



The Loughshore Parishes



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



8th December 2024

2nd 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.

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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: Marian Gibson, Rose Byrne, Roisin
Patton, Kathleen McSorley, Colum Boal

Anniversaries: Dominic McCourt (2nd), Sheila Hughes
(1st), Maureen Begley (4th), John McCarron, Teresa
McAteer, Irene McGivern, Patrick O'Neill, Elizabeth
Kerr, Bridget McSorley, Sheila Douglas, William
McQuillan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Whitehouse 5pm – Dominic McCourt (2nd)
Greencastle 6.30pm – 60th Anniversary of Bawnmore

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Sheila Hughes (1st)
& Special Intention

Tuesday

Whitehouse 10.30am Requiem Mass for Marian Gibson

Wednesday Greencastle 9.30am – Maureen Begley (4th)

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Greencastle £1,056.80, Whitehouse £1,753.60

St James' £1,836.84, St Colman's £954.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Greencastle £385.30, Whitehouse £107.50,

St James' £152.50, St Colman's £176.00

STIPEND

Greencastle £297.85, Whitehouse £864.88,

St James' £367.00, St Colman's £189.00

BISHOP'S COMMISSIONS

Greencastle £72.50, Whitehouse £80.00,

St James' £59.50, St Colman's £62.00

SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

There will be a collection after Mass in St Mary's,
Greencastle on Saturday 7th December.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This year, since 8th December coincides with the
Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday
9th December. Further guidance from the Holy See has
been sought and as a result of the change of date, it is
not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. On Monday 9th
therefore, the only parish Mass will be the usual
Monday Mass, at 10am in St Colman's, Greenisland.
*O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have
recourse to thee.*



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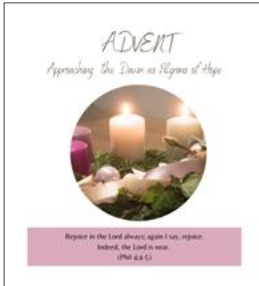


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ADVENT – APPROACHING THE DAWN AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has encouraged us to prepare as pilgrims of hope for the upcoming Jubilee Year which will begin on Christmas Eve, when the Holy Father opens the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica.

With this in mind, Pathways to the Future are excited to offer a new Advent programme during this time of spiritual preparation which will be an opportunity to gather to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday gospel readings during the 4 weeks of Advent as well as be inspired by a selection of art connected with the readings. The Advent booklet for parishioners is available on the [Down & Connor website](#).



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mon 16th December at 7pm - St Nicholas' Carrickfergus
Tuesday 17th 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 17th December) and from 4.30pm – 5pm on Saturdays, or by arrangement.

ADVENT RETREAT

The Legion of Mary invites you to attend an Advent Retreat on Saturday 14 December to make Christ the centre of Christmas again!
Please join us for 10am Mass in Saint Peter's Cathedral Belfast, followed by a retreat led by Fr. Darren Brennan, in Saint Peter's Parish Hall until 3pm
No advance booking required. £10 registration fee.
Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
If you have any queries, please email legioneventsdc@gmail.com or call 07590026628

MISA DE GALLO. 16th – 24th December 2024 at 6am in St Vincent de Paul Parish, Ligoniel. Every year for the 9 days before Christmas, 16th – 24th 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.



CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Please come and join us at our Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 4.30pm in St James', Whiteabbey.

We would especially love some of the children within the Loughshore Parishes to get involved in our Carol service. Rehearsals after Sunday Mass in St James' this weekend and on Saturday 14th December at 10am (again in St James'.) Come along and bring a friend. Primary and secondary school children required.

CLONARD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

is this Sunday 8th December at 6pm, with Clonard Choir & Clonard Folk Choir. The congregation is invited to bring gifts of toys, games, toiletries, etc., (no perishables please) to be left at the Crib and distributed to those in need by SVP.

A SERIES OF TALKS ON THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

St Colmcille's Parish presents "A series of talks on the history of Christianity from apostolic to modern times".
Time 11am – 1pm Last Saturday of each month
Delivered by Kieran Downey
The parish of St Colmcille's, 191a Upper Newtownards road, Belfast. Email stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org

THE WEST BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The December meeting will take place on Friday the 13th of December at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North (Access via Church Gateway on Finaghy Road North before the garage opposite the Church at junction with Andersonstown Road). The November talk is entitled: "WHAT THE POOR HOUSE DID FOR BELFAST"
The guest speaker will be a representative from Clifton House
Refreshments will be provided.

ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL (at the bottom or Gray's Lane) invite you to an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 10th December between 2.15pm and 3.15pm or an Open Evening on Tuesday 14th 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 24th January 2025.