

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 30th November 2025

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Pat Sheehan & Fr Aidan Kerr

PARISH OFFICE 028 90832979

Lorraine Carlin & Patricia Gillespie

Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Maria Paz Yanga, Sally Gardens.

Margaret Hale, c/o Hollybrook Crescent

Paul Burns, Glebecoole Drive.

MONTH'S MIND

Desi Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES

Baby Josh Duffy; Teresa, John & Bernice Campbell;
Matthew & Rose Ward; Frank Mullan; Gerard Devlin;
Jim & Patricia McBride; Frank Phelan; Sadie O'Neill;
Austin Campbell; Bernadette Joyce; Geraldine Hutton;
Jack & Bridie McAlister; John Hughes; Mary Devlin;
Peggy McLaughlin; Stephen McWilliams;
Annie Gorman; Mary Alice Gallagher; Mary McCauley.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 29 th	6.00pm	Matthew & Rose Ward
Sun 30 th	9.00am	Jim & Patricia McBride
SMOTH	10.00am	Frank Mullan
	11.00am	Baby Josh Duffy
	12.30pm	Teresa, John & Bernice Campbell
Mon 1 st	9.45am	Austin Campbell
Tues 2 nd	9.45am	Mass of Thanksgiving DWG
Wed 3 rd	9.45am	Mary McCauley
Thu 4 th	9.45am	Funeral Maria Yaz Yanga
Fri 5 th	9.45am	
Sat 6 th	9.45am	Frank Phelan & M/M Desi Stewart



We welcome

Jude Williams

recently baptised in the parish.

Christmas Sharing Collection

Instead of various Christmas Collections the parish has one Christmas Sharing Collection which it distributes among a number of charities e.g. SVP, the Parish Developing World Group, Friends of the Holy Land, Mary's Meals and others.

***Envelopes available in the church porchways.
Indicate if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.***

Trócaire 'Christmas Gifts of Change'

will be available after all masses in the parish on 13th & 14th December. Ideal Christmas gift.

1st FRIDAY CUPPA

Has been changed to Wed 3rd December.

Why not come along and get into the Christmas spirit over a cuppa after morning Mass?
Enjoy chatting with friends and having some craic in St Malachy's Room behind the altar.

Penitential Services

Monday 15th December at 7pm

St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

Tuesday 16th December at 7pm

St Bernards' Church, Glengormley

Wednesday 17th December at 7pm

St Gerard's Church, Antrim Rd.

ST. MARY'S ON THE HILL PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Open Day on Friday 5th December from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone Welcome

First Saturday Devotions

will take place in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road, on 6th December
10.00a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

11.00 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE & CURIA OFFICE

VACANCY

ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER – JOB SHARE

An opportunity has arisen within our Housekeeping Team to recruit into the role of Assistant Housekeeper, as a Job Share arrangement. Working closely with our Head of Housekeeping, you will be required to provide a reliable and efficient housekeeping service to include cleaning, shopping and cooking duties.

This role will support the Head of Housekeeping to ensure a pleasant, welcoming and clean environment for all visitors to the residence and Curia offices.

This role is being advertised as a Job Share position. The terms are based on a permanent appointment of two individuals who will be required to work 16 hours each per week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Head of Housekeeping. Having a flexible approach to working hours will be a requirement within the role.

Rate of pay: £15.50 gross per hour x 16 hours per week (£12,800 gross per annum)

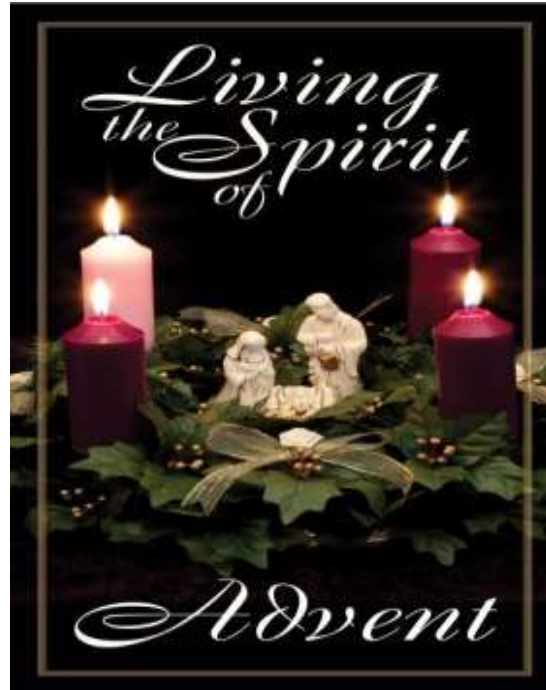
Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **job vacancies** and on the Community NI and njobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 2 December 2025

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Advent Retreat



***The run up to Christmas can be a busy time,
we invite you to come away for a few hours
To immerse in Gods word and prepare to welcome Jesus
into our hearts this Christmas***

Saturday 6th December
Speaker Fr Darren Brennan

St Pauls Church Falls Road Belfast BT12 6AB
Beginning with Mass at 10.00 am
Finishing 4.00pm

Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be provided

Hosted by Down and Connor Charismatic Renewal
For further details contact Collette on 07791078453

We are delighted to invite you and your child to our Open Day on Friday 5th December.

Come and experience, first hand, life in St. Mary's on the Hill, including:

- Centre of pastoral excellence
- Child-centred learning and provision
- Our amazing school choir and orchestra
- Engaging interactive activities
- Enthusiastic and approachable staff



Learn to Love, Love to Learn

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 5th
DECEMBER



Mr Matthew O'Brien (Principal)
will host an information session
at 9:30am in the school's assembly hall

We look forward to meeting you all!



142 Carrmoney Road,
Co. Antrim, BT26 6JU
(028) 9083 6284

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ST. MACNISSI'S PRE-SCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

9:30-10:30

- St. MacNissi's Pre-School, from September 2026, will operate from:-
8:45am – 1:30pm.
- Principal's speech 9:30am.
- Parents are very welcome to come and view the school

Tel: 028 90342166

Email: info@stmacnissisps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk



ST BERNARD'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

Open Day

Wednesday 3rd December

Primary 1 – 9:30am

Nursery – 6:00pm



Waiting in Wonder

Lectio & Visio Divina for Advent

Join Us

Join us in the Belfast Jesuit Centre for a gentle, contemplative journey through Advent as we gather for four Tuesday evenings of prayer, poetry, and art.

Each session will centre on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday, paired with a carefully chosen poem and a piece of visual art to guide our reflection.

Through the practices of Lectio and Visio Divina, we'll enter into sacred stillness, quiet listening, and shared conversation - awakening our hearts to the mystery and beauty of Christ's coming.



Scan to Register



Tuesday Evenings: 7.00-9.00pm



Session 1 25th November

Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming



Session 2 2nd December

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight



Session 3 9th December

A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen



Session 4 16th December

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel

193-195 . Donegall Street . Belfast

www.belfastjesuitcentre.org

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DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

9 - 14 JULY 2026

We are seeking doctors, registered nurses and volunteers to care for pilgrims who need medical, nursing, personal care or assistance to make their pilgrimage to Lourdes possible.

This year we are especially seeking new brancardiers (adult men helpers) in addition to our medical, nursing and handmaidens teams. For more information please email your contact details to lourdes@downandconnor.org





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D&C EQUIP

Calling all young adults!

Are you a young adult with a passion for leadership and mission? D&C Equip is designed to empower you to lead in your parish, your youth group, and your community, raising up disciples and transforming the Church around you.

Join us for three dynamic workshops and take the next step in your journey of faith and leadership!

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."



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SCHEDULE AND TO REGISTER, EMAIL
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OR SCAN THE QR CODE

**WORKSHOP
OVERVIEW**

NOVEMBER 2025
FOUNDATION IN PRAYER

JANUARY 2026
TO WIN AND BUILD

MARCH 2026
THE SEND

JUNE 2026
RETREAT

Happy Birthday to Fr Dan Whyte on his 90th Birthday



Invitation from Fr Dan

*“Bangor Parish have arranged a birthday Mass
and celebration on Sunday 7 Dec at 12 noon.
I would love to see my friends from Glengormley
join me in St Comgall’s church and Parish Centre,
Brunswick Road, BT20 3DS, if you are able.
You will be most welcome and it will be heartening
to see you again.”*