



# The Loughshore Parishes



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



2 March 2025

Temperance Sunday

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

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Links to webcam via parish website or [www.churchmedia.tv](http://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:* Gerard McGuinness, Breda O'Connor,  
Billy Heron

*Months Mind:* Selina Crangle

*Anniversaries:* Mary Fitzpatrick, Edna & George Picken,  
Elizabeth Logan, Margaret, Francie & Gerard Conn, Eileen  
Rainey, Charlotte McFlynn, Eilish Mohan, Paddy O'Kane,  
Carmel O'Connor, Myriam Hayes Jones, Michael  
McLoughlin, Alice Sheppard

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Whitehouse 5pm – Alice Sheppard anniversary  
Greencastle 6.30pm – Selina Crangle MM

Sunday St Colman's 9.30am – Myriam Hayes Jones  
anniversary & Carmel O'Connor anniversary

St James' 11am – Michael McLoughlin anniversary

Tuesday Whitehouse 11am – Confirmation - St James' P.S.  
and Loughshore Sacramental Class  
Greencastle 3pm – Confirmation - St Mary, Star of the Sea P.S.

## ST PEREGRINE NOVENA will be held on

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm in St Mary's, Greencastle.

## ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March is Ash

Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday at  
9.30am in St Mary's, Greencastle and ashes will be  
distributed. For Catholics, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
are days of fasting and abstinence.

## ASH WEDNESDAY INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 7.30pm in St John's Church, 444 Falls  
Road, Belfast, BT12 6EN, All are welcome.



## LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey  
in hope together". A short-term pledge is available  
via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for parishioners who  
wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living  
under the shadow of addiction

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in the  
parish who received the sacrament of  
reconciliation for the first time this week.



## RECHARGE is a young adult group for those aged 18 to 35

- Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings.  
We will be meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore.



## CONFIRMATION

We would like to invite the parish community  
to pray for the children who will be celebrating  
the sacrament of confirmation this coming  
week. We pray that they feel the presence of  
the Holy Spirit in their lives as they journey into the future.



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## JUBILEE LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Fr Darren Brennan is recording a series of Lenten talks for this Jubilee year, which will be available on the Down & Connor

Facebook page each Sunday during Lent at 7pm.

Fr Darren has a wealth of experience in giving retreats and addressing adult faith formation. Maybe you could encourage others you know, who may have 'fallen away', to join on FB or YouTube.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. Within Down and Connor, Mass will be celebrated on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 1:00pm to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church.

## 'SING FOR JOY!' - A DAY OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus).

Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information please contact +447759496677/ info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

## LEGION OF MARY BIBLE STUDY

Don't just give up sweets this Lent. Come along to the Legion of Mary Bible Study, St Paul's Pastoral Centre, 125 Falls Road, Belfast. Starting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm and continuing every Tuesday of Lent. Light refreshments provided after session.

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis Conference and Retreat Centre, Larne, Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd March 2025. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Whiteabbey Methodist Church. All Welcome

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

## CONCLAVE: BEHIND THE SCENES AT VATICAN II

(Drumalis, Larne – Wednesday, 12 March from 7-9 pm) An evening with Brian McKee, Director at Drumalis, as he takes you into the politics behind the closed doors and the conversations in the coffee shops of Rome that eventually led to the Second Vatican Council. Tea/coffee/refreshments will be served. Voluntary donation.

To book a place(s), please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

## FOSTERING APPEAL

There is a desperate shortage of foster carers across the UK. Our faith teaches us that children need love and nurture. Unfortunately, this is not the experience of over 30,000 children each year who enter the care system. Having faith in fostering situations can be hugely beneficial for these vulnerable young people who may have experienced trauma, abuse and neglect. Our faith can provide them with structure, stability and a whole community to support the fostering family. If you think you could change a child's life for the better and welcome them into your heart and your home, contact your local fostering service today. It's easier than you think, you just need an open heart and a spare room. If you would like more information, please follow this link. <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/fostering/why-choose-us/faith-in-fostering/>

BINGO in the Pastoral Centre at St Mary's, Greencastle on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

BINGO in St James' Parish Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments and a ballot.



## CEILI AND SOCIAL NIGHT

in St James' Parish Hall on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 7pm till late.

Ceili – caller Paula O'Kelly. Dance & song with music by

Bobby Stinton. Supper will be served. BYO.

Ballot available on the night. Retiring collection to cover expenses. Local talent welcome on the night. Come and help make it a joyful St Patrick's celebration.