



The Loughshore Parishes



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



14 December 2025

Bambinelli Sunday

3rd 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: Marie Clements, Gerard Clements, Maureen McCutcheon, Ciaran Logue

Months Mind: Sheila Daly, Robert McGuinness

Anniversaries: Hannah Doherty, Eddie Doherty, Patsy Doherty, Margaret Rolston, James Rolston, Maura Feenin (1st), Mary Scallan, Daniel McStravick Sr, Simon McStravick, Stanley O'Kane, Eddie & Katie McGurk

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Whitehouse 5pm – Margaret Begley anniversary

Greencastle 6.30pm – Robert McGuinness Months

Mind & Maura Feenin 1st anniversary

Wednesday

Greencastle 11am – Requiem Mass for Marie Clements

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Each year on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, our Advent theme turns to Joy as we draw close to Christmas. Families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure (Bambinello) from their crib to Mass for a blessing.



THE LOUGHSHORE PARISHES

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

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



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE LOUGHSHORE PARISHES

Christmas Eve

5pm Vigil Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

7pm Vigil St Mary's, Greencastle

Christmas Day

9.30am St Colman's, Greenisland

11am St James', Whiteabbey

NOVENA SERVICE

There will be a Novena Service on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse instead of a Novena Mass.



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NET TEAM EVENTS – CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Net Team will be away over Christmas and the weekly events below will not be taking place this week and will be recommencing when the Net Team return, on the week beginning Monday 12th January.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesdays at St James' Church from 7 – 7.45pm.

THEOLOGY INTRODUCTION

On Wednesdays in the parochial house at St Mary's, Greencastle at 6.15pm

YOUNG ADULT FAITH STUDY

On Wednesdays from 7pm – 9pm for a young adult at St. Mary's Greencastle Parish Hall.

ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

On Thursdays from 7 - 8pm in St James'.

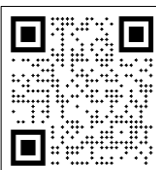
YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

On Fridays 7pm – 8pm St Mary's, Greencastle.

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)

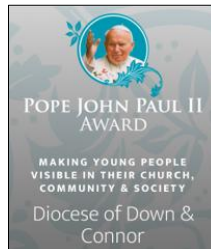
YOUTH FOLK GROUP

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](#).



TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE

'Gifts of Change' are gifts that transform lives, bringing real hope and opportunities to families and communities living in poverty. There are 24 Gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the 'Gift of Soap' for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. You can buy a Gift and help change lives this Christmas by going online at www.trocaire.org/gifts, calling 0800 912 1200 or visiting our office at 60 Berry Street, Belfast, BT1 1FJ.



POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

Information Event for Loughshore Parishes at 12 noon in St James' Parish Hall conference room on Sunday 14th December.

The Pope John Paul II Award is for anyone aged 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 & 20 weeks. There are three awards – Gold, Silver & Bronze. Those that have completed the Gold Award have a further option of completing the Papal Cross Award.

See the diocesan website on [Diocese of Down and Connor – Faith Achievement Award](#)

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

FOLLOWING YONDER STAR APPEAL

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

ST MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL

Open evening on Wednesday 14th January between 7.30pm – 8.30pm. If your child is in their pre-school year, please come along, meet the staff and visit our purpose-built Nursery School. All applications must be submitted by 12 noon on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Edmund Rice College on Thursday 8th January
Principal's address – 3.30pm & 7pm

St Dominic's Open Day on Saturday 10th January 2026
9am – 1pm. Principal's Address – 9.30am & 11.30am

Blessed Trinity College on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th January 2026. Principal's Address at 7pm

St Malachy's College on Wed 14th & Thursday 15th January 2026 7pm – 9.30pm Principal's Address at 8pm

Dominican College Fortwilliam on Sat 17th January
9.30am – 1pm. Principal's address – 9.30am & 11am

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE

Faith & Film: Christmas Screening at the Belfast Jesuit Centre

Thursday 18th December at 7pm

The Belfast Jesuit Centre warmly invites you to a contemplative evening of cinema, prayer, and conversation. *Joyeux Noël*, is a moving film based on the true story of Christmas Eve 1914, when soldiers from opposing sides laid down their arms and discovered one another's humanity. Through this powerful story, we'll reflect together on the mystery of Emmanuel - God with us; even in the darkest of nights. No need to register, just come along. Small donation suggested.

Venue: Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall Street, BT1 2FL

Contact: 077955282371 | bjc@jesuit.ie



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FAITH & FILM



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On Christmas Eve 1914, soldiers on opposite sides of the trenches laid down their arms and discovered one another's humanity. **Joyeux Noël** tells the true story of this extraordinary moment of peace amidst war.

We invite you to watch our chosen Christmas film with the eyes of your heart. Notice where Christ is present in unexpected places; and how Incarnation continues to break into our world today.

Join us for a contemplative evening of cinema, prayerful reflection, and shared conversation as we celebrate the mystery of Emmanuel - God with us - even in the darkest of nights.



JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FILM

SHOWING AT



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Discover the Enneagram – A Tool for Growth

Join us at the Belfast Jesuit Centre for a gentle, insightful introduction to the Enneagram. Nuala Prince will lead us as we explore how the Enneagram can deepen self-understanding, strengthen relationships, and support spiritual and emotional wellbeing.

📅 Friday 23 Jan (7–9.30pm) & Saturday 24 Jan (10am–4pm)



📍 193–195 Donegall Street, Belfast

💰 Suggested donation: £40–£55

☕ Refreshments provided; bring lunch on Saturday

Registration essential.

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ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP


23RD & 24TH JANUARY 2026

The Enneagram?

Nuala Prince returns to the Belfast Jesuit Centre to deliver this introduction to the Enneagram. This non-invasive system of nine personality types, blends traditional wisdom with modern psychology, offering a profound tool for self-understanding.

Learn to:

- uncover your unconscious motivations
- recognise the unique gifts you bring to the world
- gain insight into personality differences
- explore how stress impacts behaviour
- discover practical ways to return to health and balance.

 **FRI 23RD JAN: 7–9.30PM**
SAT 24TH JAN: 10AM–4PM


Who is it for?

Whether you're completely new to The Enneagram or have explored it before, this programme is for everyone. It's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding and apply its insights in fresh ways. The experience is also ideal for teams, as it promotes better communication, strengthens relationships, and enhances team dynamics by fostering mutual understanding. Come along and discover how The Enneagram can bring valuable growth both individually and collectively!

Suggested Donation?

To defray costs, we ask for a donation of between £35 and £50 per person. Paying the higher end of the suggested donation allows us to offer a subsidised place to someone who may be unable to afford to pay. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. Bring a packed lunch on the Saturday.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE

Explore Your Enneagram Subtype

Already know your Enneagram type? Take the next step with this one-day workshop at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, exploring how instinctual drives shape your personality and relationships. Discover practical tools to support both emotional and spiritual wellbeing

📅 Saturday 31 Jan 9.30am–5.00pm

📍 193–195 Donegall Street, Belfast



💰 Suggested donation: £35–£50

☕ Refreshments provided; bring lunch

Ideal for individuals, educators, and teams.

Registration essential.

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ENNEAGRAM SUBTYPES

31ST JANUARY 2026
9.30AM-5.00PM

Enneagram Subtypes

Nuala Prince returns to the Belfast Jesuit Centre to guide participants through the rich terrain of Enneagram subtypes. Building on the foundational nine personality types, this workshop explores how instinctual drives: self-preservation, social, and one-to-one; shape the expression of each type. This deeper layer of the Enneagram offers powerful insight into relational dynamics, habitual patterns, and pathways to growth.

Learn to:

- Distinguish between the three instinctual subtypes within your Enneagram type
- Recognise how your dominant instinct influences behaviour, relationships, and stress responses
- Explore the interplay between personality and instinct
- Discover practical strategies for balance and integration
- Deepen your journey of self-awareness and compassion

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Who is it for?

This workshop is designed for those who already know their Enneagram type and are ready to explore the next layer of insight. Whether you've recently discovered your type or have been working with the Enneagram for years, this session offers fresh perspectives and practical tools for personal and relational growth.

Ideal for individuals, spiritual directors, educators, and teams seeking to:

- Deepen their understanding of internal motivations
- Enhance communication and empathy
- Navigate conflict and collaboration with greater awareness

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE

Lenten Scripture Course with Fr Kieran O'Mahony: Learning from Matthew's Church Tuesdays at 7pm | Begins 3rd February 2026

This Lent, the Belfast Jesuit Centre invites you to a six-week journey into the Gospel of Matthew; our liturgical Gospel for 2026. Led by Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA of Tarsus Scripture School, the course explores Matthew's unique vision of church: a community navigating challenge, change, and mission. Each session will offer fresh insight into the Gospel's themes, including forgiveness, prayer, parables, and the call to discipleship. Whether you're new to scripture study or seeking deeper understanding, all are welcome.

 Weekly sessions: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar 3, 10

 Suggested donation: £80–£120 (sliding scale; subsidised places available)

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LEARNING FROM MATTHEW'S CHURCH

The Belfast Jesuit Centre is delighted to welcome back Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA of Tarsus Scripture School (tarsus.ie) to lead this Lenten course on Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel for 2026. Unique among the Gospels in its use of the word "church", Matthew offers a glimpse into a community wrestling with both internal tensions and external pressures; an orphaned group seeking its place beyond Judaism. Fr Kieran will guide us through the challenges faced by these early believers as they shaped structures for ministry and teaching, drawing out lessons that remain strikingly relevant today.



TUESDAYS @ 7.00PM

FEB 03

Emerging Churches:
Placing Matthew in the later first century

FEB 24

The Lord's prayer and the place forgiveness across the Gospel of Matthew

FEB 10

Matthew's Church:
Challenges and emerging structure

MAR 03

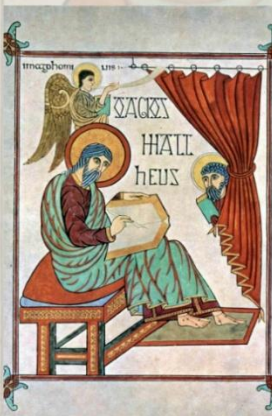
The parables of the end of time
(Matthew 24–25)

FEB 17

Jesus as Moses in Gospel of Matthew

MAR 10

Mission in Matthew's church:
the Mission Discourse (9:35–11:1) closing tableau (28:16–20)



COST

A DONATION OF
BETWEEN £80 – £120 PER
PERSON IS SUGGESTED

Our sliding scale helps keep courses affordable for everyone, while higher contributions make it possible to offer subsidised places to those who couldn't otherwise attend. Let us know if you require a subsidised place.

REGISTER

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(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!"



St. Malachy's College



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th January 2026

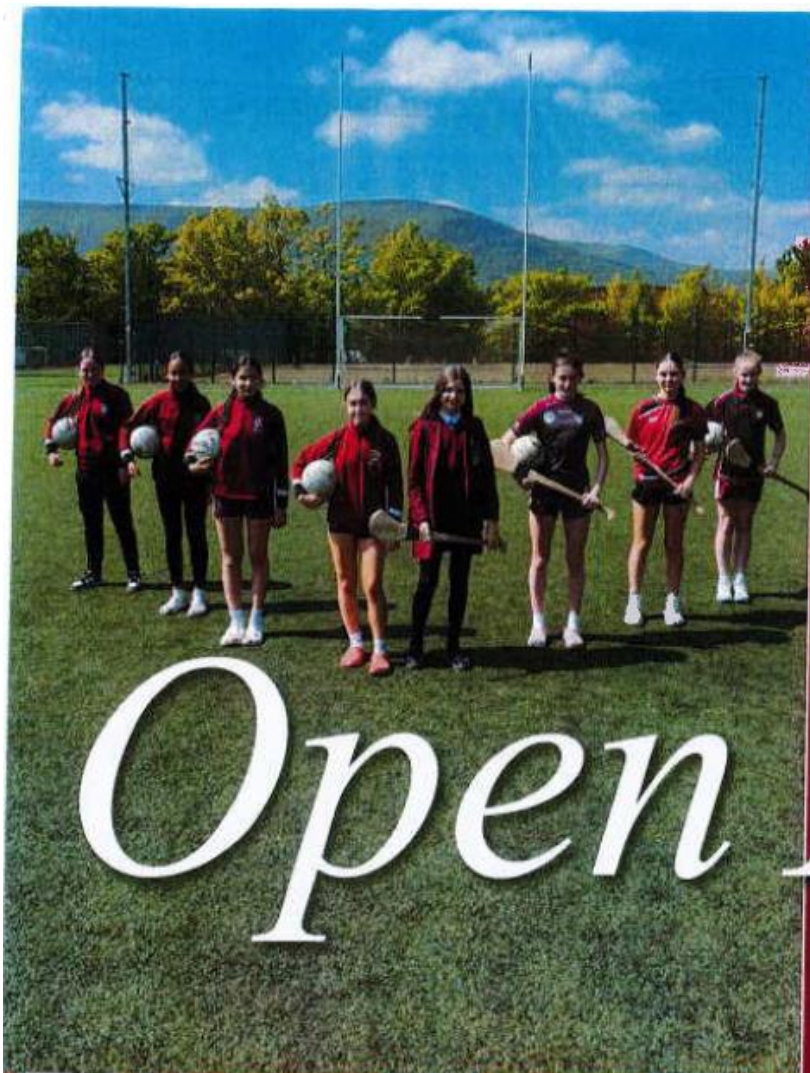
7pm - 9.30pm



Principal's address: 8pm in the College Hall

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Open Day

St. Dominic's
Grammar School
for Girls would
like to invite
P6 and P7 Pupils
to come and
join us for our

Saturday
10th January 2026

9.00am to 1.00pm

Principal's Address:
9.30am and 11.30am

Scan this code to view our video



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