



The Loughshore Parishes



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



27 April 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

2nd Sunday of Easter

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 James', Whiteabbey. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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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: Pope Francis, Bridget McAvoy, William McDonald, Susanna Hamill

Months Mind: Carleen Loughran, Edmund Lynch, Geraldine Davey

Anniversaries: Canon Brendan Beagon (1st), Colin McAleese (6th), Richard McCullough (2nd), Samuel McCracken, Robert Maguire

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Greencastle 6.30pm – Edmund Lynch Months Mind & Richard McCullough (2nd)

DIOCESE OF DOWN & CONNOR



BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ
BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR
WILL CELEBRATE

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS
FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
POPE FRANCIS
ON
WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025
AT 7.00PM IN ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL
BELFAST

ALL ARE WELCOME



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, 27th April 2025

St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast

Rosary (2:30pm). Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Mass (3:00pm).

St. Paul's Church, Belfast

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Reflections from St. Faustina's diary (2pm); Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Blessing of Image and Holy Mass (3pm).

St. Mary's Church, Belfast

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Divine Mercy Image and Divine Mercy talk (2:30pm). Divine Mercy Chaplet (3pm). Holy Mass (5pm).

Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast

Rosary (2:15pm). Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass and Blessing with relic of St. Faustina.

WEEKDAY MASSES - There will be no weekday Masses in the parish this week. Communion services will be held instead at the usual Mass times.



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21 APRIL 2025 STATEMENT FROM BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN ON THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

It was with great sadness that I received news earlier this morning that the Holy Father, Pope Francis has died.



I know that my sorrow will be shared by many people across the Diocese of Down and Connor, and across the world, who were inspired by the humility and humanity of Pope Francis, his personal conviction of faith and his pastoral ministry to the vulnerable.

In recent years, as a delegate on the Church's Synodal Pathway, I had the privilege of meeting Pope Francis who called everyone to the Gospel-inspired vision of a Church where, guided by the Holy Spirit, we journey together in faith.

Each Easter we celebrate and are reminded that, in Baptism, we share in the Death and Resurrection of Christ. In his Urbi et Orbi address yesterday, Pope Francis spoke these prophetic words:

"The Resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion... All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life."

Pope Francis exercised this ministry of hope, a hope that was firmly grounded in the assured presence of the risen Christ.

I know that parishioners across the Diocese of Down and Connor will now be praying that, with the Risen Christ of Easter, Pope Francis will be received into the loving arms of God whom he served so well.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - Come and join us on the 10th May at 4pm. at Our Lady of Mercy Grotto in St Oliver Plunkett's car park, Lenadoon, Belfast.

BELFAST STORIES

Join us for a discussion on Belfast Stories and the Christian Faith Community.

Wednesday 30th April 2pm – 4pm

Redeemer Central, 101 Donegall Street Belfast.

RSVP to belfaststories@belfastcity.gov.uk

More information on Belfast Stories is available here:

[Belfast Stories Public Consultation](#) | [Your say Belfast](#)

Join Us for a

Coffee Morning



Enjoy an enriching conversation on a vital topic: your gut health. We'll discuss the importance of gut and digestive health, and why they're key to achieving optimal and sustainable health.

SUNDAY, 27TH APRIL 2025

IN SUPPORT OF HEALING VENEZUELA

After 11 am Mass

St James' Parish Hall

Every cup makes a difference.

Healing Venezuela is a UK-based charity working to bring hope and health to communities in crisis. Your support helps provide:

- **Nutritious** meals for malnourished children
- **Clean water** to hospitals
- **Medicines**, birth kits, and essential medical supplies
- **Training and support** for young doctors
- **Sustainable food** projects for long-term impact.

All are welcome – we'd be delighted to see you there!

Donations of £10 will be sincerely appreciated.

ALPHA - St Colmcille's Parish Belfast is inviting you to their next ALPHA programme. It begins on THURSDAY 8th MAY 2025 at 7.00pm, in The Lampost Café, 19 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3HT. Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose. Come along and see what you think. All welcome. Contact Noeleen to register or make enquiries: n.dunn@downandconnor.org Please share with family, friends, and work colleagues. Your prayers for the programme are much appreciated.

CEILI DANCING is due to start back in St James' Hall on Monday 12th May at 7.30pm for 6 weeks.