



The Loughshore Parishes



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



28 December 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.

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: Elizabeth Crawford, Gertrude Delargy, Laura Cleary, Eileen Allen, Mary Clements, Gerard Clements, Ciaran Logue

Months Mind: Maureen McCutcheon

Anniversaries: Sally Conway (2nd), Brian Conway Jnr (7th), Phyllis Hughes, Alice Lenaghan, George & Esther Leckey, Veronica Roberts

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Whitehouse 5pm - Phyllis Hughes & Alice Lenaghan anniversaries

Greencastle 6.30pm - George & Esther Leckey & family anniversaries

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am - Veronica Roberts anniversary

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN

The Christmas message from Bishop Alan can be read on the parish website or by clicking on the following link [Christmas-Message-from-Bishop-Alan-McGuckian-2025.pdf](http://www.downandconnor.org/Christmas-Message-from-Bishop-Alan-McGuckian-2025.pdf)



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.

VOICES & BRASS CONCERT
Thank you to all those who attended the Voices & Brass Christmas concert in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse. Through sponsorship and ticket sales, the amount raised for Youth Ministry in the parish is **£6,768.00**. Thank you so much for your generous support. We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful evening of music and song.





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4 CORNERS FESTIVAL

The 4 Corners Festival seeks to inspire people from across Belfast to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. It consists of innovative events designed to entice people out of their own 'corners' of the city and into new places where they will encounter new perspectives, new ideas, and new friends. We celebrate our city through music, prayer, storytelling, discussion & more.

Winning Through Uncertainty

Date & Time 7.30pm - Monday 2nd February 2026
Location: St Comgall's - Ionad Eileen Howell, Divis Street, BT12 4AQ

About This Event

Sam Goodwin is an American entrepreneur, bestselling author and international keynote speaker known for his thought leadership on embracing uncertainty. His book, Saving Sam, recounts his experience of being taken hostage and wrongfully imprisoned in Syria. Sam speaks to audiences worldwide, from large corporate events to intimate leadership retreats, inspiring others to embrace challenges with resilience. Sam will share with us how his journey around the world has shaped him to be the person he is today.

[Register for this event.](#)

The Journey Toward Reconciliation: Racial Justice Sunday

Date & Time: 7.00pm - Sunday 8th February 2026
Location: St Peter's Cathedral, St Peter's Square North, BT12 4BU

About This Event

Stories of division, violence, and fear dominate our news cycles – both locally and globally. Discriminatory attacks against minorities and immigrants have become far too commonplace in Belfast.

It is easy to feel helpless and overwhelmed.

What can we do? And what is the church's role in fighting discrimination? Dr Jemar Tisby (PhD) provides tangible steps to take to fight discrimination and protect democracy, both for individuals and for church leaders. Join us on Racial Justice Sunday as we conclude the Four Corners Festival with a call to the onward journey toward love, justice, and peace in our city and beyond.

[Register for this event](#)

For information on all the events at the 4 corners Festival, please visit the website [Home - 4 Corners Festival](#)

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

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE

Discover the Enneagram – A Tool for Growth

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.

Lenten Scripture Course with Fr Kieran O'Mahony: Learning from Matthew's Church

Tuesdays at 7pm | Begins 3rd February 2026

Led by Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA of Tarsus Scripture School, this 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. 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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