



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 (Genesis 2:18-24) The high point of the story of creation is the creation of man and woman. Here we see how the story suggests to us God's concern for man and woman. We encounter a God who is interested in the happiness of his created beings. We see here too that men and women complement each other. The masculine and feminine allow for a distinction and a diversity which enables unity and wholeness when the two come together.

Second Reading (Hebrews 2:9-11) In this reflection on priesthood, found in the Letter to the Hebrews, we see that Jesus has become one like us. Jesus has come into our world to raise us up with a new and unrealised dignity. Jesus has overcome death itself. Through baptism, we are brothers and sisters of the Risen Lord.

Gospel Reading (Mark 10:2-16) This section of Mark's Gospel reminds us of the demands of following Christ. Discipleship costs. Once a commitment is taken on, it remains. The teaching on marriage is a real challenge. The other part of the gospel is the invitation to remain childlike. We must grow beyond our childish ways but we should always remain childlike. To be childlike is to have a sense of wonder and awe. To be childlike is to be able to recognise the transcendent, to be able to encounter God. ©Intercom

† Day For Life

This Sunday the Church in Ireland celebrates the "Day for Life". It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Our focus this year is on human trafficking and modern slavery.

Jesus tells us, 'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10:10 NJB). But many people do not have life to the full. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person's innate human dignity. People are not commodities to be traded ruthlessly for criminal profit. Indeed, this is something that is happening in communities across our country, not just in our big cities. It's not only happening in brothels and nail bars, but on farms, building sites and factories as well. Nor is this a problem confined to immigrant communities, it is affecting our own citizens too.

Pope Francis asserts: **'The trade in human beings violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity'**. We can help the victims through our prayers and by supporting the organisations working to put a stop to human trafficking and modern slavery. To read more, visit: **www.santamartagroup.com**

Our Faithful Departed

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: **Sean McAuley R.I.P.**, and **Mena McKenna R.I.P.**, relatives of Parishioners who died recently.

Anniversaries

Sean McKernan, Peter Hughes, Gerald Hawkins, Dora Noone, Thomas Hutchinson, Bill Murray, Margaret Brady, Andy Mulholland, Gerard Clarke.

Mary Devlin, Bridie Burns, Rita Torbitt, Mary Boyle, Agnes Rooney, Kieran Coney, Maureen Crozier, Lily Trainor, Eddie Galway.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

The Rosary

Pope Francis has invited **"all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other."**

The Pope asked the faithful to conclude the Rosary with the ancient invocation "Sub tuum praesidium" ("We fly to thy patronage") and with the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.

Altar Servers

More children and young people are needed to assist the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist by serving at Mass at weekends especially at the Sunday 10a.m. Mass. Candidates must have received their First Holy Communion. The role is not restricted to primary school children. Secondary level students will be most welcome. Parental permission forms are available from the Sacristy.



Parish Collections

Last week's collection amounted to **£1,754**. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

Volunteers are needed to join our Parish Collection Counting Teams. If you have previous cash-handling experience and can spare 30 minutes or so once every six weeks, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.



Retirement Association

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

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

Friday 12th. October - Ten Pin Bowling at Dundonald Ice Bowl from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. Concession rate £2 per game. Contact **Seamus** Tel. 077672 71019

Wednesday 24th. October - "Dear Arabella" at the Lyric at 7.45p.m. A new play by Marie Jones. Adm. £10. Please contact **Anne** Tel. 9064 3031 before 19th. October to secure a ticket.

YOUTH Alpha

If you are aged 16-19! Join us at the Youth Alpha course. The series will run for 10 weeks (**September 30th. - November 11th.** in St. Brides Hall and from **November 18th. - December 9th.** in St. Joseph's Parish Centre) from 7p.m. until 9p.m. The course is **free!** Sign up by emailing your interest to: s.farrell@Ddownandconnor.org Find out more: <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/>



Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 or e-mail: parishcentre@stbernadettesparish.org

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. Zumba Classes.

Wednesday

10.30a.m. Mothers & Toddlers.
7p.m. - 8p.m. Active Yoga advanced.
8.15p.m. - 9.30p.m. Relaxation Yoga.
8p.m. Taekwondo.

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 **Monday - Friday** for P1 - P7 children from **2p.m. - 4p.m.** Contact **Sinead** Tel. 07816 779910.

Ministers of the Eucharist

October - Team 4. Anne Sharvin.

Ministers of the Word

Sunday 14th. October - Group 1.

500 Club

Week 3: Congratulations to the lucky winners in the **Weekly Draw: Angela Coburn & Philomena McConvey.**

Each winner receives £50.

We offer a confidential, non-judgemental service to vulnerable individuals and families who are in great 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



Apostolic Workers

Our Annual Church Door Collection raised **£2,740**. Thank you for your generosity. Please help us to help the Missions!

Legion of Mary

The **Annual Legion Of Mary Rosary Procession** will take place on **Sunday 7th. October**, from **St. John's Church, Falls Road** at 3p.m. to **St. Michael the Archangel Church** where there will be Benediction. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome. Please gather at **St. John's Church** at 2.45p.m.

What's On!

October 7th. Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith.

Following the passing of the referendum removing the protection for unborn babies in Ireland, we ask you to come and pray the Rosary on the Coasts of Ireland for the protection of unborn babies & for the strengthening of the Catholic Faith here. Sign up to a location in Ireland at: www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

October 7th. The Annual Dedication of Studies Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop Treanor in the Corpus Christi Chapel at the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University at 8p.m.. Students, parents and visitors are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

October 16th. St. Anthony's Parish 80th. Anniversary Mass at 7.30p.m. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Noel Treanor. A reception will be held after Mass in the St. Vincent's Centre. All are welcome!

October 17th. to 19th. Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School presents "Oliver!" Each show begins at 7p.m. Tickets available from the School Office Tel. 9064 3939

October 20th. Catholic Young Adult Conference at **QUB Catholic Chaplaincy**. Brilliant talks and workshops on how to be a courageous Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr. Andrew Black, Fr. Conor McDonough, and Maria Steen. Cost: £10 including lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place Tel. 077533 79110 or by email to: cyaconference16@gmail.com

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