



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 **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

First Reading (Isaiah 43:16-21) The Lord made a path to freedom for his people, through the waters. As the followers of Jesus, our path to freedom is through the waters of baptism.

Second Reading (Philippians 3:8-14) Life, for St. Paul, is like an athletic contest in which the prize is Christ himself.

Gospel (John 8:1-11) When all have departed, there are just two things left: the sinner's misery and the Lord's mercy. ©Intercom



Reflection

If God acted like the Pharisees, how many times would I myself have been condemned or destroyed? But, no matter how many times I sin, no matter how seriously I sin, even if the whole of society condemns me and expresses horror and revulsion at my behaviour, God calls me to start over again, to change my ways of seeing life and other people. How often does he do this? Once or twice? No, but seventy times seven times! In other words, indefinitely. ©1999- 2019 Living Space



Holy Week

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. Please gather in the **Parish Centre** at **9.55a.m.** for the **Blessing of Palms**. The Celebrant and faithful will then process to the church for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The "**Do This In Memory**" programme will take place at the **12p.m. Mass** with a special reading of the Passion for children.



Vocations

Please make a personal commitment to pray each day, for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Remember those young men currently preparing for the priesthood, and for those already ministering as priests in our Diocese. There are several priests who are ill at this time. Remember them in your prayers as well as those priests who may be in any difficulty.

I need to close out the noise,
to rise above the noise;
The noise that interrupts,
that separates,
The noise that isolates.
I need to listen to God again.

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 **James Button R.I.P.**, of Wynchurch Terrace, whose funeral took place on Friday, and for **Eileen McCabe R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, who died on Thursday.

Anniversaries

Gerard McGettrick, George Black, Jackie Maguire.

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



Our Lenten programme "*Let it be Done Unto Me*", concludes 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. 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.

Pray For Those In Need



Please remember to pray daily for someone who may be sick, lonely or depressed, those who have suffered bereavement, and all who are in need of your prayers! Seven-day candles for Our Lady's Shrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine are available from the Sacristy. Price £5. "**I Lit A Candle For You**" prayer intention cards are also available. Price £1 each.

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.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,504**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

2019/20 Offertory Envelope Boxes

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



Retirement Association

Wednesday 10th. April - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m. Meet other members & make new friends!

Thursday 11th. April - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15a.m.

Friday 12th. April - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. £2 per game.

Wednesday 15th. May - "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. Follow wilting Southern beauty, Blanche DuBois, as she attempts to escape her former life and past trauma. Adm. £10. If you wish to attend, please contact **Anne** Tel. **9064 3031** as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.



Apostolic Workers

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**.



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 14th. April.

Group 5.

500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for **Week 29: Michael Goodall & Brendan McKeogh**. 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



Clare Lodge Holiday Home in Newcastle Co. Down is available for day trips, lunches, tea, coffee and biscuits; overnight or weekly stay over, conferences, meetings and more. Everyone welcome. Open all year round. For further information, please contact **Regina** or **Tom** Tel. **4372 2849** or email: clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk

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 **Trócaire** 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.

What's On!



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 7th. **Bingo** in **Holy Rosary Parish Centre** at **6.45p.m.** Organised by Holy Rosary Y.C. & Bredagh G.A.C. Light refreshments. All are welcome!

April 9th. - 13th. **Fortwilliam Musical Society** presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the **Theatre at the Mill** at **7.45p.m.** Box Office Tel. **9034 0202** or book online at: www.theatreatthemill.com

April 11th. **Precious Life** will host an information evening regarding the upcoming elections at **7p.m.** at **Queen's University Students' Union**, Clubroom 4. All welcome. For more information contact **Precious Life** Tel. **9027 8484** or email: info@preciouslife.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**.