

The Lough Shore Parishes

Churches of Our Lady Star of the Sea Whitehouse; St Mary's Greencastle; Saint James' Whiteabbey; St Colman's Greenisland

3rd Sunday of Advent
16th December 2018

MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30 pm – Whitehouse

SUNDAY MASS: 9.45 am – St Colman's
11.00 am – St James' 12.15 pm – Greencastle

WEEK DAY MASSES:

Monday	10.00 - Greenisland
Tuesday	19.00 - Whitehouse
Wednesday	09.30 - Greencastle
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	10.00 - Whiteabbey

ST PEREGRINE'S NOVENA:

First Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in Greencastle

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Wednesday in Greencastle – 9.30 am to 7 pm

HOLY HOUR IN HONOUR OF THE DIVINE MERCY:

Second Sunday of the month at 6.30 pm in Greencastle

DIVINE MERCY EVENING – Every second Friday

7.30pm – 9.30pm St James' Church

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:

For information on our Parish Safeguarding procedures, contact Anne Mc Dermott (Chair) – 07948 799039

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Whitehouse £606.00, St James' £540.56
St Colman's £269.90, Greencastle £290.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Whitehouse £, St James' £64.21
St Colman's £70.08, Greencastle £135.00

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: available to help in

times of crisis & give assistance to those in need.
Contact 90351561.

ROSARY - St Mary's Greencastle:

Monday at 6.45pm.

MONTHS MIND: Paul Brannigan, Bella McCourt

ANNIVERSARIES: Fionnuala Branagan, Colette Daly,
Amelia McIlhennon, Annie O Kane, Margaret Ferguson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

Sat 15th 5.30 pm Paul Brannigan (Months Mind)

Tue 18th 7.00 pm Colette Daly (5th Anniversary)

Sat 22nd 5.30 pm Amelia McIlhennon (2nd Anniv)

St. James', Whiteabbey

St. Colman's, Greenisland

St. Mary's, Greencastle

Sun 16th 12.15 pm Belle McCourt (Months Mind)

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Vigil 5.30pm Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

Vigil 8.00pm St Mary's, Greencastle

Christmas Day

9.45am St Colman's, Greenisland

11.00am St James', Whiteabbey

12.15pm St Mary's, Greencastle

ADVENT PRAYER EVENINGS: The last of the Evening Prayer sessions to help us celebrate the season of Advent take place this week. The sessions are based on the Sunday Gospels and the Evening Prayer of the Church, and include time for quiet personal reflection and group discussion.

Venue: Monday evening - St James, Whiteabbey 17th December led by David and Clare O Connor

Or

Thursday evening - St Mary's Greencastle 20th December led by Jacinta Crockford and Velvyn Riddell

Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm (including tea/coffee)

ADVENT PROGRAMME AT CLONARD. Fodhla McGrane, whom we know from our Lector Training Weekend, invites you to Clonard Monastery to celebrate the beautiful season of Advent and to continue study of the Word. On three consecutive Tuesdays (Dec 4, 11 and 18), she will lead evenings in the conference room of Clonard Monastery from 7.15-8.30pm. She'll reflect on the Gospels for Advent, using prayer, videos, art and music. Refreshments from 7pm.

PARKING AT WHITEHOUSE CHURCH: Please be mindful of where you are parking your car and that you are not blocking a resident's driveway. Thank you.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: for the Loughshore parishes, will take place in St James' Church on Sunday the 16th December at 4pm followed by refreshments in the parish Hall. All are very welcome.

ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL (at the bottom of Gray's Lane) invites you to an Open Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 15th January between 7.00pm 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 midnight on Thursday 31st January 2019.

GREENCASLE METHODISTS: CAROL SERVICE will take place on the 16th December at 4-00pm. All are very welcome.

THE LIVE CRIB: Visit the Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Grotto, opening Thursday, 13 December 2018 until Sunday, 6 January 2019. Come along and meet Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and the Three wise men. This year animals are kindly provided by the Irish Donkey association and there will be a baby donkey in the crib this year. Carol singers daily at 2 pm. and 5 pm. Proceeds to the Mill Hill Missionaries working in Sudan.

SVP CHRISTMAS TEA AT ST COLMAN'S: St Colman's SVP invite you to a special Christmas Tea after 9.45 am Mass on Sunday 16th December 2018. Everyone welcome! This annual event is to mark the SVP Christmas appeal and to thank parishioners for their valued support during 2018.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE WELCOME ORGANISATION FOR THE HOMELESS: We really value the very generous contributions made by the parishioners of the Loughshore Parishes every year. As always, gifts of new clothing are very much appreciated and we particularly need the following items: Sleeping Bags, Underwear, Socks, Trainers/Boots, Hoodies, Tracksuit Bottoms, Winter/Waterproof Coats, Rucksacks, Hats/Gloves/Scarves & Toiletries. Parcels will be collected from Star of the Sea Church on Wednesday 19th December. Cash Donations are also gratefully accepted.

NURSES! The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently seeking volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame, during our 2019 Pilgrimage (10-15 July.) You will need to be a registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly registered nurses are welcome. For more information or to register your interest please email us to lourdes@downandconnor.org with your contact details and we will get back to you.

TROCAIRE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: 'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

LOUGHSHORE PARISHES MONTHLY DRAW: Next draw will take place on Sun 6 Jan 2019 after mass in Greenisland

EDMUND RICE COLLEGE: Open Evening on Wed 9th Jan. Principal's Address 3.30pm and 7pm. For more information contact 028 9084 8433

ST DOMINIC'S :Open Day on Sat 12th Jan, 9.30- 1.00 pm.Principal's Address – 9.30 and 11 am. Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome.

ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE: Open Nights for prospective pupils at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th January 2019.** Pupils in Primary Six are welcome to attend on the Thurs evening.

ARE YOU MAKING WEDDING PLANS? : Prepare for your future married life at a Catholic Engaged Encounter Course. 23-24 March 2019 in Our Lady and St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim. For details/booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028 27638512

PILGRIMAGES :

Drumbo Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Cascia – 27th April – 3rd May

Pilgrimage Rome & Tuscany – 18 June 2019

Easter 2019 Pilgrimage to Rome/San Giovanni

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon - 9th-14th June 2019

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April – Oct 2019

See poster in porch for more details.

TRAINING FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS:

Hosted by the Living Church Office. The next dates are 16th Feb and 11th May, 2019. Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Ormeau Road, from 9.30am – 4.30pm. To register contact Caren at the Living Church Office, 028 90 690920 or c.collins@downandconnor.org



Glengormley Parish (St Mary's On The Hill; St Bernard's; St Macnissi's) Fr Patrick Sheehan, PP, VF 9083 2979 Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC 9084 1507 Fr Darren Brennan, CC 9083 2488

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St Gerard's Parish (St Gerard's, Antrim Road) Fr Gerard Cassidy, CSsR, PP 9077 4833 Fr Patrick McLaughlin, CSsR, CC 9077 4833

Carrickfergus Parish (St Nicholas', Carrickfergus, Our Lady of Lourdes', Whitehead) Fr Peter Owens, PP 9336 3269