



The Loughshore Parishes



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



17th December 2023

Gaudete Sunday

3rd 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.

Parish Priest:

Fr. David Delargy

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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:

Mary McAleese, Seamus Bennett, Brendan Curran, Carmel Norton, Kevin Devenney

Months Mind: Josephine Norton, Tony

Murray, William Martin

Anniversaries:

James & Eilish Doherty, Sheila Douglas,

Mary Scallan, Daniel McStravick, Annie O

Kane, Margaret Ferguson, Mary & Tony

Thompson, Christopher McFarland, Hannah

Doherty (née Gillen), Kathleen Gallagher

Lavery, Margaret & James Rolston, Edward

& Katie McGurk

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Whitehouse 5pm – Mary & Tony Thompson anniversaries

Greencastle 6.30pm – Christopher McFarland anniversary

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Hannah Doherty (née Gillen) anniversary

St James' 11am – Kathleen Gallagher Lavery anniversary

Monday

Greencastle 9.30am – Fr. Hughie O'Donoghue (2nd)

St Colman's 10am - Margaret & James Rolston anniversaries

Tuesday

Greencastle 9.30am – Donal O'Neill anniversary

Whitehouse 7pm – Edward & Katie McGurk anniversaries

Thursday Greencastle 9.30am – Nuala Clarke anniversary

Greencastle 7.30pm – Special Intention

Friday Greencastle 9.30am – Brian Mullin anniversary

LOUGHSHORE PARISHES CAROL SERVICE



The annual carol service will be held in St James' Church on Sunday 17th Dec at 4pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. (Tea will not be served after the 11am Mass.)



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Light the rose candle
- the candle of joy

PRAYER FOR THIRD 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.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

includes 8 weekly sessions. Course participants will receive a resource pack. The programme requires one hour of study per week.

Venue: Online via zoom
Beginning Wednesday 17th January @7pm online for 8 weeks.

The program will conclude with a Retreat Day on Saturday 23rd March 2024 Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast
Facilitators: Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen
The cost of the program is £30. To book your place click on the registration link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtTXUaD>

Places are limited. Booking early is advised.



PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Holy Family Church Sun 17th Dec at 4pm
St Nicholas's Church Mon 18th Dec at 7pm
St Bernard's Church Tues 19th Dec at 7pm
St Mary's, Greencastle Wed 20th Dec at 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE LOUGHSHORE PARISHES

[Christmas Eve Vigil Masses](#)

Whitehouse 5.00pm

Greencastle 7.00pm - Children's Mass

(Children can come dressed as someone from the crib)

[Christmas Day Masses](#)

St Colman's 10.00am

St James' 11.00am



TRÓCAIRE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Down & Connor Diocese Area. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent then we would love to hear from you! For more information call Casey Schell on 02890 808033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org

ST LOUISE'S COLLEGE

The Board of Governors, Principal, Staff and Students invite all Primary 6 and 7 boys and girls to join us for our Open Night on Wednesday 10th January 2024. Principal's Address 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL

(at the bottom of Gray's Lane) invite you to an Open Enrolment Afternoon on Tuesday 12th December between 2.15pm and 3.15pm or an Open Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 16th January between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

If your child is in their preschool year, please come along, meet the staff and visit our purpose-built Nursery School. All applications must be submitted by 12.00 noon on Friday 26th January 2024.

THANK YOU 🎄

Thank you so much to all who supported the Voices & Brass Christmas concert in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse. It was a great success and a really wonderful evening.

We hope to provide a total for the money raised in next week's bulletin.