



The Loughshore Parishes



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



7 December 2025

2nd 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

824 Shore Road Newtownabbey BT36 7DG

Tel: 9037 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: Maureen McCutcheon, Ciaran Logue, Gerard Clements, Sheila Daly, Robert McGuinness, Pat Shields (Dublin)

Months Mind: Fearghal Morgan, Margaret McAdorey

Anniversaries: Molly Fennell, Maura Gilmore, Sarah Rose Conway, Sheila Douglas, John McCarron Snr, Kathleen Nicholl (1st), William McQuillan, Dominic McCourt, Austin Donnelly Snr, Brian Dubois, Mary McFlynn, Tricia McFlynn, Jim Maguire

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Whitehouse 5pm – Dominic McCourt anniversary

Sunday St Colman's 9.30am – Kathleen Nicholl (1st)
St James' 11am – Pat Shields (recently deceased)

Monday Whitehouse 11am – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday Greencastle 9.30am – Requiem Mass for Gerard Clements

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday 8th December is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at 11am in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse. *There will be no Morning Prayer in St Colman's on Monday morning.*

Mass will be celebrated in our neighbouring parishes at the following times:

St Gerard's at 9.30am & 7.30pm

St Bernard's at 9.45am & 7pm

St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus at 7pm

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Greencastle £1,165.10, Whitehouse £2,781.94

St James' £1,092.34, St Colman's £928.50

SECOND COLLECTION

Greencastle £337.85, Whitehouse £544.00,

St James' £103.00, St Colman's £184.00

STIPEND: Greencastle £262.00, Whitehouse £802.00,

St James' £340.00, St Colman's £276.00

BISHOP'S COMMISSION

Greencastle £67.00, Whitehouse £55.00,

St James' £20.00, St Colman's £30.00

TUESDAY'S CHILD - FOLLOWING YONDER STAR CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Helping children exhausted by war, famine and extreme hardship in: Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Brazil, Tanzania. All donations received go to Catholic missionaries and diocesan priests caring for children. Visit www.tuesdayschild.ie



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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 this Wednesday 10th December.

ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Thursday 7 - 8pm in St James'. All welcome! Refreshments provided afterwards in the Parish Hall.

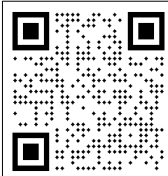
YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

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.

DONATIONS FOR NET TEAM

Thank you to all those who have made donations towards the cost of accommodating and providing for the team of five young people who will be staying in the parish until June 2026. The amount raised in the last month is £2,625.00. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We continue to need financial assistance to support our youth ministry team and very much welcome any donations.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Monday 15th December at 7pm St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

Tuesday 16th December at 7pm St Bernards' Church

Wednesday 17th December at 7pm St Gerard's Church

SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be taking place in Whitehouse & St James' this weekend.



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CAROL SERVICE will be on Sunday 14th December at 4.30pm in St James'.

RECHARGE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Advent Retreat

Aged 18-35? Join us this Advent to prepare well for Christmas but also for the future. Take some time to ask yourself: Where are you in life? Where are you going? Have you found your vocation? How can you live your vocation out more faithfully?

Saturday 13th December 10am - 6pm, St Colmcille's Church, Belfast Free Event - Register via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/quo-vadis-a-retreat-by-recharge-tickets-1758337688359>

RAISING HOPE – Conference Feedback Evening

You are warmly invited to a Raising Hope Conference feedback session on Thursday 11th December at 7.00pm in the Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall Street (also available via Zoom).

The Raising Hope Conference took place recently in Italy to mark the tenth anniversary of Laudato Si'. A group from Northern Ireland took part, including representatives from Down & Connor, Corrymeela, the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum and the Ulster Farmers' Union.

This gathering will share highlights from the conference and explore how its insights can inspire our local efforts to care for creation.

All are very welcome. Further info from Juanita Majury, jmamajury@gmail.com

ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL

Open Afternoon Tuesday 9th December 2.15pm - 3.15pm. If your child is in their preschool year, please come along.

ST MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY is from 10am-12 noon on Wednesday 10th December.



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St. Malachy's College



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th January 2026

7pm - 9.30pm



Principal's address: 8pm in the College Hall

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ST MARY'S on the HILL PARISH

VACANCY

PARISH MAINTENANCE OPERATIVE

St Mary's on the Hill Parish are seeking to recruit into the part-time role of Parish Maintenance Operative.

The role will be based at St Mary's on the Hill Parish, Carnmoney Road, Glengormley, Co Antrim, BT36 6JU

A sample of the responsibilities within this role will include:

- ❖ Ensuring the efficient and effective maintenance and repair of grounds, buildings, and facilities within St Mary's on the Hill Parish and liaising with outside companies.
- ❖ Carrying out maintenance when required in a safe, efficient manner.
- ❖ Ensuring the Churches and Parish grounds and other Parish properties are maintained to the highest standard, and that all who use them can do so safely and securely.

The terms are based on a permanent part-time appointment requiring 8 days of attendance per month, working 6 hours each day of attendance.

Days of attendance to be agreed with the Parish Priest.

Availability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time.

Rate of Pay - £13.50 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from St Mary's on the Hill Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 11 December 2025

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