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



25th February 2024

2nd 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 Mary's, Greencastle. Please contact parish office for further information.

Parish Priest:

Fr. David Delargy

Parish Office:

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(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.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: Patrick McCafferty Snr, Paul McCullough, Carmel McCann, Anthony McCourt, William (Billy) McMurray (Australia)

Months Mind: Charles Campbell

Anniversaries: Patsy Mulholland, Hannah McMahon, Carmel O'Connor, Miriam Jones, Joseph O'Kane, Josephine O'Hara, Eilish Mohandas, Danny Moore, Thomas O'Neill, Kathleen O'Neill, Mary Fitzpatrick, Marie Montgomery, Patricia McGowan, John McAvoy, Isabella Devlin, Kathleen O'Neill, Margaret McConnell

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>

Whitehouse 5pm – Hannah McMahon anniversary Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Carmel O'Connor anniversary Friday St James 10am – Miriam Jones anniversary

CARRICKFERGUS PARISH LENTEN SERVICES ON THE THEME OF THE MASS

Please come along and join in the Carrickfergus Parish Lenten Services this Lent. Our Panel of Catechists will present a series of talks in the committee room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus at 7.30pm on the Mass, aimed at giving us a greater insight into why we do what we do at Mass. The programme is as follows: - **26th February** - A presentation on The Creed - the differences between the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed. How they came about and why they are there in the Mass.

4th March - A talk on the "Sacred Vessels" used at the Mass and The Vestments worn by the priest.

11th March - A discussion on the Eucharist, God with us in the Blessed Sacrament. This talk will be extended to include a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will take place in Holy Family Church, Limestone Rd on Sat 2nd March. 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration 11.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

COMMUNION SERVICES

There will be no Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Communion Services will be held instead at the usual Mass times.

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Deacon responds to the call of Jesus and his Church in three specific ways: through the ministry of Charity, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Altar with a particular focus on the ministry of charity. The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate. Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website downandconnor.org/diaconate Additionally, it is proposed to hold three information evenings in St Patrick's Downpatrick All Saints Ballymena and St Brigid's Belfast on 7th, 12th and 20th March. This will provide an opportunity to meet Permanent Deacons and their wives and discover more about this vocation.

It is hoped to commence a propaedeutic year of discernment in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

WHITEHOUSE SVP IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever thought of volunteering? St Vincent de Paul is an international charity and the largest voluntary charity in Ireland. Our volunteers assist everyone from our neighbours down the road to refugees across the street, families living next door and asylum seekers desperate for a home. Whatever their background, SVP is there to help those who need supported the most. If you have a spare hour and want to do some good in your local community, we would love you to come and volunteer with us. Every hour a volunteer can spare makes a difference in someone's life.

To find out more please visit our

website https://www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/

THE FOCOLARE SPRING GATHERING will take place from 4th-7th April in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. This annual all-Ireland event is a chance for all the family to spend a few days of reflection, relaxation and recreation, to refocus on lifestyle choices and to enjoy the opportunity to reset our spiritual compass. Come along and enjoy the company and craic! Info from Gerard at +353 86 2243631 or focolare.ireland@focolare.org

LOUGH DERG RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Calling all 18-30 year olds!

Do you want to explore your faith with other likeminded young people in a beautiful and reflective location?

Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To Register please visit tiny.cc/loughderg

Email info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

THE LEGION OF MARY PRESENTS MATT

FRADD, an American-based Catholic speaker who hosts the well-known Podcast *Pints with Aquinas*. He will give 2 talks on Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm in Titanic Hotel Belfast. Tickets can be purchased at universe.com/MattFraddBelfast

ACCORD NI CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE SEEKING MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

ACCORD NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting people to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- -If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- -If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Accord wants to hear from you!

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.

Contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or by email to info@accordni.com Website: www.accordni.com

AGE NI'S SHARED LIVES SERVICE.

Our service is brand new and is for older people aged 65+ who would benefit from spending time outside their own home. Our aim is to reduce isolation and loneliness and maintain independence and social connection. Our carers are self-employed, use their own home as a base for the care and are paid an hourly rate for their role. Further information is available on the parish website. If interested in becoming a Shared Lives carer, please contact deborah.mcilwaine@ageni.org