



The Loughshore Parishes



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



23 March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 James', Whiteabbey. 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 a Family of Parishes, comprising the parishes of St Mary's on the Hill, St Nicholas', Carrickfergus and the Loughshore Parishes (Greencastle, Whitehouse, St James' & St Colman's)

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Mark McAllister, Margaret McNamara, James Donaghy, Kathleen Howie Gillen, Oswaldo Navarro

Months Mind: Gerard McGuinness, Breda O'Connor

Anniversaries: Drew Sloan, Francey Tomlinson,

Rosaleen McCrystal

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Whitehouse 5pm – Rosaleen McCrystal anniversary

Greencastle 6.30pm Gerard McGuinness Months Mind

Sunday

St James' 11am – Francey Tomlinson anniversary

LOUGHSHORE PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our new Pastoral Council (PPC) has been constituted and held its first meeting on Wednesday 19th March. We thank all those who have served the parish on previous Councils, and we welcome new members who have answered the call to mission in this way. Our PPC is called to reflect on the pastoral and spiritual life of our parishes and to recommend ways in which we can work with our Parish Priest to promote the prayer, faith and liturgical life of the Loughshore parishes.

PPC Members:

Father Delargy (President),

Jane Hodgkinson (Chair),

Brian Horner (Vice Chair),

James Carleton (Secretary),

Leeanne Green,

Amanda Morton,

Gavin Curran,

Jim Dobbin,

Sonia Anthikat.

In partnership with Fr Delargy, the PPC will shortly produce a range of goals for the Loughshore Parishes for the next four year period and parishioners are encouraged to share hopes, ideas, needs and concerns with PPC members through the Parish Office.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around the Cross on Friday 28th March 2025, from 8-9pm in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road. This is an opportunity to take time out to pray with the beautiful Taizé chants, to be still and to be refreshed.

Everyone is very welcome, please come along and bring your friends.



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24 hours for the Lord



PILGRIMS OF HOPE - 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

A key moment in this Jubilee Year 2025 is the celebration of "24 hours for the Lord". This is an initiative of Pope Francis who writes, "special care should be taken to prepare priests and faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form" (SNC 5). In Down and Connor "24 Hours for the Lord" will be celebrated on **Saturday, 29th March**, in three centres: *St Mary's Church, Belfast, from 11.00am until 5.30pm;* *All Saints Church, Ballymena, from 12 noon until 5.30pm;* *St Patrick's, Church Downpatrick. 10.30am until 4.00pm.*

SENSORY MASS

There will be a Sensory Friendly Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore, Belfast, on Saturday 29th March at 10.00am.

We welcome and embrace neurodiverse persons and those with sensory needs, both young and older. Join us for a sensory friendly liturgy, which includes lower lights, softer music, and literal homilies. Feel free to get up and move if needed, bring alternative seating, use quiet fidgets or noise cancelling headphones.

Come celebrate the Eucharist in an environment free of stigma. Please contact n.dunn@downandconnor.org to express your interest, or for enquiries.

Share this message with others please.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will take place in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road, on 5th April 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. 11.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Down & Connor Diocese.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 6th April (weekend of 5th Sunday of Lent) Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

ST. IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR MEN

- Fri 2nd May to Mon 5th May (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org

"A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE" is the theme of this year's Holy Week Retreat from 17-20 April at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre in Larne. It will be led by a joint team from Drumalis & Belfast Jesuit Centre and is offered on a residential or non-residential basis. To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

JUBILEE LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Fr Darren Brennan is recording a series of Lenten talks for this Jubilee year, which will be available on the Down & Connor [Facebook](#) page each Sunday during Lent at 7pm or on [YouTube](#).



INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD

The Department of Justice is recruiting members to the Independent Monitoring Board, who play a crucial role in the oversight of prisons.

IMB members are unpaid public appointees, appointed by ministers to provide independent oversight of what happens in places of detention.

It is a varied and rewarding role. You could be talking to a prisoner or detained person who is worried or vulnerable, who isn't able to access the support they need, or who needs help to sort out some practical problems.

You will get to see and report on everything that happens behind the walls: what day-to-day life is like, whether there is enough education and training to help with rehabilitation, what support there is for the most vulnerable, how physical and mental health needs are met. For more information, visit www.justice-ni.gov.uk