



The Loughshore Parishes



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



3 May 2026

5th 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:

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

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(open Mon – Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm)

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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: Frank McGlone, Mary Patricia (Pearly) Douglas, Angela Morgan, Gerry McFarlane

Months Mind: Peggy Taplin

Anniversaries: Mary Crooks, James Bleakley, Mary McMullan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Whitehouse 5pm – Peggy Taplin Months Mind

ST PEREGRINE NOVENA will be held on Monday 4th May at 7pm in St Mary's, Greencastle. The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be given to all the sick who wish to receive it.

YOUTH CORNER

FAITH STUDY Wednesday 7pm – 9pm St Mary's, Greencastle Parochial House. Building community, reading scripture, a shared meal and prayer & reflection.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - For children (P1 – P7) at the Vigil Mass in St Mary's, Greencastle each Saturday and at the 11am Mass in St James' each Sunday. (*except on weekends when there are Children's Masses).

YOUTH MASSES – There will be Youth Masses at all Masses this weekend, 2nd & 3rd May.

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesdays after the Novena Mass in the hall at Whitehouse. For likeminded men of God (18+) to come together and read scripture and build community.

HOLY SPIRIT NIGHT

Thursday 7th May 7 – 8.30pm in St James', in place of the regular Praise and Worship

FAMILY FUN DAY hosted by Net Ministries at St. Colman's on Saturday, 9th May. From 12pm – 2pm. Tea, food, games & activities. Come along and join the fun.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

OCNNI level 2 certificate in Youth Work Practice, starting 28th May 2026.

For further information, please contact Pathways to the Future Office. Tel. 028 9069 0920

Email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org



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ST GERARD'S ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

"Living our Baptism today" - St Gerard's

Parish Church Monday 11th - Tuesday 19th May 2026
Monday to Friday 9.30am and 7.30pm, Saturday
9.30am and 6.30pm, Sunday **10.30am*** and 7.30pm

***Please note this is a change to the time advertised in last week's bulletin.**

ROSARY AT BAWNMORE

The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays during May at Bawnmore Park at **5.30pm** on Tuesday 5th May and at **6pm** on the following Tuesdays during May.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday 16th May, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. Bishop Shomali from Bethlehem will offer a message of hope at 11am and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg.

Date: 19th – 21st June 2026. The bus will depart from St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street. Cost £100.

To book, contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

On Saturday 16th May 2026, you're invited to stand as a public witness for our faith at St Oliver Plunkett Church car park, Glenveagh Drive, Lenadoon, Belfast at 4pm. Please join us.

STANDING IN THE BREACH – CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT on Saturday 9th May 2026

9am– 1pm at Portglenone Monastery

A powerful half-day retreat for men centred on our call to holiness: "*Be holy, for I am holy*" (1 Peter 1:16).

Join other men for a morning of straight-talking teaching, prayer, and real-life testimonies, led by Fr Andrew Black. This is a call to step up, take responsibility, and live the faith with courage in today's world. Includes prayer, teaching, testimonies, and tea & coffee with time to connect. For more information or to attend, contact Thomas Carey – 07967 620435

sean@catholicminute.co.uk

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday 4th May.

ADULT SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

(VIRTUAL) 5th May at 6:30pm

Suitable for: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, bereavement ministers, visitation teams and similar roles.

Duration: Approximately 2 hours.

Link to book: [5 May 2026- Introduction to Adult Safeguarding Virtual Awareness Session – Fill in form](#)



ST JAMES' MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT

Thank you to all who were involved in organising and all who attended the wonderful evening of cultural celebration and community fellowship in St James' Hall on 25th April. The total amount raised for St James' Parish Hall was a staggering **£2,654.20**. Thank you all for your support.

ANNUAL PARISH SVP SUMMER BUS RUN

The annual Parish SVP summer bus run is arranged for Saturday 6th June, departing at 11.30am and returning for 7pm. Buses will depart from Star of the Sea, Whitehouse and St James' Church. Destination is Portstewart and Portrush with lunch at Cromore Halt.

The cost of the outing is £20 per person and members of SVP will take names with menu choices after weekend Masses 2nd/3rd May. Final date for names is weekend of 9th/10th May and money must be paid at time of booking to secure a place.

THE CHOSEN — Friday Mornings (May & June):

The Belfast Jesuit Centre will host weekly screenings of *The Chosen* (Season 1) on Fridays at 10.45am, beginning 8th May and continuing through June. Tea/coffee at 10.45am - episode begins @ 11am sharp, followed by a short Examen and discussion. Sessions end at 12.15pm, with the option to remain for Mass at 12.30pm. All are welcome. To register visit: www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk or email bjc@jesuit.ie

THE MCCOSH LECTURE: SCIENCE, FAITH & CLIMATE ACTION

Join world-renowned scientist Professor Katharine Hayhoe at Queen's University Belfast for a landmark talk on bridging the gap between science and spirituality. Prof Hayhoe, Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy and one of *TIME*'s 100 Most Influential People, believes the most powerful tool for climate action is conversation.

Date: Wednesday, 6th May 2026 Time: 2:30-4.30

pm Location: Canada Room, Lanyon Building, QUB

Tickets: [Free on Eventbrite](#)



Catholic Youth Ministry OCNNI LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE in YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

Youth Link in partnership with the Diocese of Down and Connor have secured funding from the Education Authority to deliver Catholic Youth Ministry training and the accredited **OCNNI Level 2 in Youth Work Practice** qualification to parish volunteers new and experienced in youth ministry.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS COURSE APPLICANTS MUST:

- Must be 17+ years old
- Must be working or volunteering in a church/faith-based setting.
- Must have access to a laptop/tablet for hybrid learning
- willing to learn and have fun along the way! Limited places, sign up soon!



The course will be delivered in a mixture of in person sessions on Saturdays and Mid-week sessions online. Saturday Training days will be at Youth Link Premises at 638 Springfield Road, Belfast.

Saturday in-person Training Days
(9:30am-4:30pm)

1. Saturday 30th May - Values and principles of youth work & Developmental needs of young people
2. Saturday 13 June 2026 - Communication skills, safeguarding & group development
3. Saturday 27 June 2026 - Facilitating & evaluating youth ministry programmes

Mid-week Sessions (7:00-9:00pm)

Online links to session will be sent out.

1. Thursday 28 May 2026 - Introduction, theological reflection & role of the youth worker
2. Thursday 4 June 2026 - Values & principles of youth work
3. Thursday 11 June 2026 - Developmental needs of young people
4. Thursday 18 June 2026 - Planning youth ministry activities

Additional support will be provided to those that haven't studied for a while or need some help getting youth ministry established in their parish.

Catholic Youth Ministry Training
OCNNI Level 2 Youth Work
Practice Reaistration Form



Scan for
Application
Form!



For Further information please contact

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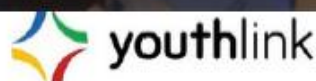
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ANNUAL NOVENA

TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

“Living our Baptism today”

ST GERARD’S PARISH CHURCH, 722 ANTRIM ROAD

MONDAY 11th to TUESDAY 19th MAY 2026

Monday to Friday 9.30am and 7.30pm

Saturday 9.30am and 6.30pm

Sunday 10.30am and 7.30pm

St Gerard’s Parish warmly invite you to participate in our

Annual Novena in honour of

Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Visit www.stgerardsparish.org for more information

The CHOSEN



The Chosen is the first multi-season drama exploring the life of Jesus and bringing the Gospel stories to life. It started as a crowdfunded project and has become a global phenomenon - watched by more than 600 million people worldwide and translated into more than 50 languages. Viewers often speak of its humanity, its warmth, and the way it opens the Scriptures with fresh depth and accessibility.

Join us as we journey through **Season 1** in a gentle, reflective way. Each Friday we'll gather for tea and coffee at **10.45am**, begin the episode at **11.00am** sharp and follow it with a short gentle Examen and group conversation. We'll finish at **12.15pm** and those who are able are invited to join us for Mass at **12.30pm**.

Scan the QR code to register.
Small donation suggested.

8 TH MAY	I Have Called You By Name
15 TH MAY	Shabbat
22 ND MAY	Jesus Loves the Little Children
29 TH MAY	The Rock on Which It Is Built
5 TH JUNE	The Wedding Gift
12 TH JUNE	Indescribable Compassion
19 TH JUNE	Invitations
26 TH JUNE	I Am He





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National Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday May 16, 2026

To give thanks to God for all the blessings he showers on us, Aid to the Church in Need is delighted to announce details of our national pilgrimage to our Eucharistic and Marian Shrine at Knock, Co. Mayo.

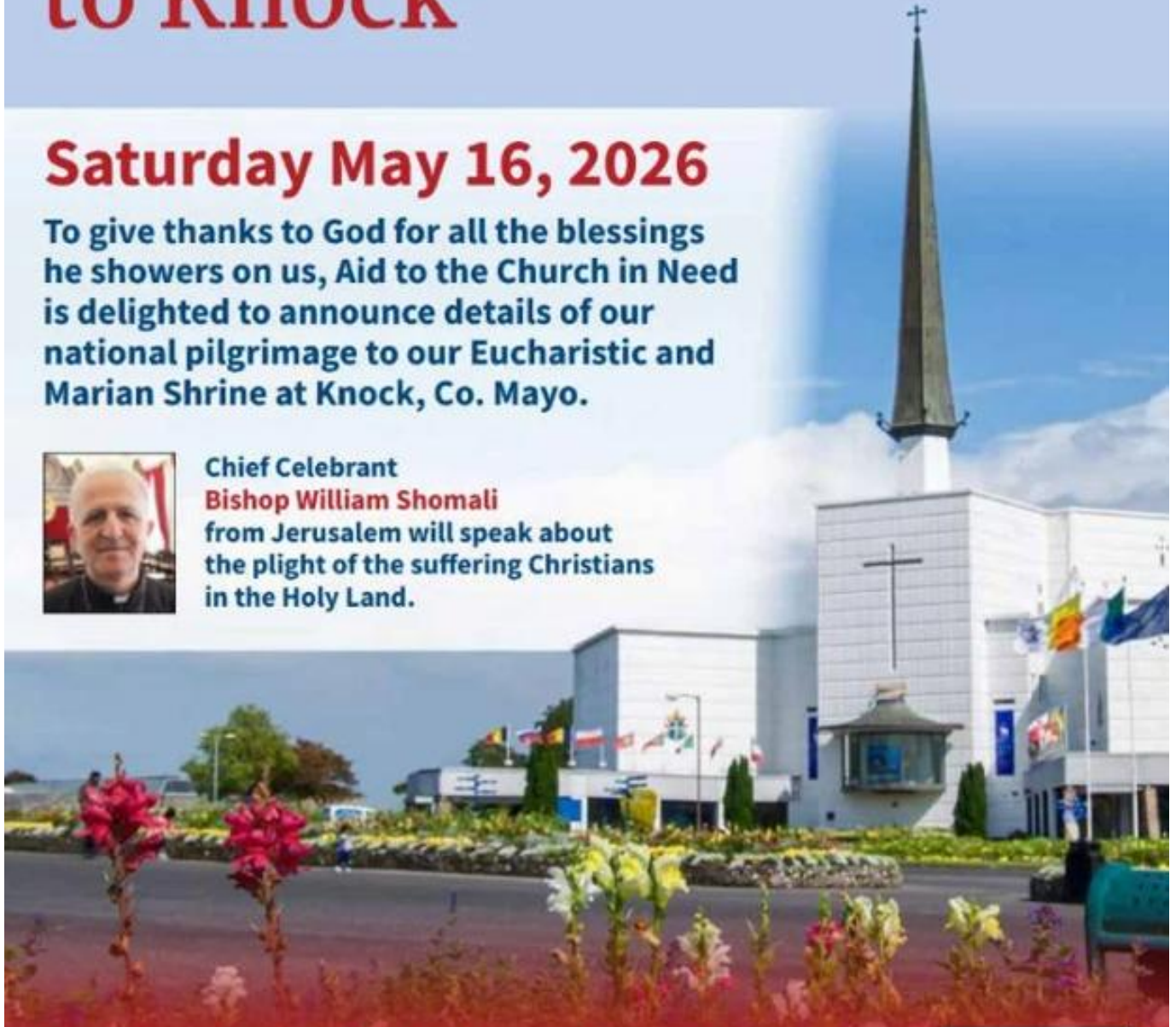


Chief Celebrant
Bishop William Shomali
from Jerusalem will speak about
the plight of the suffering Christians
in the Holy Land.

If you would like to find out more information,
or to organise a bus, please contact us by

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ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

On Saturday, May 16, 2026, you are invited to stand as a public witness for our faith. Simply gather your friends, family, and neighbours to pray the Rosary in a public square.

You don't need a massive crowd to make an impact. As Our Lord promised: "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



**At St. Oliver Plunkett Church Carpark
Glenveigh Drive, Lenadoon, Belfast.
At 4.00pm - Please Join Us.**



2026 Pilgrimage Season

A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply.

- Pope Leo XIV

Diocese of Down and Connor Three Day Pilgrimage

LED BY BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ AND JIM DEEDS

Friday 19th – Sunday 21st June 2026

Cost: £100pp

(Includes Island admission and bus transfers)

For further information and bookings contact:

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