



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF
HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF
ST BERNADETTE



Sunday Cycle C Psalter Week 1
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th February 2022

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernadette's Parish Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Holy Rosary Parish 9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

St Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am

Given the current public health emergency the [Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass](#) has been extended UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The faithful are encouraged, but not required, to attend Sunday Mass whenever possible or to participate in live-streamed Parish Masses offered online.

Visit www.stbernadettesparish.org and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for Holy Rosary Parish and click on the webcam

Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St. Bernadette's Parish: Mon, Tues, Wed 10.00 – 12 noon
Holy Rosary Parish: Weekdays 10.30 – 5pm.

FIRST FRIDAY) VISITS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

(First Friday) Visits to the sick, housebound and those in nursing homes are currently **suspended** given the ongoing concerns over the Omicron variant of Covid-19 and the increased risk of transmission. Home visitation will be resumed as soon as it is safe to do so.

Emergency sick calls are still taking place.

As a parish community let us support those who are sick, housebound or in residential care, through our prayers and perhaps even a phone call if appropriate.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thur. 10th Feb St. Scholastica
Fri. 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the current Covid situation it is not possible to use the confessional box, but the sacrament of reconciliation is available on request in the sacristy after Mass or at the door of the parochial house.

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Sr. Deirdre O'Leary, Kathleen Clarke, Clarice Murray, Jackie Burns, James Donnelly Winnie McGurk, Sr. Marie Goretti (Collins), Alice Griffin, James O'Flaherty (*Months Mind 10.30am*).



Anniversaries:

Michael Woods, Eileen Goldsmith (*6pm*), Lily Kennedy, Tom Flanagan (*11am*), Sarah Keenan, Fr. Fred MacSorley, James Maguire, Frank Turley, Rose McMahan, Patrick McCann, Noel Quinn (*9am*), Josephine Morrow (*12.30pm*).

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ . 07733773758

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ . 07818090323

ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Collection (<i>30th Jan</i>)	£1,047.62
Standing Orders (<i>month of January</i>)	£1,438.67
PayPal (<i>month of January</i>)	£1,583.54

Many thanks to all those who have been able to contribute to the parish finances through a standing order, PayPal, or parish envelopes.



SVP

Many thanks to Parishioners and our local schools for their tremendous response and generosity towards our Christmas appeal and their continual generosity throughout the year. Without your help our work would not be possible.

Donations can continue to be made online at www.SVPNI.co.uk or telephone 02890750161.

If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at 02890351561 and you will be directed to one of our Conference Members.



See online bulletin for children's activities.

COVID-19 & FACE MASKS IN CHURCH



1. Face coverings must be worn by all while entering and exiting the Church – this is a legal requirement.

In the interests of the common good and for everyone's well-being we ask that:

2. Face coverings continue to be worn by all when moving around the Church, at Communion time and at other times when social distancing is difficult.
3. **Face coverings are strongly recommended at all other times, even when seated.**

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE



The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an **8 Week online programme** written by Jeff Cavins and facilitated by the Living Church office.

There are **three groups available:**

- Wednesday Morning at 11am beginning on Wednesday 12th January
- Wednesday Evening at 7pm beginning on Wednesday 12th January
- Monday Evening at 7pm beginning on Monday 17th January

To register you can complete an online form <https://forms.office.com/r/g3FWFK5x8w> or e-mail a.steen@downandconnor.org

COVID RESTRICTIONS

You will be aware that the NI Executive announced changes to Covid-19 related regulations and guidance last week. These changes are effective 20 January and 26 January with the promise of a further review in early February. Confusion has been caused by the way these changes have been reported, including the use of phrases such as the 'ending of most restrictions.'

Currently, the advice and guidance on best practice for places of worship remains unchanged and in place. The Diocese will continue to monitor this advice and to engage with the public health authorities. As previously, any changes will most likely follow a meeting between the "Inter-Faith group" and Executive representatives.

DRUMALIS RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

"Patrick Kavanagh – A Poet for Spring" with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD
hosted by *Drumalis* via Zoom from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm (2, 9 & 16 March 2022)

"As we embark on the season of spring, we celebrate in poetry the way Kavanagh senses the stirrings of his soul as the earth comes alive in Spring. His liturgy of the seasons enhances his poetic pilgrimage from Monaghan to the Grand Canal." Suggested Donation: £30 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

In October 2021 Pope Francis launched the Synodal Pathway. The synodal process is about embarking on a journey, seeking together the way forward for the Church.

In the run up to Lent and during the Lenten season 2022, in the parishes across the diocese of Down and Connor, we will be taking steps on this journey. As we embark on this journey, this synodal pathway, it is perhaps helpful, first of all, to consider the context we find ourselves in. This context is one of an ever-changing Church in an ever-changing world.

In a homily given on 3rd June 2021 the Archbishop of Dublin, Dermot Farrell, spoke about this changing context. His words may help us all to understand where we are as Church and where the Synodal Pathway is inviting us.

"The Church centred around the monasteries of early medieval Ireland was replaced by the diocesan Church. When one studies the history of the Church in Ireland, there are five discernible historical phases: the Gaelic & Monastic Church; the Anglo-Norman Church; the Reformation and Penal Church; the Post-Emancipation Church and now the Church in Contemporary Ireland.

In each of these historical phases there was a beginning, a flourishing and a decline. In the words of Qoheleth: 'there is a season for everything under heaven' (Ecclesiastes 3:1). ...

Down through the centuries particular forms of Church life flourished, waned and were replaced by another one. The Church is continually changing and adapting. The people of God are a people on the move, a people on pilgrimage through life and history. This is how the Church actually is: never static, but continually responding to a changing cultural context.

What we are experiencing today is a crisis in a particular historical form of Church. The Church, however, is more than any one particular historical form. Since change occurs over a period of years, our generation cannot easily see the contours – not to mention the final form – of what is going to emerge. However, just as the raindrops on the footpath suggests the imminence of rain, we are surrounded by signs of change that are as profound as they are imminent.

It is in this context that a change of emphasis in the Church is discernible in recent initiatives. For example, there is a deep and serious consultation to discern the promptings of God in our heritage and in the People of God. ...

What is now emerging is a different sense of 'ownership' of the Church and its mission – from a 'clergy-owned' to a Church truly 'owned' by the People of God."

(Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell, 3rd June 2021, St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin)

As we set out on the adventure of this journey, let us be attentive to the voice of Christ. May His Spirit guide us as we seek His way: a way with each other, the Lord and the world.





CHILDREN'S CORNER



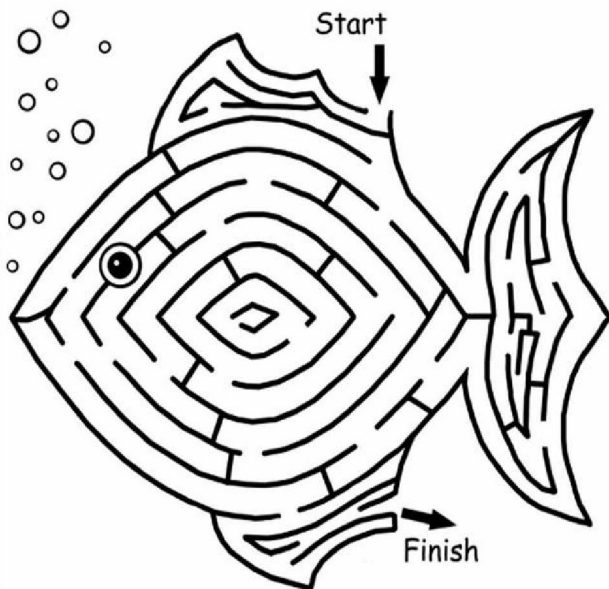
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 NETS CROWD SHORE
 WATER SINKING KNEES
 OVERCOME BANK FELL



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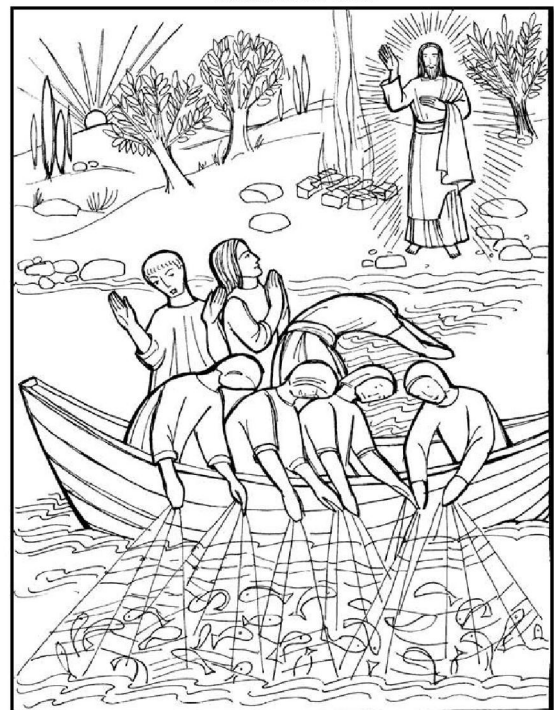
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