



The Loughshore Parishes



St Mary's, Greencastle; St Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse;
St James', Whiteabbey & St Colman's, Greenisland



3rd December 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL

5.00pm – Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

6.30pm – St Mary's, Greencastle

SUNDAY MASS:

9.30am – St Colman's, Greenisland

11.00am – St James', Whiteabbey

WEEKDAY MASSES:

St Colman's: Monday 10.00am

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse: Tuesday 7.00pm

St Mary's, Greencastle: Weekdays 9.30am

St James': Friday 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER & COMMUNION SERVICE

St Colman's: Thursday 10.00am

ST PEREGRINE'S NOVENA:

First Monday of the month at 7.00pm in St Mary's, Greencastle

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR:

Every Tuesday at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Wednesday in St Mary's, Greencastle – 10.30am – 1.00pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

After 10.00am Mass on Friday in St James'

DIVINE MERCY EVENING – Rosary, preaching, healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration. Every second Friday 7.00pm – 9.30pm St James' Church.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are taking place on Saturdays in St Mary's, Greencastle. Please contact parish office for further information.

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Links to webcam via parish website or

www.churchmedia.tv

The Loughshore Parishes is a member of the Loughshore Pastoral Community comprising the parishes of St Gerard's, St Mary's on the Hill, St Nicholas', Carrickfergus and the Loughshore Parishes

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Brendan Curran, Carmel Norton, Tony Murray, Kevin Devenney, William Martin, Josephine Norton, Billy McIlwaine
Months Mind: Paddy McDermott, Noel Hassan, Bernadette Lindsay

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Smyth (9th), John McNally (52nd), Henry Conn, Mary Hagan, Teresa McAteer, Elizabeth Kerr, Kathleen McGivern, Irene McGivern, Anne Rogers, Alexander Byrne, Elizabeth Shields, Rory Byrne, Dominic McCourt, Austin Donnelly, Hugh & Monica Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Whitehouse 5pm – Paddy McDermott MM & Dominic McCourt (1st) anniversary
Greencastle 6.30pm - Austin Donnelly (1st)

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Hugh & Monica Donnelly anniversaries

Monday

Greencastle 9.30am – Kathleen Martin & Charles Declan Martin anniversaries

Greencastle 11.30am

– Requiem Mass for Edward Regan

Whitehouse 1.30pm

– Requiem Mass for Carmel Norton

Tuesday

Greencastle 9.30am – Frances Hegarty (recently deceased)

Whitehouse 7pm – Joseph Craven (40th)

ST PEREGRINE NOVENA will be at 7pm on Monday 4th December in St Mary's, Greencastle

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION is on 8th December.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL 🎄

SVP committee members will be speaking at Masses this weekend, ahead of the SVP annual special collection, which will be taking place after the Vigil Masses in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse & St Mary's, Greencastle on 9th December and after the Sunday Mass at St James' on 10th December.



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PRAYER FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God of Hope, we enter your holy season of Advent giving thanks to You for the love You have for all of us.

We begin to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Your Son, Jesus.

With the promise of Your Son, we live with great hope and anticipation; Hope in the knowledge of the love You continue to give us. Hope in the knowledge that Jesus is coming into our lives and hearts to heal us and love us.

We are a people of hope, and no matter how difficult times sometimes are, we know that Your Son is coming and that you continue to shower us with Your love. **Amen.**

GREAT WOMEN OF PRAYER & FAITH: AN ADVENT JOURNEY

There will be three talks during Advent in the Parish Centre at St Colmcille's Church, 191 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3JB on **Wednesday** evenings: **6th, 13th and 20th December at 7.30pm**. The talks will be given by Mary Cairns, Rev Paul Hutton and Paula McKeown respectively. The evenings will conclude with supper. All are welcome.

ANAM CARA BELFAST, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Mon 11th Dec at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel. 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.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS - FOR ADULTS

Saturday 16th December - St John the Baptist PS, Finaghy Road North, Belfast Hosted by the Legion of Mary and Fr Darren Brennan PP. Registration 9:30am - 3pm Finish. Talks and Testimonies followed by Confessions, Adoration and Holy Mass Cost is £10 - Includes Lunch.

For more information or to book, please contact Luke on 07955386288

Prepare your Soul for Christmas!

VOICES & BRASS CHRISTMAS

CONCERT - Come and join us for a festive Christmas concert at **Star of the Sea, Whitehouse** on **Friday 8th December** at **7.30pm** with Third Carrickfergus Brass Band and Concordia. Admission will be by ticket only. Recommended donation is £15.

ST MARY'S CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS

Transfer Pupils and their parents are invited to attend our Open Nights on Wednesday 10th January 2024 and Thursday 11th January 2024 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Principal's address at 8.30pm. All enquiries to the Principal's PA Tel: 02890294000 (www.stmaryscbgs.com)

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The next Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will be taking place in the Newbridge Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare between 8th-10th December 2023. Booking is now open. Join us in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Ages 16-35. For safeguarding, all under U18s must have permission from a parent or guardian to attend. Free bus from Belfast.

Contact Sean: 07561000417

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THE WEST BELFAST HISTORICAL

SOCIETY is meeting on Friday the 8th of December at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North

The December talk is entitled: IT STARTED ON DIVIS MOUNTAIN'

A Talk by: Mr MARK DOHERTY

All are Welcome to Attend.