



# The Loughshore Parishes



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



22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

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: 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  
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:* Kate Nicholl (England),  
Marian Gibson, Marian Girvan, Colum Boal

*Months Mind:* Kathleen McSorley

*Anniversaries:* Sally Conway (1st) & Brian Conway Jr,  
Bridget & Brendan Curran, George & Esther Leckey,  
Phyllis Hughes (2nd) & Alice Lenaghan, Christopher  
Kelly, Christine McCoy, Maureen McCarron (13th),  
Annie McCullagh, Patrick Cash (52nd), Josephine  
McAuley, Sarah Connolly, Elizabeth Davidson,  
James McAfee, Kathleen McAfee, Julia Taplin Snr,  
Annie O'Kane

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Whitehouse 5pm – Sally Conway (1<sup>st</sup>) & Brian  
Conway Jr anniversaries

Greencastle 6.30pm – Christopher Kelly anniversary

Sunday St Colman's 9.30am – Bridget & Brendan  
Curran anniversaries

### Monday

St Colman's 10am – Kate Nicholl – recently deceased

### Christmas Eve

Whitehouse 5pm – Phyllis Hughes (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Alice  
Lenaghan anniversaries

Greencastle 7pm – George & Esther Leckey and family  
anniversaries



## CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse at 5pm

St Mary's, Greencastle at 7pm

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Morning Mass

St Colman's, Greenisland 9.30am

St James', Whiteabbey 11am

*Fr Delargy would like to thank the parishioners of the  
Loughshore Parishes for all your support over the past  
year and to wish peace, joy and every blessing to you  
and your loved ones this Christmas.*

*May the blessings of the Christmas Season bring hope  
and joy into your hearts and homes and assure you of  
God's love in the New Year 2025.*



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### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I send heartfelt greetings to all the faithful of our diocese, embracing the hope that Christ brings into our world. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may the tender love of God shown by the birth of Jesus guide us, inspiring renewal and deepening our faith. I extend my deep gratitude to the clergy and our dedicated parish volunteers whose selfless service brings the warmth of God's love to life in our community. May God's abundant blessing be with you and your loved ones this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

*Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope is on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.*



### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

### CELTIC CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

*St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> December 5pm*  
Proceeds from the event will be donated to this year's  
SVP Annual Appeal. [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking Doctors, Nurses and Adult Volunteer helpers for the 40th Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2025. The pilgrimage is from 10-15 July and volunteers receive a subsidised fare. For more information or to register your interest, please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

### POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS & EVENINGS

*St Dominic's* - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 9am – 1pm.  
Principal's Address – 9.30am & 11.30am.  
Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome.  
*Blessed Trinity College* Tues 14<sup>th</sup> & Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January  
*St Malachy's College* - Wed 15<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> January  
7pm – 9.30pm. Principal's Address – 7.45pm & 8.30pm  
*Dominican College Fortwilliam* Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
9.30am – 1pm. Principal's Address – 9.30am & 11am.

### ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL

Open Evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**ANAM CARA** - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting their first Online Bereavement Information Evening of 2025 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2025. This online talk is for bereaved parents only.

Here are the details of this ONLINE event

Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Guest Speaker: Níamh Finucane

Parents can register using the below link:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

There will no Morning Prayer & Communion Service in St Colman's on St Stephen's Day, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December and there will be no Morning Mass in St James' on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December.



**PARISH OFFICE** will be open on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> December but will be closed for the remainder of the week, from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December.