

Gospel Reading (John 20:19-23) The accounts of Jesus appearing to his disciples after the Resurrection all follow a similar pattern. The disciples are fearful and feeling alone. Jesus appears and his first words are of peace. The disciples rejoice to be in his presence. Finally, Jesus sends them out to proclaim the good news. But this is not merely a narrative technique. This pattern is echoed in our experience each time we become aware of the presence of the Lord in our own lives; we bring our fear and burdens, we receive his peace, we rejoice in him and we seek to share our joy with others. This is what it means to be an Easter people, to know the Christ who overcame the grave. © Intercom 2017



Sacred Heart

The month of June is set apart for special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. This symbol of hope is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The Sacred Heart reminds us that Christ is not God simply appearing as man; He is truly man, just as He is truly God.

As part of our 50th. anniversary celebrations in St. Bernadette's, an icon of the Sacred Heart will be blessed on **Tuesday 13th. June** at the **7.30p.m. Mass. Fr. John Forsythe P.P.** of St. Mary's On The Hill Parish, will deliver the homily. Fr. John delivered the homily in 1992 at the 25th. Anniversary Mass so it is appropriate to welcome him back again for our 50th. Anniversary.

Special stands will soon be installed at Our Lady's and the Sacred Heart shrines to secure and protect the icons. In the interim, the icon of Our Lady will be displayed before Mass and removed immediately afterwards. This is a temporary arrangement as we hope to have the icons on permanent display very soon.

Our Faithful Departed



Anniversaries

William Kearney, Eamon Campbell, Mary Ratcliffe, James Downey (Sen), William Irvine, Fred Butler, Bert McKenna, Hannah Day, James O'Brien, Marie Gillis, Attracta Hedgcock, Eamon Hegarty.

Patrick Carey, Joe McKinney, John Rodgers, Patricia Hobbs, Harry Moore, Fr. Harry Jones, William Fleming, Colette Bruck, Rosena Gillespie, Frank Hughes.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Prayer at Exam Time



Father, I pray that you would help me pass this exam. Thank you for your guidance and for sustaining me as I have worked for this qualification. I ask now that your spirit would lead me. Come sharpen my thinking and help me to excel in this test of my learning and understanding. May I be able to recall everything I need from my studies and answer each question well. Amen.

"Praise God in difficult moments. Seek God in quiet moments." Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on **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? Pray for those who need your prayers at this time in their lives. We need more adorers at lunch time, during the afternoon, and to stand in for people who may be going on holiday. **"Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"**



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,619**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

Team 5 will help with the collection this week.



Retirement Association

Tuesday 6th. June - Ormeau Park Bowling at 11a.m. No previous bowling experience needed and all equipment will be supplied.

Thursday 8th. June - Weekly Walk at 10.15a.m.

Friday 9th. June - Ormeau Park Bowling at 2p.m.

Monday 12th. June - "My Cousin Rachel" at the QFT at 6.20p.m. A dark suspenseful romance based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier. Adm. £4. If you wish to attend please contact **Geraldine** Tel. 0784593 3371 as soon as possible.



Church Refurbishment

The contractors have begun work to replace the steps at the entrances to the church. There will be some temporary restrictions over the next few weeks. The steps at the main doors have been removed. However the disability access ramp remains in use. Both entrances nearest the Parish Centre will be closed off soon. During this period, access will be signed via the entrances on the school side of the church.



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 5th.

10.15a.m. Drop in for tea/coffee 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 6th.

7p.m. Zumba Class.

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

Wednesday 7th.

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 8th.

7p.m. Adult Painting Class.

Friday 9th.

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

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

Saturday 10th.

10a.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 **June** - **Anne Sharvin.**

Ministers of the Word



Sunday 11th. June - Group 8

John Conaghan, Eamon Foster,

Gerry Mooney.

500 Club



Week 38: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the

Weekly Draw: **Carmel Canning &**

Fr. Brendan McMullan.

Coffee Morning



Anne and Clare Foster wish to sincerely thank everyone who supported the **Coffee Morning** last weekend in aid of the **Children's Cancer Unit Charity** and the **RVH Haematology Unit**. The amount raised was in excess of **£1,250.**

Senior Citizens are invited to an outing to **Newcastle** on **Wednesday 21st. June.** A coach will leave the church car park at **10.15a.m.**

Tea/coffee will be served at **Clare Lodge** holiday home on arrival, with lunch at 1p.m. This will be followed by some entertainment. If you wish to attend, it is vital that you sign the list in the church porch by **14th June**, to finalise the catering. Alternatively please contact **Frances** Tel. 078005 62398 or **Nigel** Tel. 077642 77651.

Latest News



Habitat For Humanity



Next weekend, there will be a church-door collection in aid of **Habitat for Humanity**. 12 adults from Belfast and Dublin will travel to **Zambia** on 29th. July to build two houses and fund the construction of an additional twelve other homes. Each team member is responsible for their own expenses so funds raised during the collections will go directly towards the provision of shelter for those in need. The volunteers will bring scrolls if you wish to add your name or the name of a loved one. All scrolls will be buried in the foundations of the houses being built to mark the generosity of all donors.

Apostolic Workers



The **Apostolic Workers** will meet in the **Parish Centre** after morning Mass on **Wednesday 7th. June.** New members will be made most welcome! Help us to help the Missions!

What's On!



June 7th. Donaghadee Male Voice Choir in concert in **St. Malachy's Church** at 7.30p.m. Tickets £10 from the church office or pay at the door. Proceeds in aid of the restoration fund.

June 11th. Down & Connor One Day Pilgrimage to Knock led by Bishop Noel Treanor. For more information please contact **Fr. Vincent Cushnahan**, the Pilgrimage Director, at: **cush25@hotmail.com**

June 12th. The Relic of St. Teresa of Calcutta arrives at **St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street**, at 7p.m.

June 14th. Clonard Solemn Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.