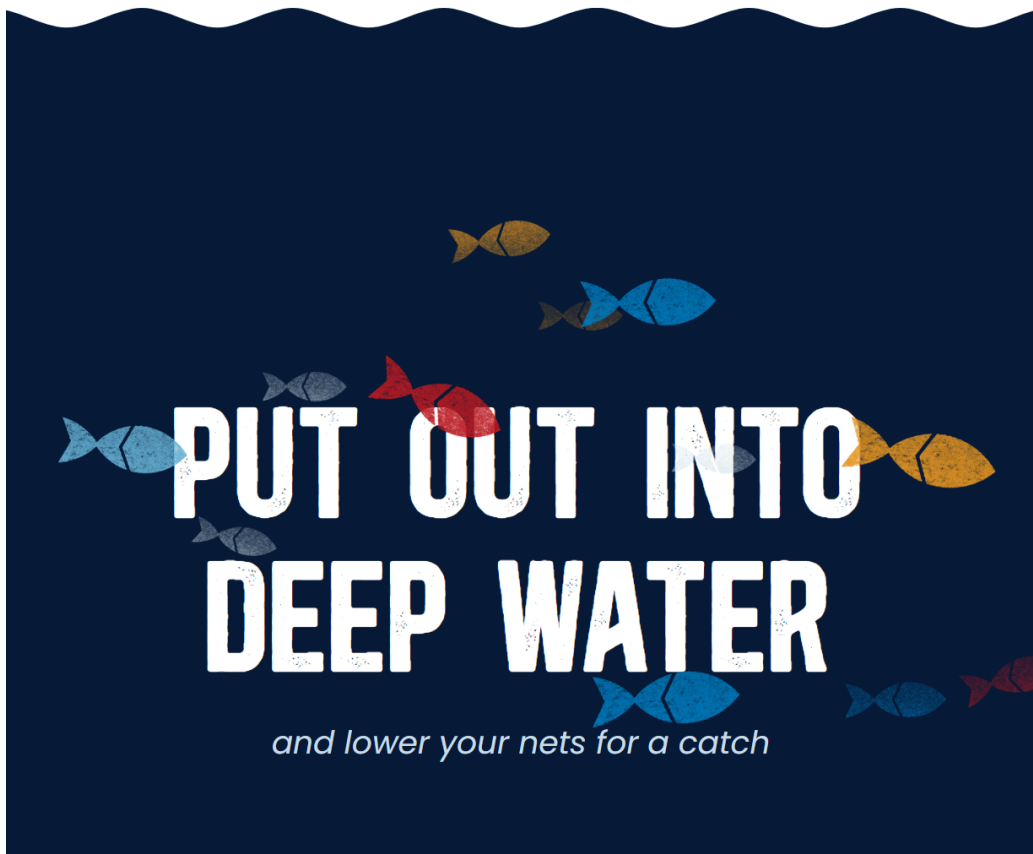


THE LOUGHSHORE PARISHES
& NET MINISTRIES IRELAND
2026/2027



*The Loughshore Parishes are seeking your help
in reaching out to our young people
and bringing them closer to God*

FUN, FAITH & FRIENDSHIP

A need has been identified, within the Loughshore Parishes, for a co-ordinated youth ministry. We are very grateful for the opportunity to have had a Net Team serving with us last year, and for all the welcome, encouragement and support given to the missionaries. It was a real blessing to see the fruit of their ministry in the parish.

We are delighted to welcome a new Net Team to the parish this year and we ask for your prayers for the Team as they encourage our young people to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church as part of a vibrant group within the parish that will offer them fun, faith and friendship.

NET MINISTRIES

Net Ministries are a non-profit Catholic youth ministry that provides opportunities for young people to encounter Jesus and grow in their faith through school retreats and parish-based mission. The organisation is involved throughout Ireland and across the world in challenging young Catholics to follow Jesus and to embrace a life of community in the Church. Their vision is to see communities transformed by Spirit-filled young disciples.

Missionaries come from every corner of the world to participate in the same mission of bringing young people to the Heart of Jesus. They have teams of young people who have the experience and expertise to provide a focussed approach in reaching out to young people and igniting in them a love of God and a desire to be more deeply involved in the life of the parish.

HAVING A NET TEAM IN THE PARISH

A team of Net Missionaries will be assigned to the Loughshore Parishes from September 2026 to May 2027. They will stay in the parochial house at Greencastle and will be giving up a year of their life to help awaken the young people in the parish, to make their faith fully alive and to set their hearts on fire.

The Net Team are focussed on prayer and community. They want to develop in our young people a sense of belonging to a faith community and to establish their Catholic identity as members of a worshipping praying community. They will be engaging with those young people who are already involved within the life of the church but also reaching out to young people in local schools and clubs who may not be currently involved in the life of the parish.

As you can imagine, there is a significant cost involved in accommodating and providing for a team of young people for nine months. We believe that this is a valuable investment in the future of our parish and our church. The young people of today will be the parents and grandparents of the future, and it will be them who will be handing on the faith and keeping the faith alive for future generations.

We are responding to the call from Christ to act boldly in faith and in hope that through our efforts, our young people will be encouraged to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church and we really hope that our parishioners will support this exciting initiative.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

- * Would you be in a position to make a regular monthly contribution to support this initiative?
- * Or could you make a one-off donation?

Donations should be made to the account of St Mary's, Greencastle, using the reference NET TEAM.

The parish bank account details are below:

Name of bank: Danske Bank, Donegall Square West

A/c name: Diocese of Down and Connor Parish of Greencastle

Sort code: 95 06 79

Account number: 60278823

To find out more about Net Ministries, visit their website at <https://www.netministries.ie/>

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