

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 29th March 2026

Churches: St Mary's on the Hill & St Bernard's

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Devlin, Antrim Road

Jonathan McAleenan, c/o Fernridge Road

Michael Crowe, formerly Carnmoney Road

MONTH'S MINDS:

Joe McAuley

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan McGrinder; Belle O'Reilly; Ned McCarthy;

Pat & Mena Loughran; Denis Power; Isobel O'Connor;

Des McKenna; Patrick Deery; Brendan Cochrane;

Paddy Maguire; Paddy Laverty.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 28 th	6.00pm	Denis Power & M/M Joe McAuley
Sun 29 th	9.00am	Pat & Mena Loughran
<i>SMOTH</i>	10.00am	
	11.00am	Dan McGrinder
	12.30pm	Belle O'Reilly & 1 st Anniv Des McKenna
Mon 30 th	9.45am	Special Intention
Tues 31 st	9.45am	Ned McCarthy
Wed 1 st	9.45am	Isobel O'Connor
Holy Thursday	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & adoration afterwards in St Marys until 10pm
Good Friday	6.30am 3pm 7pm	Stations of the Cross Veneration of the Cross Divine Mercy (venerating cross)
Holy Saturday	9pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9am SMOTH 10am 11am 12.30pm	Mark, Sylvia & Madan Gupta Aodhan Gillen Billy Thompson



We welcome

Rua McCullagh

Ruby O'Kane

Marlie McCann

recently baptised in the parish.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2026-2027



The Offertory Envelopes are now available in St Bernard's for collection. If you prefer to contribute by Standing Order it is not too late to contact the Parish Office and they will send you a form. Standing

Orders help to reduce cost, administration and time spent on distribution - email

stmarysoth@downandconnor.org. Please give your full name, address and current envelope number if applicable.

We will then send you the relevant forms to action your standing order. **GIFT AID** If you pay income tax please complete gift aid card and return it into the parish office.

G.I.F.T. 1 – AN INVITATION TO P7 PUPILS

Our GIFT Programme (Grow in faith together) is for P7

children who have received or

our preparing for the

Sacrament of Confirmation this

year. GIFT will take place over

Four Sunday evenings in April

& May in the Pastoral Centre,

19th & 26th April/ 10th & 17th

May 7pm to 8.30pm. Parents

should register online using

the QR Code. **LEARN MORE**

ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH GAMES & ACTIVITIES.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Check the parish website stmaryonthehill.online

Penitential Services

TUESDAY 31st March St. Bernard's 7pm

WEDNESDAY 1st April St. Gerard's 7pm

ONLINE COURSE – VIDEOS & SCRIPTURE ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES & ST PAUL'S LETTERS.

Check the parish website stmaryonthehill.online

PARISH COLLECTIONS MARCH

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£3299.30	£3618.29	£3299.33	£3495.35
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Needy Parishes	
£4181.30	£1085.90	£1211.29	

Thank you for your generosity

Holy Week 2026

	MORNING & AFTERNOON	EVENING
MON 30th Mar	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.30am Daily Mass 9.45 am	
TUES 31st Mar	Daily Mass 9.45 am	PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7pm St Bernard's
WED 1st Apr	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.30am Daily Mass 9.45am MASS OF CHRISM: ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL 12noon	PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7pm St Gerard's
	EASTER TRIDUUM	
HOLY THURS 2nd April	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u>	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7pm St Bernard's (Return Trocaire Boxes) ALTAR OF REPOSE quiet time of prayer in St Mary's on the Hill after mass until 10pm.
GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April	OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30am <u>NO MORNING MASS</u> THE PASSION & VENERATION OF THE CROSS 3.00pm. <i>Collection for the Holy Land</i>	<i>The Church will remain open after the Passion for individual veneration of the cross.</i> DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 7pm
HOLY SAT 4th April	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u> Confessions 9.30-10.30am SWIECONKA 12 noon St Bernard's	<u>NO 6pm VIGIL MASS</u> EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION <u>9pm</u>
EASTER SUN 5th April	<i>ECUMENICAL DAWN SERVICE 6.30am Belfast Zoo</i> EASTER MASS 9.00am St Bernards EASTER MASS 10am St Marys on the Hill EASTER MASS 11.00am St Bernards EASTER MASS 12.30am St Bernards <i>'Do this in Memory' Children's Mass</i>	

SWIECONKA

ST BERNARD'S HOLY SATURDAY 4th APRIL 12noon

Polish families prepare their Easter baskets for the traditional blessing.

The prayers will be said in English & Polish. Livestreamed at - stmarysonthehill.online

AN ONLINE COURSE ON THE EARLY CHURCH

(Do at home and/or join a parish group)

The Acts of the Apostles (by St Luke) & Letters of St Paul

“IF THEY COULD SPEAK”



**Check the parish website for information –
stmarysonthehill.online**

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 12th April 2026



**St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (2:30pm); and
Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast (2:15pm)
(*Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Holy Mass*)**

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage **to Knock on Sunday 19th April**

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Down & Connor Diocese details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie
Ring Una for bus leaving Toome, at 077 4357 5969
Patricia (Belfast bus) 07972 103 130
Patrick “ 07963 581 543

ST PEREGRINE NOVENA

will not be held on Easter Monday (6th April)
but will be held instead on
Monday 13th April 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.

RECHARGE

is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's Church
in East Belfast for 18- to 35-year-olds.
We meet twice a month to “recharge” our spiritual batteries
through prayer, intellectual formation and friendship.

All are welcome!

Dates for your diary for April:

- Tuesday 7th April @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar.
- Tuesday 21st April @7.30pm: Group Study course followed by social.