



The Loughshore Parishes



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



6 September 2026

23rd 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:

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Wednesday in St Mary's, Greencastle 10am – 1pm

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.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay association of pious, Marian Catholics, who specialise in both prayer and work. They meet at 7pm every Friday in St. Mary's Church, Greencastle.

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:

824 Shore Road Newtownabbey BT36 7DG

Tel: 0289037 0845

(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: John Beckett (Virginia, USA)

Months Mind: John O'Hara

Anniversaries: Fr Samuel Kerr, Sr Margaret Mary Kerr, Sadie Mallon (6th), Maureen Sullivan (5th), Michael Keenan, Tony Thompson, Hugh Patrick Reeves, Mary Lillis, Jimmy Lillis, Susan Rea, Daniel Rea, Liam Byrne

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Whitehouse 5pm – John O'Hara Months Mind & Sadie Mallon 6th anniversary

Greencastle 6.30pm – Sr Margaret Mary Kerr anniversary

Sunday St James' 11am - John Beckett (recently deceased; Virginia, USA)

Tuesday

Whitehouse 7pm – Maureen Sullivan 5th anniversary

Wednesday Greencastle 9.30am – Special Intention

MASS SCHEDULE

As the summer draws to a close, our Mass Schedule returns to normal this weekend.

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR AUGUST WEEKLY COLLECTION

Greencastle £930.50, Whitehouse £1,802.00, St James' £2,084.14, St Colman's £1,317.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Greencastle £309.30, Whitehouse £446.00, St James' £204.00, St Colman's £275.00

STIPEND

Greencastle £228.00, Whitehouse £736.00, St James' £340.00, St Colman's £382.00

CATHEDRAL FUND

Greencastle £65.00, Whitehouse £90.00, St James' £46.00, St Colman's £52.00

Thank you for your generosity.



BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS

Next weekend, 12th & 13th September, Fr David will be blessing the school bags of all children returning to school. We warmly invite the children and young people of our parish to bring their school bag to any of the Vigil Masses or Sunday Masses in the parish.

We pray for our children and young people as they return to school. May God keep them in His care. May the Holy Spirit open their minds to all that is true, beautiful and good.



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SEASON OF CREATION 2026

1 September–4 October

As we prepare to celebrate the first Sunday during the Season of Creation 2026, let us take action, individually and collectively

as parish communities, to care for 'our common home'. The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration which invites us to respond in hope and commit to positive action in meeting the challenge and responsibility of caring for creation—'our common home'. This challenge has been underlined by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* (2015) and *Laudate Deum* (2023), and by Pope Leo XIV in his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026. As we journey through the Season of Creation, let us each take one action to show care for our planet, 'our common home'.

Please visit the parish website to read the document from the Down & Connor Laudato Si' group.

[Laudato-Si-Season-of-Creation-2026.pdf](#)

OPENING MASS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION - Sunday 6th September at 6.00pm, St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast
Celebrant: Fr Piaras Jackson SJ, with interfaith contributions.

This Mass marks the beginning of the Season of Creation (1 Sept–4 Oct), a time when Christians worldwide commit to prayer and action for our common home under the theme "Living Water".

PETITION IN RELATION TO "SAFE" ABORTION DISPLAY

Belfast City Council wants to light up City Hall on September 28th to celebrate 'International Safe Abortion Day'. This is a deplorable misuse of a public building. There is no such thing as a 'safe' abortion. Tell Belfast City Council to cancel their plans NOW! Click here to sign the Precious Life petition:

[Stop Abortion Display](#)

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November) Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

A YEAR OF IGNATIAN PRAYER 2026-2027

There are a few places remaining on our immersive programme in Ignatian Spirituality, which returns on Saturday 26th September; offering ten in-person Saturdays (10am–4pm) in the Belfast Jesuit Centre and seven online Integrative Practice Pause Points to support prayer, discernment and reflective living. Open to those new to Ignatian Spirituality and those seeking to deepen their practice. Suggested donation: £200–£280. Bursaries available. For dates and registration, please visit: [A Year of Ignatian Prayer](#)

THE CHOSEN – SEASON 2 at Belfast Jesuit Centre

Weekly screenings of *The Chosen: Season 2* will take place each Friday at the Belfast Jesuit Centre.

Tea/coffee at **10.45am**, episode at **11.00am**, followed by a reflective Examen and discussion. All are welcome; no registration required.

Episode dates: 4th Sept, 11th Sept, 18th Sept, 25th Sept, 2nd Oct, 9th Oct, 16th Oct, 23rd October.

Contact: bjc@jesuit.ie or 07955 282371

DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG

Saturday 19th September. Leaving St Paul's at 6.30am. Returning to Paul's at 7.30pm. The day includes bus, boat, tea & scones on arrival, then a light lunch and retreat. Price for Retreat is £45 plus the bus price determined on the uptake. Telephone St Paul's Parish Office on 028 90325034 Monday - Thursday.

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 14th September 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

WOLFE TONES GAC returns this Autumn with their Babymentals Programme. 6 week sessions starting Saturday 26th September in St James' Parish Hall 10.30am - 11.30am.

Babymentals is a nursery programme for children aged 2-4 yrs old introducing Gaelic Games through simple, playful and fun activities while building confidence and friendships. Course is free but parents can make a small donation if they wish.

Check out the Facebook page for easy sign up:

[CLG WolfeTones](#)



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Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 10:30-16:30

St. James' Church Hall

452-456 Shore Rd, Whiteabbey, Newtownabbey, BT37 0AA

Cost: £20

For more information, contact:

loughshore@downandconnor.org, (028) 9037 0845

**Registration from 10am. Please bring a packed lunch,
refreshments will be provided.**

**Workshop will conclude with celebration of
Mass in St Mary's, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse at 5pm.**



Ian Callanan is one of Ireland's leading composers of liturgical music. For more than 20 years, Ian has travelled throughout Europe and the United States as a concert performer, workshop speaker, and retreat leader. Ian is well known for his ability to get people excited about being music ministers. During the workshop, you will be brought on a musical journey. You will learn a whole new repertoire of music to complement your existing one. The practical advice which you will gain will stand with you throughout your music ministry, whether you are a choir member or a director.

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Pioneer Gathering

*Renewing the Pioneer Association
— in Down & Connor —*

Holy Family Gathering Space

Holy Family Church
Newington Avenue, Belfast



SUNDAY
27 SEPTEMBER



3.00 pm

☘ All Pioneers Welcome! ☘

St Colmcille's
Laudato Si' Group

in association with **trōcaire**

— invite you to join us for —

Heroes *for* Humanity

—  —
A series of workshops exploring
the principles of Catholic Social Teaching
through the lives of *four remarkable individuals*.



Wednesday
9 September 2026
Saint Oscar Romero



Wednesday
16 September 2026
Sister Dorothy Stang



Wednesday
23 September 2026
Dorothy Day



Wednesday
30 September 2026
Martin Luther King Jnr



Each event will be in
St Colmcille's Parish Hall
191a Upper Newtownards Road,
Belfast, BT4 3JB



Beginning at
7.15 pm



Ending with a cuppa
around **8.45 pm**

All are welcome! ♥