The Loughshore Parishes

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

24th September 2023

25th Sunday of the Year

Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

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: Weekdays 9.30am St James': Friday 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 Saturday in St Mary's, Greencastle. Please contact parish office for further information.

Parish Priest: Fr. David Delargy Parish Office: 824 Shore Road Newtownabbey BT36 7DG Tel: 9037 0845 (open Mon – Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm) E-mail: loughshore@downandconnor.org website: www.loughshoreparishes.org Links to webcam via parish website or www.churchmedia.ty

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: John Butler, Eva Beattie Months Mind: Rex Attwood, Mary Gray, John Hughes Anniversaries: John McCrystal, Margaret McFarland, Nan McAlinden (1st), Jeannie

O'Rorke (1st), Nan McFarlane, David Magee, Mary McStravick, Maureen Mulvenna, Patrick Larkin, John Murphy, Robert McCrystal, Bridget Crangle, Jeremiah Walsh

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>

Whitehouse 5pm – John McCrystal anniversary Greencastle 6.30pm - Margaret McFarland anniversary Sunday St Colman's 9.30am - Nan McAlinden (1st) St James' 11am – Rex Attwood (MM) Monday Greencastle 9.30am - Rose Myna Grant anniversary Tuesday Greencastle 9.30am - Christine Skeffington (10th) Thursday Greencastle 9.30am - Kevin Byrne rec dec. Greencastle 7.30pm – Kieran Thompson rec dec. Friday Greencastle 9.30am - Annie McQuillan rec dec.

PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world,

and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

To read Pope Francis' message, please click on this link Message for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2023

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TRÓCAIRE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Trócaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

APPEAL is an annual campaign where thousands of people across Ireland donate shoeboxes filled with gifts for children affected by poverty in countries in Africa and Eastern Europe. It is an opportunity to share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where these can often be in short supply. The deadline to get your boxes to us is Friday 10th November. For more information, go to <u>Christmas Shoebox Appeal - Team Hope</u>

SMA NOVENA 2023 in honour of St. Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions. Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 1st October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers. At 10.00am & 7.30pm SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam (<u>www.sma.ie</u>) African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH



SACRAMENT CLASSES available to prepare children at non-Catholic schools within the parish for the sacraments. Please contact

<u>loughshoresacraments@gmail.com</u> ASAP and let us know your child's details. Registration for this year's classes closes on 2nd October 2023.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY FESTIVAL

From 30th September until 8th October. With 7 events in different venues. Details can be found at <u>legionofmarydc.co.uk</u> or at 07955386288. The festival ends with the 20th Rosary procession from St John's Church to St Peter's Cathedral commencing at 2.30pm. Shuttle bus available to transport people from St Peter's to St John's from 12.30pm to 2.15pm before the procession

VENEZUELA'S WATER TREATMENT AND SANITATION APPEAL 7TH AND 8TH OF OCTOBER 2023

Venezuela has faced a prolonged socio-political and economic situation since 2015, deeply and negatively impacting social and health services. COVID-19, violence and social conflicts and the intensification of climate threats and natural disasters have worsened the living conditions and health status of populations in vulnerable situations, including women, children, and indigenous peoples. Many health institutions lack adequate clean water and water sanitation infrastructure, preventing quality healthcare services. 82% of the population have no access to drinking water. Babies are the most affected by waterborne infections because of the lack of access to drinking water. That's why Healing Venezuela (https://healingvenezuela.org/whatwe-do/) decided to act. Since 2018, we have donated and installed six water sanitation plants in public hospitals nationwide, giving access to safe drinking water to over 50,000 people every year, and crucial medical procedures in those hospitals have become safer. The Water sanitation project is delivered in coordination with public health authorities, civil society organizations, and other humanitarian partners. We appeal to you to help us to continue delivering clean water. You can support this appeal after Masses on the 7th and 8th of October. Your contribution

can make a difference and help save children's and people's lives. Or, if you prefer, you can donate online at <u>https://gofund.me/aa748400</u>.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around the Cross on Friday 29th September 2023, 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.

ST JAMES' PARISH BANK ACCOUNT has now been transferred over to Danske. Parishioners who contribute to the parish by standing order do not need to take any action. Any parishioner wishing to set up a new standing order who would like the new bank account

details should contact the parish office.