



# Parish Bulletin



PARISH OF HOLY ROSARY



PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE



Sunday Cycle C Psalter Week 1  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
9th January 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](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org) and Click on "Watch Live" for St Bernadette's Parish.

[www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net](http://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: Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.30 – 12 noon



The season of Ordinary Time begins on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Weekday readings follow Cycle 2.

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. St. Hilary of Poitiers  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. St. Ita

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### (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.

### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased:

James O'Flaherty, Teresa Shannon, Hugh (Joe) Magee, Eileen Tierney, Elizabeth Byers, Danny Trainor.



#### Anniversaries:

Jimmy McKinney (6pm), Kathleen McKinney, Margaret McClean, Dermot McQuillan, Eileen Gogarty, Elizabeth McCormick, Jean Cunningham, Agnes & Edward Carvill, Denis & Pearl Moloney, Patrick Lecky, Minnie Marsden, Betty & Paddy Bell, Rose Woods, Patrick & Eileen Corrigan (9am), Patrick McGonigle, Paul McAlinden (10.30am), Bridie Gallagher, Kay O'Donnell, Frank McGlade.

St Bernadette's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ 07733773758

Holy Rosary's Bethany Bereavement Support Group ☎ 07818090323

### ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH FINANCES

Christmas Voluntary (25 <sup>th</sup> December)	£1,485.10
Weekly Collections (26 <sup>th</sup> Dec & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan)	£2,284.80
Monthly Stipend (2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan)	£1,686.30
Standing Orders (month of December)	£ 903.67
PayPal (month of December)	£ 845.77

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 for your continued generosity. Donations can be left in the church. For St Bernadette's Parish donations can also be made online at [www.Svpni.co.uk](http://www.Svpni.co.uk) or telephone 02890750161 or on the dedicated giving site which can be accessed at <https://www.svp.ie/stbernadettebelfast> If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office 02890351561 and you will be directed to your local SVP Conference.

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. Course participants will receive a resource pack and connect online for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

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/q3FWFK5x8w> or e-mail [a.steen@downandconnor.org](mailto:a.steen@downandconnor.org)

Come and join us for a programme will give you a way to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.

### ALPHA COURSE

An online Alpha course will begin, through St. Colmcille's Parish, on **Tuesday 11th January at 8pm**, via the Zoom link. Alpha provides people with an opportunity to explore life, faith & meaning. For more information, to register your interest or to request the Zoom link contact Noeleen by e-mailing [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org) or send a text to 07879498131.

### A Reflection for the New Year

#### *The Work of Christmas Begins*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
Then the work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal those broken in spirit  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the oppressed  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among all peoples  
To make music with the heart ...  
And to radiate the light of Christ  
Every day, in every way  
In all that we do and in all that we say  
Then the work of Christmas begins.

*By Howard Thurman*

### Words of Wisdom for a New Year

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

**Anam Cara Belfast**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved



parents on Monday 10th January at 7:20pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

*\*Subject to change in accordance with government advise\**

### A SCHOOL PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW TERM

Almighty God  
We give you our school.  
We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,  
We give you all the children who study here.



We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,  
A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 2022 OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Annual Eight Days of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The theme for 2022 is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him" (Mt2:2).

**MANY THANKS to the Congregation at Knockbreda Methodist Church**, and especially Heather Bailie, for organising the **Christmas Trail** around the Knockbreda Area, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021.



# CHILDREN'S CORNER



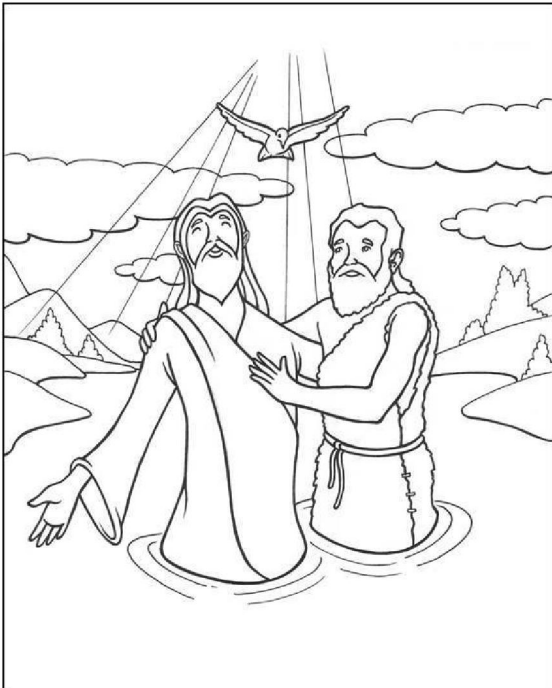
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## The Baptism of the Lord

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
 Mark 1:7-11



## The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



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