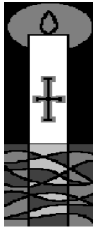




# Parish of St. Bernadette



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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 1:1-11)** In his introduction to the Acts of the Apostles, the author recounts the event of the Ascension, an event described at the end of Luke's Gospel as well. The Ascension, then, becomes the transition from the earthly mission of Jesus to the experiences of the early Church. The author further links these two moments in history with the activity of the Holy Spirit, in whose power they were to be witnesses to Jesus throughout the entire world.

**Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23)** This reading, which is a series of prayerful intercessions, is also addressed to the early Christians, It is clear that union with Christ is what sets Christians apart. The body metaphor characterising the Church is introduced at the end of the reading. As members of this body, believers share in Christ's fullness and are called to live lives informed by their relationship with Christ.

**Gospel Reading (Luke 24:46-53)** In today's gospel, Luke depicts Jesus as delivering one last instruction to his disciples before he ascends into heaven. They are to proclaim to all the nations that Jesus did indeed die and rise again after preaching a radically new message, and they in turn have to bring this new message to the world.

## World Communications Day

This Sunday is the 2016 **World Communications Day**. This year, Pope Francis has chosen the theme:

**"Communication and Mercy: A fruitful encounter"** highlighting the capacity of good communication to open up a space for dialogue, mutual understanding and reconciliation, thereby allowing fruitful human encounters to flourish.

At a time when our attention is often drawn to the polarized and judgmental nature of much commentary on social networks, the theme invokes the power of words and gestures to overcome misunderstandings, to heal memories and to build peace and harmony. The Holy Father is reminding people that **"good communication is never merely the product of the latest or most developed technology, but is realized within the context of a deep interpersonal relationship and people's desire to be more welcoming and forgiving"**.



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues next **Tuesday** in the **Lourdes Chapel** from **8a.m.** until

**7.15p.m.** New adorers will always be welcome! Why not drop in for a few minutes of silent prayer to the Lord. Volunteers are particularly needed to attend between **3p.m. & 5p.m.** "Will you give a little of your time to be in the very presence of Our Lord?"

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maureen O'Hare R.I.P.**, of Chesterfield Park, whose funeral took place in the Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday.

## Anniversaries

Kevin Martin, Catherine Finn, Olivia Adams, Monica Mary Smyth, Rosaleen McCabe, Robert Murray, Kathleen Collins, Hugh Toyne, Philip Kirk, Peggy Richardson, Bernadette Duffy.

Teresa Blaney, Annie McGrath, Thomas Callan, Jack Doran, Peter Woods, Margaret O'Sullivan, Maurice Flynn, Eileen Duffy, Vi Lee.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

The Annual Blessing of Graves will be held this month at the following burial grounds:

**Sunday 8th. May - Milltown Cemetery**

**Sunday 15th. May - City Cemetery**

**Sunday 29th. May - Hannahstown**

**Sunday 29th. May - The Rock**

All services commence at **3p.m.**

## Christians in the Holy Land $\dagger$

A missionary group from **Bethlehem** will visit the Parish this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support poor Christians families, any help you could give them it will be highly appreciated.

## Important Dates $\dagger$

**Saturday 14th. May - Capella Caeciliana** will sing at the **6p.m. Vigil Mass for the Feast of Pentecost.**

**Sunday 29th. May - Bishop Treanor** will preside at the official opening of the church at **12p.m.** Please make a special effort to attend.

