

✠ The Loughshore Parishes



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

5th December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL

5.00 pm – Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

6.30 pm – St Mary's, Greencastle

SUNDAY MASS:

9.30 am – St Colman's, Greenisland

11.00 am – St James', Whiteabbey

WEEK DAY MASSES:

St Colman's: Mon 10 am

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse: Tuesday 7pm

St Mary's Greencastle : Wednesday 10am

St James': Fri – 10.00 am

ST PEREGRINE'S NOVENA:

First Monday of the month at 7.00 pm in St Mary's, Greencastle

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR:

Every Tuesday at 7 pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Wednesday in St Mary's, Greencastle – 10.30am – 1pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

After 10am Mass on Friday in St James'

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are taking place on Saturday 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

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased:

Months mind: Michael Flanagan, Ann Magee

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Smyth, John

McCarron, Molly Fennell, Maura Gilmore,

Mary Hagan, Brian Dubois

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Whitehouse £606.28, St James' £188.00, St

Colman's £109.00, Greencastle £72.40

SECOND COLLECTION

Whitehouse £54.00, St James' £21.00, St

Colman's £19.50, Greencastle £42.00

STIPEND Whitehouse £15.69, St James'

£30.00, St Colman's £14.00, Greencastle

£6.00

ONLINE BOOKING

Please continue to use the online booking system on the parish website in order to attend Mass in the parish. If you are no longer able to attend a Mass that you have booked please let the parish office know as soon as possible. Webcam is now installed in all of the churches in the parish. Links to webcam can be accessed via the parish website below the "Our Churches" option or via www.churchmedia.tv

COVID- 19

Please note that face coverings are legally required when entering and exiting the church. However, due to the rising number of Covid 19 infections in the community, the Diocese and Parish strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings at all times, even when seated.

TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS

Join St. Agnes' Choral Society at their carol concert, Together for Christmas, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Sunday 12th December at 7.30pm. Strict covid protocols in place and you will be seated with your own group.

Tickets can be booked via this

link: bit.ly/3xClokd

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THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Preparing to journey together, Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together! This invitation isn't just for Bishops or Clergy; it is an invitation to every Baptised person – all the People of God. The Synodal process invites each one of us, the People of God, to recall that we journey together as a community of faith. As we walk on our journey of faith, we are called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and to one another. On this second week of Advent, we reflect on John the Baptist; a voice calling in the wilderness. There are many people who feel that their voice is in the wilderness and isn't heard by the Church. This week, let us prayerfully look around our Parish Community and reflect on whose voice may not be heard and how we might accompany people on their faith journey with the compassion, love, and mercy that Jesus asks of us. This week we encourage you to pray with this prayer:

*Lord, this Advent, give me a welcoming heart.
Let me be open to the messengers of your word, especially to those whom at first glance I might resist, for they are your prophets today urging me to change my way of thinking and living.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION COUNTERS

We are looking to recruit new volunteers for our collection counting teams. Ideally, we would like to recruit enough volunteers so that we can rotate teams to share the load. The count for all four churches will now be taking place in Greencastle on Monday mornings. It is anticipated it will take approximately 1 hour to complete the counts. If you want more details or wish to put your name forward please contact Gregory Butler either by telephone 07740781700, WhatsApp or through email at gregory.butler@ntlworld.com

SVP DINNER – CANCELLED

The planned Whitehouse SVP dinner in Corrs Corner has been cancelled due to concern over rising Covid Cases. Please see any member at the back of the church for return of deposit.

LOUGHSHORE PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council was re-constituted in October and is made up of members of various parish organisations and groups. The members are: Fr Delargy, Amanda Morton, Pauline O'Brien, Gerard Barrett, Jim Dobbin, Jane Hodgkinson, Donna Karikunnel, Vijay Chacko, Michael O'Hara, Dymphna McCormac, Leanne Green, Anne McDermott. We ask for your prayers as we begin our plan for 2022-2024, and we invite you to contact any member of the PPC with your thoughts on parish life.

LOUGHSHORE PARISHES COVID TEAM UPDATE

Following recent meeting of the Parish Covid Team, it was agreed that our rota of readers can be extended. Eucharistic Ministers may be deployed to visit the sick and housebound. Choirs are encouraged to re-form. Consideration is being given to the possibility of re-opening parish halls in the New Year for certain activities such as Children's Liturgy, and refreshments after Mass. For more details on the decisions taken, please see parish website.

ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL (at the bottom of Gray's Lane) invite you to view our beautiful school and all it has to offer by visiting our website,

stmarysnurseryschool.com

If your child is in their preschool year, you are eligible to apply for a place for September 2022. All applications must be submitted by 12noon on Friday 28th January 2022.

NB We will not be hosting an Open Enrolment evening this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

PRAYER ONLINE: Come and join us at www.soulparemission.com A new interactive prayer website created by Jacinta Crockford DipTH Join us **every Saturday at 4.30pm & 8.30pm live-** Most Holy Rosary and prayer reflections with Eucharistic Adoration 8.30pm on ShalomWorld.org www.swprayer.org