



The Loughshore Parishes



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

19th December 2021

4th 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 7.00pm 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: Catherine Beattie, Sheila Douglas, Ann McKinley

Months mind: Patricia Anne Mulholland, Jeanette Trainor

Anniversaries: Maureen McCarron, James & Eilish Doherty, Christine McCoy, Margaret & James Rolston, Hannah Donnelly, Christopher Kelly McFarland, Annie O'Kane, Margaret Ferguson, Daniel McStravick, George & Simon McStravick, Mary Scallon

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Greencastle £498.15, Whitehouse £671.00, St James' £654.34, St Colman's £253.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Greencastle £70.00, Whitehouse £92.00, St James' £80.00, St Colman's £37.00

ONLINE BOOKING – WEEKEND

MASSES ONLY Please continue to use the online booking system on the parish website in order to attend weekend Masses 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. Links to webcam can be accessed via the parish website or via www.churchmedia.tv

COVID- 19 Please note that face coverings are legally required when entering and exiting the church. However, the Diocese strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings at all times, even when seated.

CHANGES TO MASS BOOKING PROCEDURES.

Following a review of the procedure for booking places at Mass it has been agreed that booking online will no longer be required for normal weekday masses in the Loughshore Parish. You will just be required to sign in at the front door with your name and contact details. Online Booking will still be required in all four churches for Weekend Masses. The current booking process for Weddings and Funerals will remain unchanged.



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THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:

Preparing to listen, Pope Francis has affirmed that: "A synodal Church is a Church which listens. The faithful People, the Bishops all listening to each other; and all listening to the Holy Spirit." Listening from a place of prayer is the foundation of our synodal process and it requires an open mind and heart without prejudice. As pilgrims on this synodal journey we recognise that no one person has the answer and that through authentic listening everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other and all listening to the Holy Spirit. This week we pray that we will be a listening church; listening to the Holy Spirit prompting the Church to be attentive to the missionary dream of God's love reaching everyone and inspired by God's love that we reach out to care for all humanity. This week we invite you to pray;
Come Holy Spirit, Make our ears to hear, make our eyes to see, make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek, make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. Amen.

MARY'S MEALS BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Join our [Big Family Christmas](#) and help feed even more hungry children with Mary's Meals. For just £15.90 you can set a place for yourself or a loved one at our virtual Christmas dinner table. Your name will appear online alongside the names of Mary's Meals supporters around the world, and you'll receive a beautiful digital placemat. And thanks to [Double The Love](#), each place set will give two children the gift of life changing school meals for a whole year – bringing them food, joy and hope this festive season.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from
Thursday 23 December 2021 – Tuesday 4 January 2022

CALLING ALL MEN

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90 day period (Jan 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thur Jan. 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 passcode: 997298

UPDATE ON WEEKLY COLLECTION COUNTERS

Thank you to the 13 volunteers who have so far come forward for our collection counting teams. We ideally would like at least 18 volunteers so that we could rotate the teams of 6 on a 3-weekly basis. We would particularly welcome volunteers from St James's as it is not currently represented on the teams.

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, or on WhatsApp or through email at gregory.butler@ntlworld.com

ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL

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.

SLIMMING WORLD - ST. JAMES' PARISH HALL

Slimming World Thursdays at 5.30 or 7pm & Fridays at 9.30 or 11am. Contact Joanne on 07742296084 for more details.