

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 11th Oct 2026

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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MONTH'S MIND

Liam Mullan

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael, Kathleen & Gerard McMullan,
Gerard O'Boyle, John & Rosemary Crilly,
John Moreland, Brian McCabe, Joan Gourley,
Dermot McCoy, Annie & Edward Doherty,
Pauline & William Mullan, Roisin Hamilton,
Claire Haughey, Ellen Small, Andrew Quinn,
Vera McWilliams, Eileen & Tommy McIlhone,
Jim Curran, Mary & Hugh Rainey,
Deceased members of the Conway family.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 10 th	6.00pm	Michael, Kathleen & Gerard McMullan & M/M Liam Mullan
Sun 11 th	9.00am	Joan Gourley
SMOTH	10.00am	Roisin Hamilton
	11.00am	Gerard O'Boyle
	12.30pm	John Moreland
Mon 12 th	9.45am	Dermot McCoy
Tues 13 th	9.45am	Claire Haughey & Vera McWilliams
Wed 14 th	9.45am	Andrew Quinn
Thurs 15 th	9.45am	Brian McCabe
Fri 16 th	9.45am	Johny & Rosemary Crilly (Rosemary's 1 st anniv)
Sat 17 th	9.45am	Annie & Edward Doherty Pauline & William Mullan



We welcome

**Tilly Donnelly, Donnacha Lowry,
Grace Allen, Nathan Thanapathi,
Sophia Quinn.**

recently baptised in the parish.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

13th-21st October at 7pm

St. Mary's on the Hill



Parish Developing World Group

Cake Sale

24/25 October

After all the Masses.

Calling all bakers - thank you for all your continuing help, it really makes a difference. **Donations of baking may be left in St Malachy's Room on Saturday 24th October from 2.30pm – 4.00pm.** All proceeds go to helping children and young people in Africa.

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.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Day Pilgrimage to Knock on Monday 2nd November for feast of All Souls, leaving St Agnes at 7.30am. Price £30 (includes tea and scone). Contact Pat 07946917354 or Harriet 07812098991.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN: FORGERY OR MYSTERY?

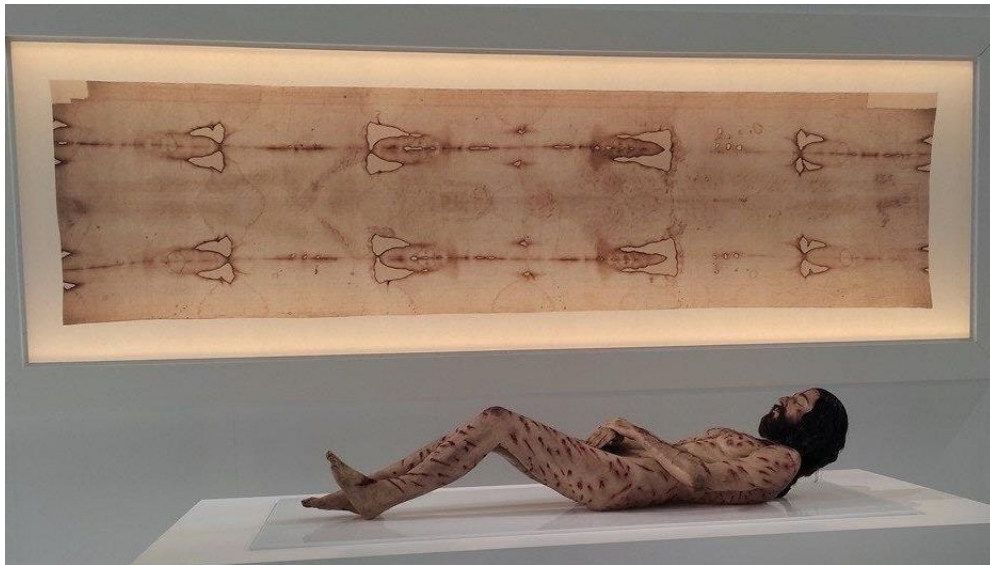
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A talk by Fr Pat Sheehan
in St Bernard's
Pastoral Centre
on Wednesday 28th October
at 7pm

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Email the parish office to register giving just your name and surname.
We just need to know the numbers attending

or use the QR code

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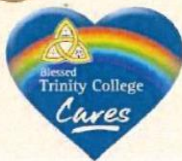
Rosary *for* Peace



13th – 21st October 7pm

St. Mary's on the Hill





BLESSED TRINITY COLLEGE IS CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!



WE ARE INVITING ALL CRAFTERS, CROCHETERS
AND KNITTERS TO HELP OUR PUMPKIN APPEAL
AND DONATE HANDMADE PUMPKINS FOR OUR
CRAFT PUMPKIN PATCH ON

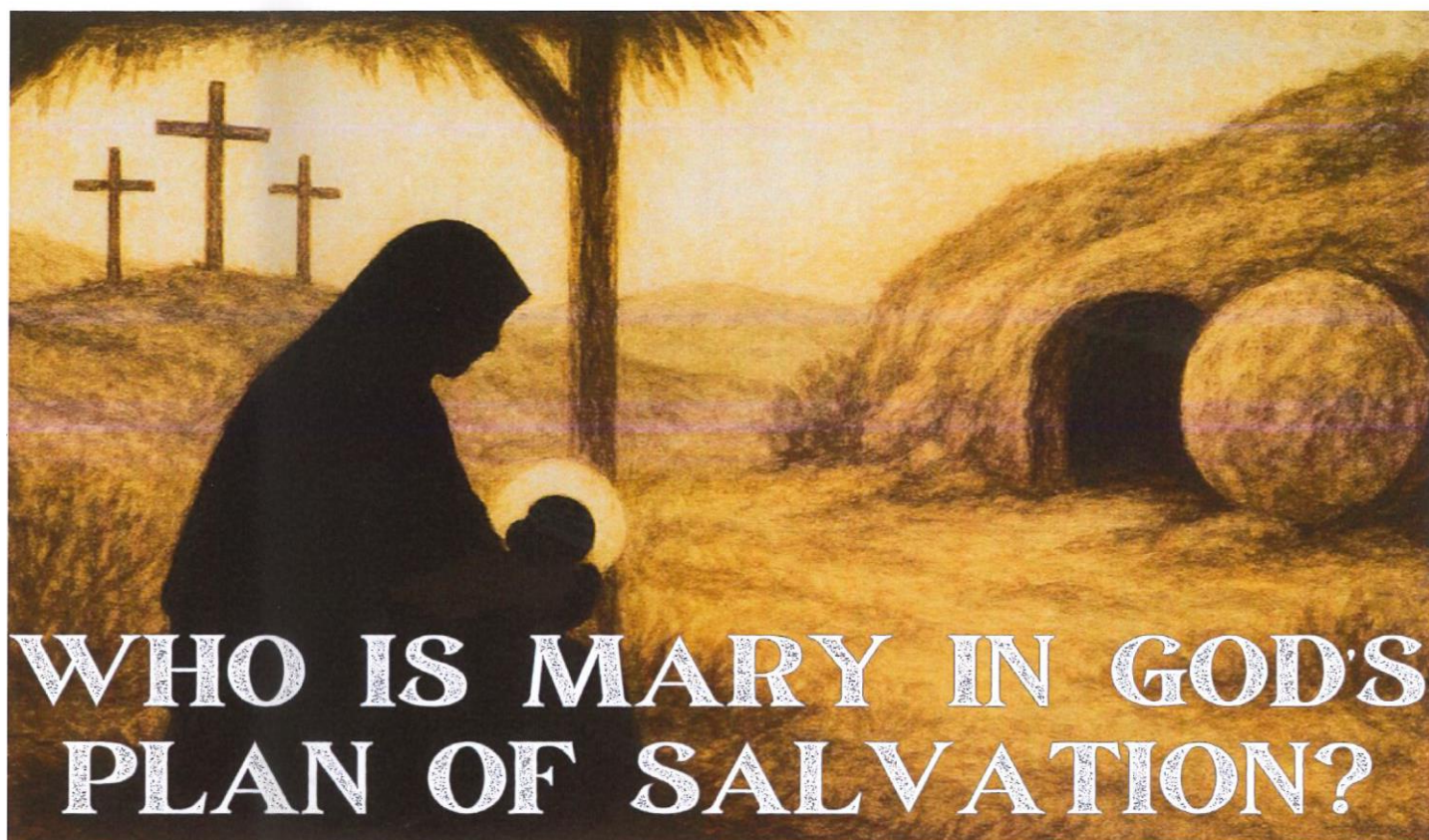
OCTOBER 19TH 3-4PM

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF MARYS MEALS.







**An exploration by representatives of Christian churches
with audience questions chaired by Alf McCreary**

Rev Dr Patrick McGlinchey (Church of Ireland) • Martina Purdy (Catholic)

Rev Dr Janet Unsworth (Methodist) • Fr Toma Puiu (Romanian Orthodox)

Rev Prof Stephen Williams (Presbyterian) • Fr Angelos (Egyptian Coptic)

"an opportunity to listen ... towards understanding"

**WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2026
CORR'S CORNER HOTEL • 7PM**



Refreshments will be served

All welcome! This event is free to attend but to help
with planning please indicate your intention to come
via qr code or email ecumenical@downandconnor.org
by 30 October 2026



ARRANGED BY THE ECUMENICAL COMMISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

**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

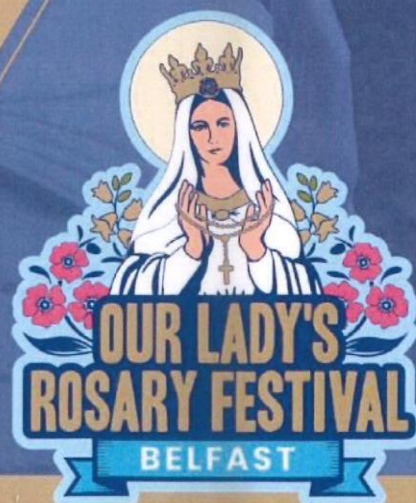
St. Mary's Chapel Lane, Belfast, BT1 1HH



**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.

Scan
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register or
visit our
website



Suggested
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£200 - £280
Bursaries
available

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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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