



# The Loughshore Parishes



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



1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

1<sup>st</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: Wednesday 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

### Parish Office:

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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:* Fr Brendan McMullan, Rose Anne  
Byrne, Roisin Patton, Kathleen McSorley, Colum Boal  
*Anniversaries:* Sheila Hughes (1st), Henry Conn,  
Elizabeth Smyth (10th), Paul Tomlinson, Joseph Heron,  
Cassie Gillen, Carmel Norton, Gerry & Deirdre  
Convery, Hugh & Monica Donnelly, Brian Dubois,  
Maria Moloney

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Whitehouse 5pm

– Cassie Gillen & Carmel Norton anniversaries  
Greencastle 6.30pm

– Gerry & Deirdre Convery anniversaries

Sunday St Colman's 9.30am

– Hugh & Monica Donnelly anniversaries  
St James' 11am

– Paul Tomlinson & Joseph Heron anniversaries

Monday St Colman's 10am – Sheila Hughes (1<sup>st</sup>)



## CHANGE OF TIME FOR NOVENA MASS ON 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

The Novena Mass in St Mary, Star of the  
Sea, Whitehouse on:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December will  
be at **6pm**, instead of at the usual time of 7pm.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

As the 8<sup>th</sup> December falls on a Sunday of Advent, the  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the  
following day, and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December is to be  
observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm - St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm - St Bernard's.

## CONFESSIONS IN LOUGHSHORE PARISHES

Confessions in St Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse  
from 6.30 – 7pm on Tuesdays (*except* Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> &  
17<sup>th</sup> December) and from 4.30pm – 5pm on Saturdays,  
or by arrangement.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** will take place in  
Holy Family Church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## GREENCASCADE GRAVEYARD

Tree surgeons will be undertaking work in Greencastle  
Graveyard on Thursday and Friday of this week and the  
graveyard will not be open on these days.



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## SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL - ST JAMES

A member of St James' SVP will make the annual Christmas appeal. Collections will be taken up after Mass today and next Sunday.

**ST MARY'S, GREENCASTLE**

There will be a collection after Mass in St Mary's Greencastle on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



## VOICES & BRASS CHRISTMAS

**CONCERT** at Star of the Sea, Whitehouse on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Last

remaining tickets are available from the Parish Office and from the church sacristans.

**ST NICHOLAS' REPOSITORY** will have a selection of Christmas cards and gifts for sale in St Colman's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December after 9.30am Mass.

**CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA** will be held in St James' Pastoral Centre on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. Please give your name to Cathy or any SVP member as soon as possible.

## IN GOOD TIME: QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHURCHES TODAY

A panel of current Church leaders will discuss the issues raised in Rev Harold Good's recently published book on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm in St John's Parish, Falls Road. There will also be an opportunity to purchase signed copies of the book in time for Christmas. This is a free event. Tickets can be booked in advance on [Eventbrite](#).

## DOWN AND CONNOR LOURDES YOUTH TEAM

would like to invite you to a Christmas quiz in aid of the youth team on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7pm to around 9:30/10pm in St Bridget's Parish Hall, Belfast. Raffle prizes to be won as well.



## CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Join

International soprano Margaret Keys and Classical Brit award winner Fr Eugene for an unforgettable Christmas concert by candlelight in St Malachy's Church Castlewellan. Performing Christmas Classics and festive favourites, book now to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £20 and can be booked online at [Eventbrite](#) or at Parish Office on 02843778259.

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND CHRISTMAS

**FUNDRAISER** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. Why not come along and enjoy a four-course meal, live music and help a charity! To book your ticket (recommended £60/€65 per person) go to [Eventbrite.ie](#) or to book over the phone or for more information, call the studio on 00353 1 4 123456 or go to [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)

## MEDITATION ON THE MEANING OF ADVENT

will take place in the meeting room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus at 7.30pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December & Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



## ANOINTING FIRE ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 4pm

St MacNissi's Parish Hall, Randalstown

Led by Fr Shyju (Director AFCM UK). Sessions by Thomas Carey & Colin McGurnaghan Praise and worship, Holy Mass, Sharing of the Word of God, Eucharistic adoration and healing prayers. For more information, contact Anne Marie: 0781316470, Aideen: 07704261565 or Sara: 07838942077

**MISA DE GALLO.** 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6am in St Vincent de Paul Parish, Ligoniel. Every year for the 9 days before Christmas, 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December, "Misa De Gallo" is a wonderful tradition in the Philippines and is continued by the Filipino Diaspora wherever they may be. On Christmas Eve, we welcome Bishop Alan for the first time as our main Celebrant.

## MARY'S MEALS – DOUBLE THE LOVE

Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, your little acts of love can bring hope to desperately hungry children with a daily school meal with Mary's Meals. There are many ways to give, including our gift cards and online Christmas Trees of Hope. Find out more at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or phone 08006981212

**RECHARGE** is a young adult group for people aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to "recharge" the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings. Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December