Visit of relics of St Bernadette Friday 27th & Saturday 28th September 24.

Friday 27th.

- *2pm:* Welcoming Ceremony Bishop Paul.
- *3pm:* Rosary Sorrowful mysteries Fr Seamus O Rourke.

Veneration of the Relics.

6pm: Holy Hour.

6pm - 7.30pm: Confessions

- **7.30pm:** Opening Mass *Celebrant* Bishop Paul.
- **8.15pm:** Candlelight procession (Mysteries of Light).

Cathedral will close immediately after Candlelight procession.

Saturday 28th

- *8am:* Mass of the Immaculate Conception– Fr Simon Cadam.
- *10am:* Mass of St. Bernadette Msgr. Bernard Noonan.

10.30am - 12noon: Confessions.

12noon: Rosary – Glorious mysteries.

3pm: Ceremony of Anointing of the Sick.

6pm: Holy Hour.

7.30pm: Vigil Mass for Sunday - Bishop Paul followed by Exposition concluding with Blessing at various points within the Cathedral. *Eucharistic Adoration.* Guided time of prayer after Mass concluding at 9pm. *(Cathedral closes)*

**** Every Hour during visit, the Novena Prayer will be recited.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

Go to Mass and Holy Communion at least once during the 9-day novena. It is also recommended that you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the novena.

Mary,

Our Lady of Lourdes,

You appeared in the hollow of the rock of Massabielle To Bernadette, a small and simple shepherdess.

You brought her the radiant light of your smile, The gentle, resplendent brightness of your

presence. Day by day,

you built a relationship with her

Where you looked at her like one person talking to another.

We, too, come here before you in our poverty, and we humbly pray to you.

May those who doubt discover the joy of trust,

May those who despair sense your discreet presence.

Mary,

Our Lady of Lourdes,

You revealed your name to Bernadette

By simply saying "I am the Immaculate Conception".

May we discover the joy of a forgiveness that never falters,

Instil in us the desire for a rediscovered innocence and a joyful holiness.

Help the blinded sinner.

You who gave birth to the Saviour of the world,

Look tenderly on our beautiful but tragic world.

Open in us the path of hope,

Guide us to the One who is the Living Source,

Jesus, your Son, who teaches us to say Our Father. AMEN

(Pray a decade of the rosary)

Invocations:

"Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!" "Saint Bernadette, pray for us!" "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

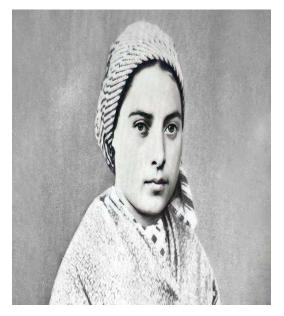


Novena to Saint Bernadette Soubirous.

Dear Saint Bernadette,

Chosen by Almighty God as a channel of His Graces and Blessings, and through your humble obedience to the requests of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, you gained for us the Miraculous waters of Spiritual and physical healing. We implore you to listen to our pleading prayers that we may be healed of our Spiritual and physical imperfections.

Place our petitions in the Hands of our Holy Mother, Mary, so that She may place them at the feet of Her beloved Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that He may look on us with mercy and compassion:



(Make Petition)

Help us, O Dear Saint Bernadette to follow your example, so that irrespective of our own pain and suffering we may always be mindful of the needs of others, especially those whose sufferings are greater than ours.

As we await the Mercy of God, remind us to offer up our pain and suffering for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins and blasphemies of mankind.

Pray for us, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of Our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins.

Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Pray for us. AMEN

One Decade of the Rosary

"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee". *(Say 3 times)*