



The Loughshore Parishes



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



30 November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

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:

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse: Tuesday 7.00pm
St Mary's, Greencastle: Wednesday 9.30am
St Colman's: Thursday 10.00am
St James': Friday 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER & COMMUNION SERVICE

St Colman's: Monday 10.00am

ST PEREGRINE'S NOVENA:

First Monday of the month at 7.00pm in St Mary's, Greencastle

NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR:

Every Tuesday at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

EUCARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Wednesday in St Mary's, Greencastle – 10.00am – 1.00pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

After 10.00am Mass on Friday in St James'

DIVINE MERCY EVENING – Rosary, preaching, healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on the second Friday of the month 7.00pm – 9.30pm St James' Church.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are taking place on Saturdays in St James', Whiteabbey. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Parish Priest:

Fr. David Delargy

Parish Office:

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(open Mon – Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm)

E-mail: loughshore@downandconnor.org

website: www.loughshoreparishes.org

Links to webcam via parish website or 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: Sheila Daly, Fearghal Morgan, Margaret McAdorey, Robert McGuinness

Anniversaries: Hugh & Monica Donnelly, Paul Tomlinson, Catherine (Cassie) Gillen, Sheila Hughes, Elizabeth Smyth (11th)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday St Colman's 9.30am – Hugh & Monica Donnelly anniversaries
St James' 11am – Paul Tomlinson anniversary

YOUTH CORNER

YOUNG ADULT FAITH STUDY

Join the NET Team each Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm for a young adult (16-30) Faith Study at St. Mary's Greencastle Parish Hall. This is a time for growing in faith, building fellowship, and having fun! The last one of the year is 10th December.

ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Thursday 7 - 8pm in St James'. All welcome!

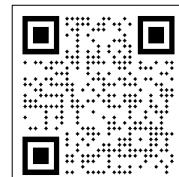
YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

Every Friday 7pm – 8pm St Mary's, Greencastle. Ages 16 – 30. Refreshments afterwards.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - For children (P1 – P6) at the Vigil Mass in St Mary's, Greencastle each Saturday and at the 11am Mass in St James' each Sunday (except on the weekends of Do This in Memory Masses)

YOUTH FOLK GROUP

Coming to the Loughshore Parishes in the New Year is a youth folk group/choir! Gather weekly to practise. Play at occasional masses throughout the Loughshore Parishes. In need of young musicians and singers. No experience needed to be a vocalist. For all secondary school aged youth (ideal age range of 13-19) interested or wanting more information, scan the QR code and fill out [the interest form](#).



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesdays at St James' Church from 7 – 7.45pm. For likeminded women of God to come together and read scripture and build community. All ages welcome.

THEOLOGY INTRODUCTION

On Wednesdays at 6.15pm, classes are in the parochial house at St Mary's, Greencastle, for those who want to develop a deeper understanding of the faith.



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ST PEREGRINE NOVENA will be held on Monday 1st December at 7pm in St Mary's, Greencastle. Following the St. Peregrine Novena, to commence the Christmas Season, members of the choir will be hosting a Christmas themed cup of tea in the Pastoral Centre. We look forward to seeing you there. 



MEN'S ROSARY HIKE Join us on Saturday 6th December at 1pm, meeting at Belfast Castle Car Park

SISTERHOOD SATURDAY - Join us for a Christmas Crafts activity at Greencastle Parish Hall on Saturday 6th December at 1.30pm.

HEALING VENEZUELA

December 2nd and 3rd 2025, Giving Tuesday Campaign in aid of **Healing Venezuela**. This 36-hour event features donation matching through Global Giving. This year, we're raising funds for Venezuelan Junior Doctors to help dedicated young physicians gain the advanced skills needed to serve their communities. Without access to specialised training, many talented doctors cannot provide the critical care their patients desperately need. More information about this programme at www.healingvenezuela.org

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will take place in Holy Family Church on 6th December.

10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions. Act of Consecration, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet.
11am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

SPECIAL MASS FOR MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS

Catholic Mothers Ireland are hosting a special Mass on **Tuesday, 9th December at 6:30pm in St Malachy's Church, Armagh** to mark the end of their 10-year Anniversary celebrations. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin. All are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for mothers and grandmothers. For more information, please email: catholicmothers@outlook.ie

FIAT DISCERNMENT GROUP

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending please email womendiscern@corkandross.org

CAROL SERVICE

The Loughshore Parishes Carol Service will be on Sunday 14th December at 4.30pm in St James'.



VOICES & BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse on Friday 12th December at 7.30pm. Recommended donation is £15 per ticket. Tickets available from the Parish Office and from the sacristans. All funds raised will go towards our Youth Ministry.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2026

Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ.
29th May 2026 - 7 nights. £850 per person sharing.
For more information, contact Joe Catney 07776425631

STELLA MARIS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Join the inaugural Stella Maris Lourdes Pilgrimage: Mon 25th – Sat 30th May 2026. We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals). To register your interest, or request further information please contact:
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CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

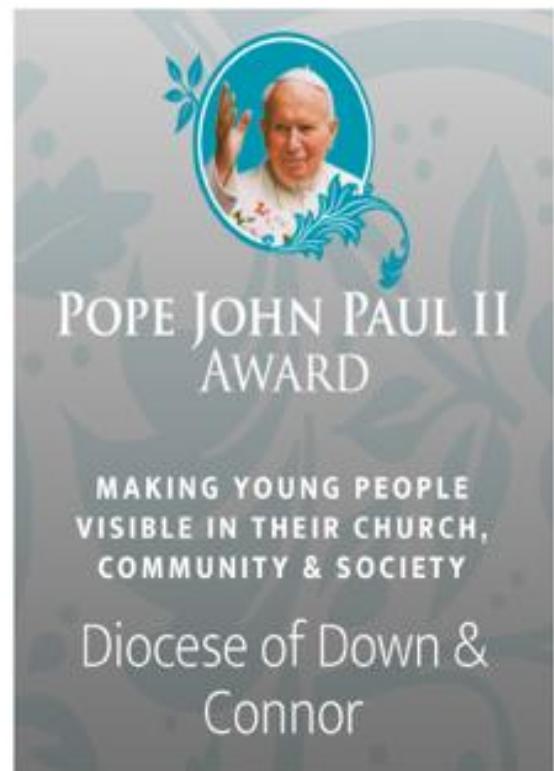
SVP and the Hall committee are hosting a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Sunday 7th December at 2pm in St James' Parish Hall. All seniors from the Loughshore Parishes are welcome. Please give your name to any member of SVP or Cathy.

ST NICHOLAS' REPOSITORY SHOP will be in St Mary's, Greencastle after 6.30pm Mass on 29th Nov and in St Colman's after 9.30am Mass on 7th December.

OPEN NIGHT
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
UNIT OPEN NIGHT
Thursday 4th December 2025 6pm – 7pm.
All welcome. www.stjamesps.co.uk

The Pope John Paul II Award is for anyone between the age of 16 and 18.

The Award is non-competitive, flexible and voluntary and requires an ongoing commitment. Awards are earned by taking part in parish and social activities – 1 hour per week over 8, 14 or 20 weeks. There are 3 Awards – Gold, Silver & Bronze. Those that have completed the Gold Award have a further option of completing the Papal Cross Award.



See diocesan website on <https://thepopejohnpauliaward.com/down-and-connor/>

**Information event for Loughshore Parishes
12 noon in St. James' Parish Hall conference room
Sunday 14th December**

Join up and join in!!!!
(£20 registration fee)

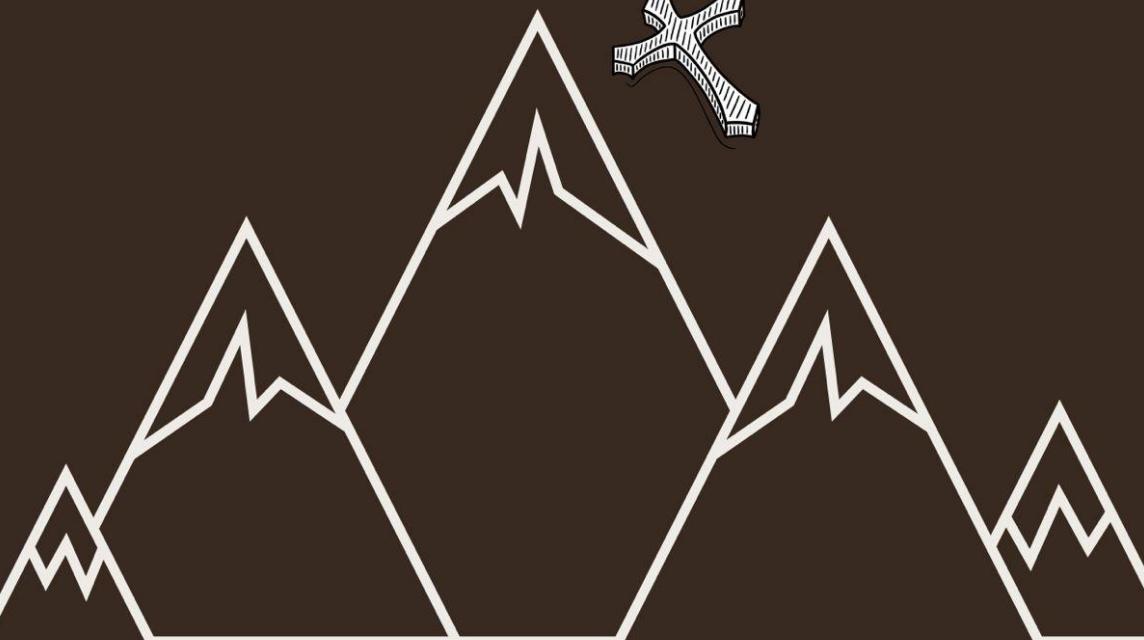
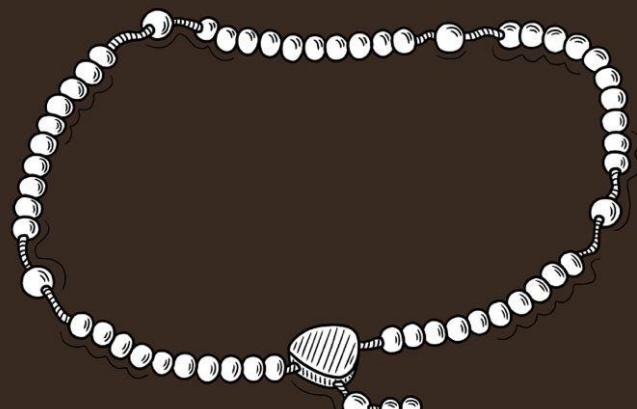


MEN'S HIKE & ROSARY

OPEN TO ALL MEN OF THE LOUGHSHORE PARISHES

HIKING UP CAVE HILL ON 6/12/2025 AT 1:00PM

MEETING AT BELFAST CASTLE CAR PARK 3, J3V4+3W, BELFAST BT15 5GR
THAT'S THE CAR PARK RIGHT NEXT TO BELFAST CASTLE





2025 GIVINGTUESDAY CAMPAIGN

DECEMBER 2 - 3, 2025

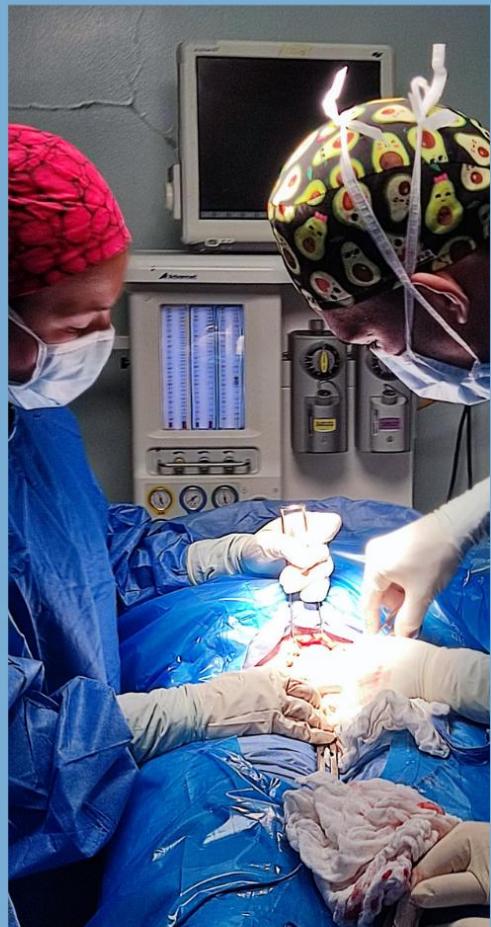


INSPIRE HOPE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SAVE A LIFE !

TOGETHER, WE CAN
HEAL A NATION
ONE ACT OF KINDNESS
AT A TIME

**GIVING
TUESDAY**





St Mary's Nursery School

822 Shore Road, Newtownabbey BT36 7DG Tel: 02890 774302
Email: info@stmarysnurseryschool.com Website: www.stmarysnurseryschool.com
(at the bottom of Gray's Lane)
(beside St Mary's Church Greencastle)

Admissions 2026

All applications must be submitted on or before 12.00 noon on Wednesday 21st January 2026

* Open Afternoon *

Tuesday 9th December 2025

2.15pm - 3.15pm

* Open Evening *

Wednesday 14th January 2026

7.30pm - 8.30pm



If your child is in their preschool year please come along. Visit and meet our staff - two qualified Teachers and six qualified Nursery Assistants.

School Day - 9.00am-1.30pm daily
(early morning supervision from 8.30am).

Our school has been refurbished, repainted throughout and is purpose built with large classrooms, toilets and quiet rooms off, a sensory room and a hygiene room. We have excellent outdoor facilities - a safety surfaced playground, large outdoor sensory playground and a wonderful woodland area to explore!

We provide a stimulating, challenging curriculum where the children are
"Learning to love to learn!"

