

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 4th Oct 2026

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Pat Sheehan & Fr Aidan Kerr

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Lorraine Carlin & Patricia Gillespie

Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Philomena Lawell, Archvale Drive

Kate (Mary Catherine) Cusick, The Cairn

ANNIVERSARIES

Maighread Corr, Jim McAuley, Renee O'Regan,
Pat Cunningham, Rosaleen Downey, John Darragh,
Noreen & Bill McKenna, Bobby Connolly,
Margaret Robinson, Grace Norton, Mary O'Neill,
Elizabeth & Robert Bonnar, Greta & Matthew Quinn,
Annie McKenna, Gerry McCann, Kathleen Lavery,
Irene Kennedy, Brian Cullen, George Taylor.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 3 rd h	6.00pm	Maighread Corr
Sun 4 th	9.00am	Rosaleen Downey
SMOTH	10.00am	Pat Cunningham
	11.00am	Renee O'Regan
	12.30pm	John Darragh
Mon 5 th	9.45am	Noreen & Bill McKenna
Tues 6 th	9.45am	
Wed 7 th	9.45am	Jim McAuley
Thurs 8 th	9.45am	1 st Anniv Grace Norton
Fri 9 th	9.45am	Bobby Connolly
Sat 10 th	9.45am	Margaret Robinson



We welcome

**Éabha Osborne,
Fódhla McGarry, Ruairi Rocks,
and Felix Davidson**
recently baptised in the parish.

ROSARY FOR PEACE
13th-21st October at 7pm
St. Mary's on the Hill

PARISH COLLECTIONS SEPTEMBER

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£4215.64	£4017.49	£4150.46	£4057.76
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Cathedral Fund	
4118.57	£1305.45	£1005.75	

Thank you for your generosity



SAVE THE DATE

The Good Brews Cafe in St Bernard's Parish Hall will be open again after ALL the Masses on **Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October**. Come along and enjoy a FREE beverage and some sweet treats in the company of friends - both those you know AND those you don't know yet!!

Looking forward to seeing you in St Bernard's Parish Hall



Blessed Trinity College Belfast

Would like to invite all knitters, crocheters and crafters to help our pumpkin appeal and donate handmade pumpkins for our craft pumpkin patch.

We are also inviting all parishioners to come along to our craft event on **Monday 19th October 3pm-4pm**.

There will be a range of knitted and crocheted pumpkins to buy and pumpkin art prints and paintings.

All proceeds will go to Marys Meals. Crafted pumpkins will be sold for £5 each. Each £5 will feed 50 hungry children in developing countries.

Please contact our school office if you would like any more information 02890 370665.

BEWARE OF SCAMS

If you receive emails or text from Fr Pat or Fr Aidan asking for financial help or amazon cards **IGNORE THEM**. The priests of the parish would never contact parishioners or parish groups asking for such help. These are scams. If in doubt contact the parish office and note the email address to be able to give it to them.

Blessing Service for Animals

**St Gerard's Parish Church, Antrim Road,
Belfast**

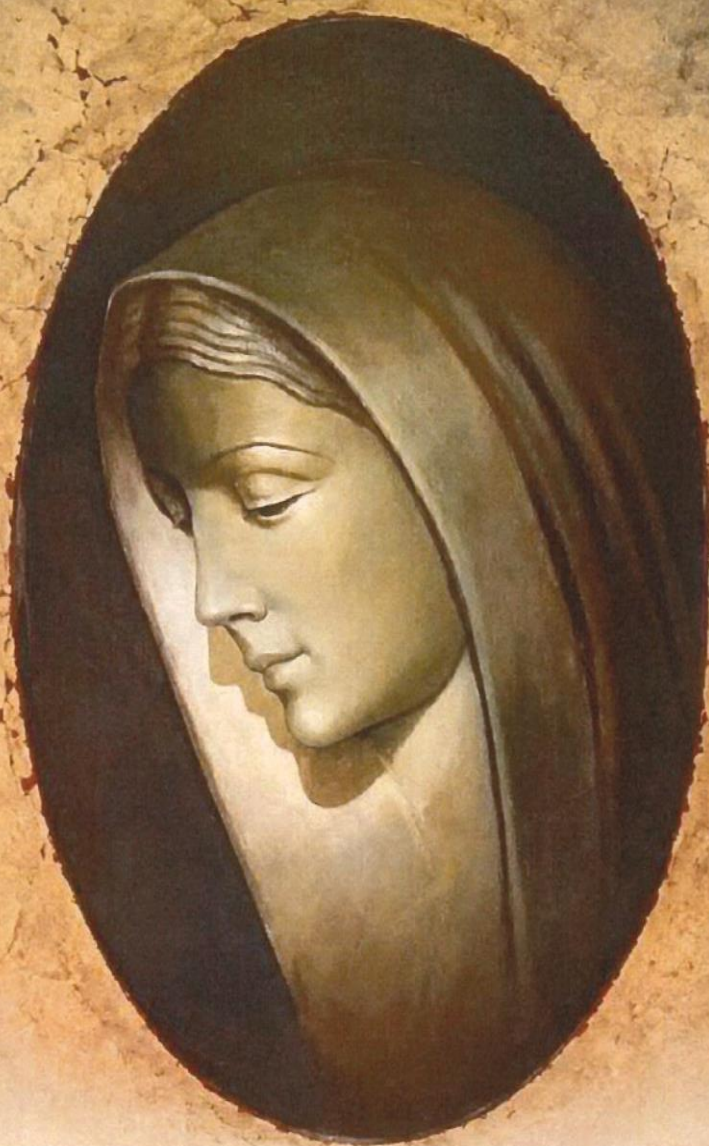
Sunday 4th of October 2026

At 3pm

All pets welcome to bring their owners.

Collection in aid of Crosskennan Lane Animal Sanctuary



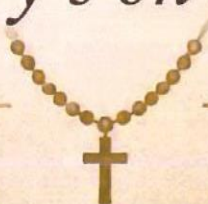


Rosary *for* Peace



13th – 21st October 7pm

St. Mary's on the Hill



GIVE BLOOD **Save Lives**



Northern Ireland
needs 1200 blood
donations per week.

**That's 1 every 8
minutes.**

**Book now for your local
community blood donation
session!**



**Trinity Reformed Presby
Church Hall
Newtownabbey**



**Thursday 08 October
12:30 – 19:30**

**SCAN HERE
TO BOOK**



www.NIBTS.org

Northern Ireland
Blood Transfusion Service 





St. Bernard's Preschool

Pre-School Place has become Available within our morning session
9 am - 1.30 pm

Where curious minds and happy hearts grow bigger every day



St. Bernard's Preschool

Curious Minds Happy Hearts

Open Night for Preschool

Thursday 19th November
Tuesday 5th January
5pm - 7pm

Parish Centre,
165 Antrim Road, Glengormley
Tel 07561051377



Christmas Fair

Sunday 22nd November
10am - 2pm

Christmas Decorations
Dream Bakes
Santa's Grotto
B Creative NI
Scentsy
St. Bernard's Pre-school
Craft Stalls
Tropic Skin Care
165 Antrim Road
Glengormley
S & V design
Pastoral Centre behind the Chapel
St. Bernard's P6 for Children's Hospice
Homemade Jams
Sub Side NI
Tuck shop

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHT

Are you a young woman discerning God's call? Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship with the Nashville Dominican Sisters as we explore God's call in our lives. Whether you're just beginning to ask the question or have been discerning for some time, all women throughout the Diocese aged 18-40 are welcome. Stay afterwards for refreshments and the chance to continue the conversation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Our guest speaker is Sr Mary Sheila Maksim OP, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Limerick.

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 7PM

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, BALLYHACKAMORE

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**MON
12 OCT**

PENAL PERSECUTIONS

Lecture by historian A. Bede on faith in Ireland during the Penal Times

Lecture begins at 7.15pm (following the 6.30pm Mass)

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Antrim Rd, BT15 3BU

**TUES
13 OCT**

TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

God Changed My Life: HM Sisters on Sr Clare Crockett, with Fr Robert Smialek & Michael McDonagh, hosted by John and Danielle Connors

7pm

St. Malachy's Church, Belfast, BT2 8EN

**THURS
15 OCT**

BE RECONCILED

An evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Nightfever

Adoration and Confession from 6pm; Mass at 9pm

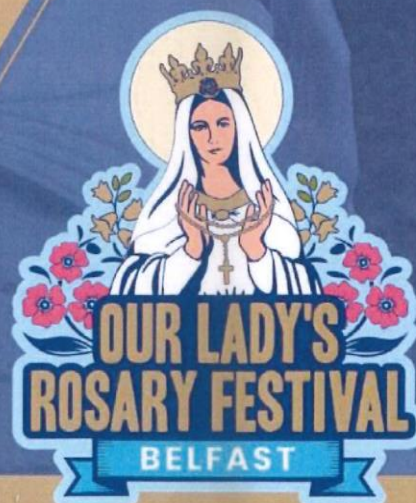
St. Mary's Chapel Lane, Belfast, BT1 1HH



**SUNDAY
18 OCT**

ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

From St. Malachy's Church at 2.30pm
to St. Peter's Cathedral
Followed by Benediction and
refreshments



For more information on each event, please visit:
belfastrosaryfestival.com

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?



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"What are you looking for?"

— John 1:38

Do not be afraid to ask the question

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ."

— St John Paul II



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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, raise up generous men and women who will courageously answer Your call to serve Your Church as priests and religious. Open the hearts of those whom You are calling, and give them the faith, courage and freedom to say "yes" to You.

May our families and parish communities always be places where vocations are prayed for, encouraged and joyfully supported. Amen.



— A Year of — IGNATIAN PRAYER

Saturdays 10am-4pm (in-person sessions) Belfast Jesuit Centre	Wednesdays 7-8pm Online Integrative Practice Pause Points
26 th September	
10 th October	21 st October
7 th November	25 rd November
5 th December	16 th December
9 th January	20 th January
6 th February	17 th February
6 th March	Easter Break
10 th April	21 st April
8 th May	19 th May
5 th June	

Now entering its third year,
A Year of Ignatian Prayer offers a spacious,
immersive journey into Ignatian Spirituality.

Whether you are already familiar with Ignatian Spirituality, or encountering it for the first time, the programme invites you to deepen your relationship with God, grow in interior freedom, and cultivate a more attentive, discerning way of living.

The year will unfold through ten in-person days at the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**, supported by seven online *Integrative Practice Pause Points* to help you weave the graces of each session into daily life.

Across the programme we'll explore:

- St Ignatius: A Man For Our Times
- Images of God
- Approaches to Prayer: Lectio Divina, Imaginative Contemplation, the Examen, Journalling
- Finding God in all Things
- Paying Attention to Feelings: Consolation/Desolation
- Discernment
- God Calls Me
- What next?

This list offers a flavour rather than a full syllabus. Throughout, the emphasis will be on practice, experience and integration; discovering how Ignatian spirituality can take root in the rhythms of everyday life.

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visit our
website



Suggested
donation
£200 - £280
Bursaries
available

Belfast Jesuit Centre . 193-195 Donegall Street . Belfast BT1 2FL
www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk . bjc@jesuit.ie . 0770 631 6319



The CHOSEN

Season 2



The Chosen first began as a crowdfunded project and has become a global phenomenon, watched by more than 600 million people and translated into over 50 languages.

Our journey through **Season 1** was very rich and rewarding; full of insight, warmth, and fresh ways of engaging with Scripture. Join us as we journey through **Season 2** 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 gentle, reflective Examen, followed by group conversation.

We'll finish at **12.15pm** and those who are able are invited to join us for Mass at **12.30pm**.

No need to register, just come along and bring a friend.

4TH SEPT

Thunder

11TH SEPT

I Saw You

18TH SEPT

Matthew

25TH SEPT

The Perfect Opportunity

2ND OCT

Spirit

9TH OCT

Unlawful

16TH OCT

Reckoning

23RD OCT

Beyond Mountains



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