

The Lough Shore Parishes

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

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

Parish Priest: Fr. David Delargy

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Webcam: mcnmedia.tv (double click on picture of Whitehouse Church)

Facebook: Loughshore Parishes

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Whitehouse £270.00, St James' £441.19
St Colman's £294.00, Greencastle 365.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Whitehouse £100.00, St James' £103.45
St Colman's £69.10, Greencastle £370.00

Last Will and Testament: Please consider including your parish in your estate planning. The parishes can only exist and function through the funding of their members. Thank you. The names of our parishes for legal purposes are: Parish of Greencastle, Star of the Sea Whitehouse and St James' Parish.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: available to help in times of crisis & give assistance to those in need. Contact 90351561.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr Mark Hayes, Denis McWilliams, Margaret Delaney, Helena Douglas

ANNIVERSARIES: James Doherty, Eilish Doherty, Christine McCoy, Julia Taplin, Dan McStravick, George McStravick, Simon McStravick, Maggie Crossan, Kathleen McAfee, James McAfee, Maureen McCarron, Patrick Cash, Peggy McDonald

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

Sat 21st 5.30 pm Amelia McIlhennon (3rd Anniv)
Tues 24th 8 pm Anne O'Rourke (Anniv)
Sat 28th 5.30 pm Brian Conway (Jnr.) (1st Anniv)

St. James', Whiteabbey

St. Colman's, Greenisland

Sun 22nd 9.45 am Gerry Green (Anniv)
Wed 25th 9.45 am Eileen McLaughlin (Anniv)
Sun 29th 9.45 am Veronica Roberts (Anniv)

St. Mary's, Greencastle

Sun 22nd 12.15 pm Christopher McFarland (Anniv)

PARISH OFFICE will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year period. It will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020

Masses for Christmas & New Year

Vigils for Christmas:

Tue 24 Dec 5.30pm - Family Mass, St Mary's Greencastle
Tue 24 Dec 8pm - St Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

Christmas Day:

Wed 25 Dec 9.45am Mass St Colman's Greenisland
Wed 25 Dec 11am Mass St James' Whiteabbey
Wed 25 Dec 12.15pm Mass St Mary's Greencastle

Weekdays after Christmas

Thursday 26th Dec No Mass
Friday 27th Dec No Mass
Mon 30th Dec No Mass
Tue 31 Dec 7pm Mass Star of the Sea Whitehouse
Wed 1 Jan 11am Mass St Mary's Greencastle
Epiphany 6 Jan 10am St Colman's Greenisland & 7.30pm St Mary's Greencastle

Loughshore Parishes Draw: The January draw will take place after mass in St Colman's on 5th January 2020.

The Welcome Organisation Christmas Appeal The Welcome Organisation is a local charity working to alleviate the distress caused by homelessness and rough sleeping, bringing a little dignity and warmth to lives that do not have the luxury of a home. Parishioners have been very generous over the last few years in supporting the work of the Centre by providing parcels of **new** clothing for these homeless and vulnerable men and women. The centre would be grateful for any type of new

clothing or footwear for either men or women. As always, cash donations are much appreciated if parishioners prefer. Please leave your gift/donation in Star of the Sea Church, Whitehouse for collection by **Monday 23rd December**. Thank you.

Raising Happy Healthy Christian Children.

Our coffee morning chats continue every Monday morning in St James' Parish Centre at 10.30am. This week we will be discussing the necessity of maintaining strong marriages amid the riggers just of family life. We will take some time for prayer, share some videos, blogs and stories and hopefully inspire and encourage each other! Looking forward to seeing you then. For further information contact Velvyn on 07759946171

6th January: ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND DEVOTIONS TO ST PEREGRINE:

We invite all who are sick and in need of healing to come to St Mary's Greencastle at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month where the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given and prayers offered for the intercession of St Peregrine, patron saint of those who suffer from cancer. All welcome.

29th December - Laganside Sinfonia presents 'Winter Dances'

in aid of Belfast Lough Sailability
Join Laganside Sinfonia for an evening of dance inspired music, including Saint Saëns' Danse Macabre, on Sunday 29th December at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall behind St. Bernard's Church, Antrim Road. Free admission with retiring collection in aid of Belfast Lough Sailability.

9th January - Cruse Bereavement Care: YOU can make a difference in the lives of bereaved children across NI by volunteering with Cruse Bereavement Care. APPLY NOW for the 2020 NI Bereavement Support Foundation (BSF) Course + Children's & Young People's (CYP) Elective. Must have at least 100 hours experience working with CYP, and be available for training weekends on: 8-9 February, 29 February, 28-29 March, 25-26 April, 16 May. For an application pack, contact: maria.mcentee@cruse.org.uk
Application Deadline: 9th January 2020. For more insights, see www.hopeagain.org.uk

11th January – St Dominic's Open Day: 9.30- 1.00 pm.

Principal's Address – 9.30 and 11 am.

Dominican College Fortwilliam - Open Day: 9.30am to 1.00pm. Principal's address 9.30am and 11.00am

14th & 15th January - Blessed Trinity College Open Evenings : 6.00pm -6.45pm, tour of Sports and Technology Facilities on our Antrim Road Site. Address by the Principal at 7pm followed by a tour of the Somerton Road Site.

A MESSAGE FROM CHRIST TO US THIS CHRISTMAS

If you look for me at Christmas
You won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of me,
Amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores,
And all the decorations.

But if you take a moment,
From your list of things to do,
And listen to your heart,
You'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came.
And you'll find me in the stillness,
As I'm whispering your name.

15th January – ST MARY'S NURSERY ENROLMENT

DAYS: invite you to an Open Enrolment Evening on Wednesday 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 noon on Thursday 30 January 2020.

16th January - Mercy College Open Night on Thursday 16th January for P6 and P7 boys and girls.

25th January – Children's Liturgy Development Days

The Living Church Office will host the second of three Development Days for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word on Saturday 25th of January here in our offices at 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. The day will commence at 9.30am and finish at 3.30pm. Development Days are designed to nourish, support, and resource, all those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish. Due to the popularity of these days, early registration is advised. As usual, there will be time for prayer, input, discussion and activities. There is no charge for the day and lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To book your place, please contact Caren at c.collins@downandconnor.org or ring the Living Church Office on 02890690920



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

Loughshore Parishes (St Mary's, Greencastle; St Mary's, Star of The Sea, Whitehouse; St James', Whiteabbey; St Colman's, Greenisland) Fr David Delargy, PP 9037 0845

St Gerard's Parish (St Gerard's, Antrim Road) Fr Kevin Brown 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