



# The Loughshore Parishes



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



24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

*Months Mind:*

Carmel Norton, Kevin Devenney

*Anniversaries:* Christine McCoy, Josephine Mcauley, Elizabeth Davidson, Robert Oliver Gillen, Maureen McCarron, Sarah Connolly, Christopher McKernon, Sheila Campbell, Stephen Fegan, Norah Fegan, Leo Fegan, Margaret McAdorey, Billy McAdorey, William McAdorey, Thomas Carter, Julia Taplin Snr., Patrick Cash

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Whitehouse 5pm – Phyllis Hughes (1<sup>st</sup>) & Alice Lenaghan anniversary

Greencastle 6.30pm – Margaret Peake (1<sup>st</sup>)

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Josie Norton MM

Christmas Eve Vigil (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>)

Greencastle 7.00pm – George & Esther Leckey and family anniversaries

Christmas Day

St Colman's 10.00am – Brendan Curran MM & Brigid Curran anniversary

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December

Greencastle 6.30pm – Catherine Kelly (née Donnelly) 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Veronica Roberts (7<sup>th</sup>)

## 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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

The usual weekday Masses from Tuesday to Friday, and also Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday morning will not be taking place during Christmas week (26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December).



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## PRAYER FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God of Peace, in a troubled world where there is suffering and strife, conflict and war, we pray for peace. We also pray for inner peace, that our minds and bodies will be calm and at peace in the knowledge that You are about to come to us. Without inner peace, we know there can be no global peace, so we look to you, Lord, for your love and direction to calm ourselves and be instruments of peace in the world. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** from Bishop Donal McKeown can be read on the parish website or by clicking on this link - [Christmas Message 2023](#)



## THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday 27 December and to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10am (Irish time) around the world via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org).

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** will take place in Holy Family Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.  
10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Act of Consecration  
11.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
(*Mass of the Epiphany*)

## NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast to mark the end of the Old Year and welcome the New Year. At 11pm on December 31. All Welcome! Homilist Fr. Brian McCann  
Cantor Mr Louis McVeigh

**ST PEREGRINE NOVENA** which is usually held on the first Monday of the month, will instead be on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

## VOICES & BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 🎄

Thank you so much to all who attended and supported our recent Voices & Brass Christmas Concert on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks to your generosity, an amazing sum of **£11,664.70** was raised.

We would like to thank the suppliers who provided sponsorship for the event and particular thanks to the parishioners who have made individual donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY –PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

Departing Dublin on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024, the alumni and friends of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University will make pilgrimage to Greece and Malta over 10 days, following in the footsteps of Saint Paul.

Our pilgrimage is fully guided, with half-board accommodation in 4\* hotels. The University Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, will provide spiritual direction and the Chaplaincy's Director of Sacred Music, Marcella Walsh, will animate liturgies with music and song. For more information and details on how to book, email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at [catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk)

## OPEN NIGHTS

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School - Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan & Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan -7pm  
*St Louise's College* - Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Principal's Address 4.30pm and 6.30pm.  
*St Malachy's College* – Tue 16<sup>th</sup> & Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm – 9.30pm. Principal's Address 7.45pm and 8.30pm in the College Hall  
*St Mary's Nursery School* - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Fr Delargy will respond to urgent emails and phone calls.