



# The Loughshore Parishes



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



9 March 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> 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

### EUCCHARISTIC 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)

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website: [www.loughshoreparishes.org](http://www.loughshoreparishes.org)

Links to webcam via parish website or [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv)

*The Loughshore Parishes is a member of a Family of  
Parishes, comprising the parishes of St Mary's on the Hill, St  
Nicholas', Carrickfergus and the Loughshore Parishes  
(Greencastle, Whitehouse, St James' & St Colman's)*

## REST IN PEACE

*Recently deceased:* James Donaghy, Gerard McGuinness,  
Breda O'Connor, Kathleen Howie Gillen, Oswaldo Navarro

*Months Mind:* Daniel Coiley

*Anniversaries:* Mary Toal, William Rea, Robert & Teresa  
Dallas, Charles Bleakley, Sam Wilson, Jean & John Lynch,  
Thomas O'Kane, Rose Devlin, Bridie Smyth, Eamonn  
Fitzpatrick Laurence & John McCarron, Patricia Cleary

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday

Greencastle 6.30pm – Bridie Smyth anniversary

### Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Eamonn Fitzpatrick anniversary

St James' 11am – Daniel Coiley Months Mind

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Greencastle £940.60, Whitehouse £1,902.79

St James' £1,443.04, St Colman's £1,014.50

### SECOND COLLECTION

Greencastle £406.30, Whitehouse £718.60,

St James' £119.65, St Colman's £180.00

### STIPEND

Greencastle £309.00, Whitehouse £709.83,

St James' £339.00, St Colman's £319.00

### SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Greencastle £70.85, Whitehouse £109.00,

St James' £20.00, St Colman's £50.00

## COMMUNION SERVICES

There will be no Weekday Masses this week. Communion  
Services will be held instead at the usual Mass times.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMMES:

**CATHOLICISM:** A Lenten course exploring the riches of our  
Catholic faith. In Holy Family Church on the Wednesday  
evenings of Lent, 7pm-8:30pm, beginning Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
March. All Welcome.

## WALKING IN THE STEPS OF JESUS THIS LENT.

A 6 week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels, and  
the lives of the Irish saints. From St Patrick's prayers on the  
mountain, to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives  
remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices.  
In Holy Family Church on the Wednesdays of Lent at  
10.15am.

## EVE OF ST PATRICKS DAY

### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION ATHLONE

Starts at 3pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Mary's  
Church Athlone N37 XP66

Jubilee Eucharistic Procession through Athlone's streets;  
Extraordinary Grace's for The Renewal of Ireland's Faith!  
5pm Adoration and finish with Holy Mass at 6pm.



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## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March, churches throughout our Diocese will remember and pray for all those affected by clerical and institutional abuse. The Loughshore Parishes Safeguarding Committee (PSC) works to foster a safe environment for those who are most vulnerable in our parish community.

We meet at least twice a year, and we have three main tasks:

1. To have a general overview of all parish activities, and keep an up to date list of all parish volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults
2. To advise all parish volunteers of the Safeguarding Code of Conduct and assist those who require vetting, in line with Down and Connor safeguarding policies and procedures.
3. And most important of all.....to ensure that every parishioner in Greencastle, Whitehouse, Whiteabbey & Greenisland knows what to do if they have a concern about a child or a vulnerable adult.

There are information leaflets and cards at the back of each church. The PSC would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parishioners who volunteer in any way to work for our church. Thank you for helping us to keep our church a safe place for everyone.

Pauline O'Brien	St Mary's Greencastle
Deepak Dineshan	Star of the Sea Whitehouse
Claire Kelly	St James', Whiteabbey
Patricia Mc Corry	St Colman's, Greenisland

**THE TRUTH RECOVERY INDEPENDENT PANEL** has been appointed by the Executive Office to carry out an independent investigation into Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses in Northern Ireland from 1922 - 1995.

We wish to hear from:

- \*Any person who has been directly impacted
- \*Relatives of those directly impacted
- \*Any person who has worked, volunteered in, or lived in close proximity to one of these institutions.

Can you help? Please get in touch:

Phone: 02890520263

Email: [testimony@independentpanel.org.uk](mailto:testimony@independentpanel.org.uk)

Website: [www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk](http://www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk)



## 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 [the Diocesan Facebook page](#) or on [YouTube](#).

## STEP FORWARD AS A PILGRIM OF HOPE THIS

**LENT** - As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. We invite you to join us for our Lenten program, Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus this Lent, a 4-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels and the lives of the Irish Saints who embraced faith in times of challenge.

Invite a friend, a family member, or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while. Your invitation could be the start of their pilgrimage of hope.

Everyone is welcome. Details as follows: -

Venue: St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

Dates: Wednesday 19th March; Monday 24th March;

Monday 31st March, Monday 7th April

Time: 7.30 p.m.



## ST PATRICK'S DAY TEA AT ST COLMAN'S

St. Colman's, Greenisland are holding a special St. Patrick's Day Tea after Mass on Sunday 16th March. All welcome.



## 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.

## PORTICO OF ARDS ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

The Portico of Ards is delighted to present two outstanding organ recitals: PETER STEVENS

From Westminster Cathedral where he is Assistant Director of Music: Sunday, 16th March at 3pm

OLIVIER LATRY From Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris where he is Titular Organist: Sunday, 1st March at 3pm

This is a rare opportunity, not to be missed, to hear two world class organists perform locally in the magnificent acoustic of Portico. Both artists bring exceptional talent and international acclaim to these wonderful, intimate recitals.

Tickets available [www.porticoards.com](http://www.porticoards.com)

## THE WEST BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The March meeting will take place on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North. The March talk is entitled:

"FAMOUS PEOPLE FROM ULSTER'S PAST WHO MADE AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD"

The guest speaker will be Mr CHARLES NEVILLE

Refreshments will be provided.