



# 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.

Monday 9.30a.m.

Tuesday 7.30p.m. (with Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

Wednesday 9.30a.m.

Thursday 9.30a.m.

Friday - No Mass.

Drumbo 9.30a.m.  
Good Shepherd Church 10a.m.

Saturday 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass with the Folk Choir every second Week.

Holy Days of Obligation 9.30a.m.

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.

All Masses are streamed live online via the Parish website: [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

If you would like to book Anniversary Masses, Baptisms, Marriages etc., please call into the Sacristy or Tel. 9040 1975 at Mass times or send an e-mail to the following address: [info@stbernadettesparish.org](mailto:info@stbernadettesparish.org).

**First Reading (Isaiah 58:7-10)** The Prophet Isaiah is at pains to make it clear that what pleases God is not fine worship in isolation from life, but worship that is accompanied by a life of justice and integrity, a life that sees and responds to the needs of others.

**Second Reading (Corinthians 2:1-5)** In holding a question mark over the usefulness of philosophy, St Paul is not decrying attempts to explain the faith or refine our understanding. Rather, he is insisting that faith itself is pure gift, and not the product of human ingenuity.

**Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)** In calling his disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world, Jesus is not promoting vanity or attention-seeking, but telling us that an authentic life of faith will impact on others, will be noticed, will make a difference. There is no such thing as a purely, private, hidden faith. ©Intercom



## Sacrament of Confirmation

The P7 children St. Bernard's P.S. will be joined by the children of Loughview P.S., and Inchmarlo Prep. School to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next **Friday** at 11am.

Fr. Michael Sheehan PP.VF., Drumbo & Carryduff, will confer the Sacrament.



## Calendar of Feasts

On Tuesday, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also the **World Day of Prayer for the Sick** when people around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick. The theme this year is: **"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest,"** taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28). Pope Francis said: **"Christ's words of solidarity, comfort and hope, is for the very many simple people, the poor, the sick, sinners, those who are marginalized by the burden of the law and the oppressive social system...The mercy and comforting presence of Jesus, he says, embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in His life and to experience His tender love"**. Each Tuesday, we place our petitions before Mary when we come together to say her novena prayers. Maybe you could come to **7.30p.m. Mass on Tuesday** as a special gift to Our Lady.

## Our Faithful Departed



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Kathleen Duffin R.I.P.** whose funeral took place on Thursday, and for **Brian McSorley R.I.P.**, the relative of a Parishioner, who died during the week.

### Anniversaries

Patrick Ryan, Sarah Reavey, Hilary Leyden, Danny McKay, Neil Gilmore, John Burns.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Our **Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers listening and support to those who have been bereaved. If you feel the need to speak to someone in strict confidence and would like to make contact with the Group members directly, please Tel. **077 3377 3758**.

## The Season of Lent



**What are you doing for Lent?** This year why not travel with Jesus as he enters into his Passion? **'No Greater Love'** is a programme, based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land. Over five weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus through the scriptures from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. The presenter is Edward Sri who leads us on a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. At each session there will be the opportunity to pray and talk together as members of our Parish Family. There will be five sessions - one for each week of Lent leading up to Holy Week. We plan to run the programme in **St. Bernard's Primary School** on **Tuesday** evenings at **8.15pm**, following evening Mass. Further details will be provided by the Parish Council over the next few weeks.



## Parish Collections

Last week's Parish collection amounted to £1,474.  
Sincere thanks for your generosity.



## Retirement Association

**Wednesday 12th. February** - Monthly Coffee Morning in the Lounge in the Parish Centre at 10.15a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Meet other members & make new friends!

**Thursday 13th. February** - Weekly Walk. Meet in the church car park at 10.15am.

**Friday 14th. February** - Ten Pin Bowling at the Ice Bowl, Dundonald from 11am. Concession rate £2.20 per game. All members invited to take part.

**Wednesday 19th. February** - "Kiss Me Kate" at the Lyric at 7.30p.m. Music & lyrics by Cole Porter. Adm. £12. If you wish to attend please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible.

**Friday 28th. February** - Monthly Lunch in the Paradar at 1pm. £17 for two courses. To help finalise the catering order, please contact Anne Tel. 9064 3031 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

**Tuesday 24th. - Thursday 26th. March** - Our annual trip to Malahide. Cost €177 p.p.s bed & breakfast for two nights (including dinner on the Tuesday). Single room occupancy €282. If you wish to go, please contact Geraldine Tel. 078459 33371.



## Accord N.I.

We provide a counselling service for any couple who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges in their relationship. Contact us in confidence Tel. 9033 9944 or email: [belfast@accordni.com](mailto:belfast@accordni.com)



## Parish Centre News

For information & bookings: Tel. 9079 3023 Option 3 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. Taekwondo.

### Thursday

7p.m. Art Class.

### Friday

9.30a.m. - 10.30a.m. Pilates Class.  
3.30p.m. & 4.15p.m. Playball Classes for ages 2-9.  
7p.m. Youth Club - Registered members only!

### Saturday

10a.m. Taekwondo.  
1.30p.m. Junior Badminton. New members are always welcome!

### Rosetta 2-4 After School Club

From Monday - Friday this week for P1 - P7 children from 2p.m. - 4p.m. For further information, contact Sinead Tel. 07816 779910.

## Ministers of the Eucharist



February - Group 4.

Team Leader - Anne Sharvin.

## Ministers of the Word



Sunday 16th. February.

Group 5.

## 500 Club



Congratulations to the lucky winners in the Draw for Week 21: Lily McQuade & Frances Presley.  
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.



## Mother's Day Treat

Clare Lodge in Newcastle is offering a three night stay from Friday 20th. - Monday 23rd March. Tel. 4372 2849 email [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk) for further information.

## Diocesan Pilgrimages



The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from July 7th. - 14th. Prices per person sharing:

5 nights - July 8th. - 13th. £650.

7 nights - July 7th. - 14th. £725.

Youth Team July 5th. - 14th. £590 (age 16 - 25).

Full board for sick & infirm pilgrims with medical & nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: 5 nights - July 8th. - 13th. £550. All flights from Belfast International. Further information for sick and infirm pilgrims from the Pilgrimage Office Tel. 9077 0162 or contact us by email to: [dcpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:dcpilgrimage@gmail.com). A limited number of application forms are available from the Sacristy.

## SPRED



Would you like to become an invaluable part of a friendly and committed team of volunteers? Our SPRED group needs you! We meet each Thursday evening in Holy Rosary Parish Centre to help adults with learning disabilities build a strong faith foundation, to get to know God, and to encourage their inclusion in our Church Community. We help them to develop friendships and a sense of their own identity. Volunteers are needed who are willing to share themselves and give two hour of their time each week. We will support you to gain any new skills you might need. If you are interested please contact Gráinne via the Holy Rosary Parish Office. Email: [holyrosary@downandconnor.org](mailto:holyrosary@downandconnor.org)

## What's On!



February 10th. *New Monthly Whist Drive* in Good Shepherd Parish Centre at 8pm sharp. Adm £5. Prizes and Complimentary Tea, Coffee & Biscuits. Come along and give us your support!

February 10th. The Visitors' Evening in St. John's Hall, Knockbreda has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

February 12th. *Beginning Experience* for widowed, separated and divorced people meets from 8pm - 10pm, in St. Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave.