



The Loughshore Parishes



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



21 December 2025

4th 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.

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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: Gertrude Delargy, Laura Cleary, Eileen Allen, Mary Clements, Gerard Clements, Maureen McCutcheon, Ciaran Logue

Months Mind: Margaret McAdorey

Anniversaries: Kathleen Gallagher Lavery, Mark Hayes, Seamus & Bridie Bonnar, Christopher Kelly, Amelia Mc Ihennon, Robert Gillen, Josie McAuley, Elizabeth Davidson, Patrick Cash (53rd), Annie McCullagh, Maureen McCarron (14th), Sarah Connolly, Leo Fegan, Stephen Fegan, Willy McAdorey, Christine McCoy

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Greencastle 6.30pm - Margaret McAdorey Months Mind

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Mark Hayes anniversary

St James' 11am – Kathleen Gallagher Lavery (3rd)

Tuesday

Whitehouse 11.30am – Funeral Service for Eileen Allen

Whitehouse 7pm – Christopher Kelly anniversary



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

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no 10am Mass in St James' on Friday 26th December.

THE CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year with Mass at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Sunday 4th January 2026. He would like to invite as many as possible, from across the Diocese, to join him for the Mass and some refreshments afterwards in St Comgall's Centre. While the Jubilee Year of Hope will formally close, the task ahead will be to carry its Message of Hope with us into the New Year 2026.

ADVENT PRAYER FOR FAMILIES



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Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need ever day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

Amen.

LAY FUNERAL MINISTERS

LEADERS TRAINING

Purpose

To have a dedicated, trained team of lay people who will be able to:

- *lead families in a time of prayer in the family home or at the funeral home
- *lead liturgies at the graveside for bereaved families at the time of committal of the deceased
- *lead liturgies at the crematorium for bereaved families at the time of committal

This dedicated team of lay ministers will ensure:

- *that families continue to be supported by being led in liturgical prayer during their time of loss.
- *that parish clergy, especially those in areas with large funeral pressures, will have access to a team of people to support them in the pastoral care of families at a time of bereavement.
- *that families have a wider pool of people to draw on to lead prayer when there are specific time constraints e.g. time pressures at the crematorium.

Training Dates:

Session 1: Thurs 22nd January 2026: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Session 2: Sat 31st January 2026: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Session 3: Thurs 5th February 2026: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Session 4: Thurs 12th February 2026: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Session 5: Saturday 21st February: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Training Location:

Diocesan Offices, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA.

For more information, please click on the following link
Lay-Funeral-Ministers-Guidelines-January-2026.pdf

Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Delargy if you would be interested in undertaking this training.

The Sign of Peace remains an integral part of the celebration of the Eucharist and has been reintroduced as a normal practice across the Diocese.

The customary expression of the Sign of Peace in Ireland is a handshake. However, other non-contact forms of the sign of peace such as a nod, a bow or a smile are also legitimate expressions of the Sign of Peace. No offence should be taken if someone prefers to express a non-contact Sign of Peace.

The Diocese encourages all to continue to exercise good hygienic practices, particularly over the Christmas season, and if they exhibit flu-like symptoms, they are encouraged to remain at home.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will take place in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road, on 3rd Jan 2026
10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
Confessions and Act of Consecration, Rosary and
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

11.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

HEALING VENEZUELA: JUNIOR DOCTOR PROGRAM

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent collection for the Healing Venezuela Junior Doctor program. Because of your incredible kindness, we raised a total of **£1,005.00** across our four churches. These funds will provide vital support to medical professionals working under challenging conditions. Thank you for your continued compassion.

WHITEHOUSE SVP APPEAL

The Whitehouse SVP Conference would like to express its sincere gratitude for the recent appeal, which reached a wonderful total of **£1,525.00**. This vital work, supporting the most vulnerable members of our local community, is only possible because of your unwavering generosity. You are helping us bring hope and practical aid to those in need.

ST MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas art competition. Your lovely art is now on display in St Mary's, Greencastle. Well done!

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED from Wednesday 24th December until Tuesday 30th December.

LITURGICAL 'SIGN OF PEACE'