

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 21st December 2025

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

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**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:
TUES 23rd DEC TO MON 5th JAN**



RECENTLY DECEASED

Conal Rafferty, Tobar Glen.

Tony McAleer, Antrim Rd.

MONTH'S MINDS

Thomas Boyle, Thomas Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Fisher; Brendan Gallagher; Alice Hughes; Rita Crowe; Belle Moore; Josephine Duffy; Peter Magill; Mary McNeice; Brigid McErlean; Joseph Kelly; Marian McAuley; Thomas Hughes; Cornelius Small; Patrick & Catherine Donnelly; Alice McAlister; William & Nellie McAlister; Patrick & Mary McDonnell; Ted Crudden; Michael Coogan.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 20 th	6.00pm	M/M Thomas Boyle
Sun 21 st	9.00am	Brendan Gallagher
SMOTH	10.00am	Rita Crowe
	11.00am	Belle Moore & M/M Thomas Kelly
	12.30pm	Josephine Duffy & 1 st Anniv Peter Magill
Mon 22 nd	9.45am	Brigid McErlean & Special Intention
Tues 23 rd	9.45am	Funeral Tony McAleer
Wed 24 th	9.45am	Joe Fisher & Maria McAuley
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Christmas Mass Bouquets
	7.00pm	Christmas Mass Bouquets
	9.00pm	Christmas Mass Bouquets
Thurs 25 th	9.00am	Christmas Mass Bouquets
St Marys	10.00am	Christmas Mass Bouquets
Christmas Day	11.00am	Christmas Mass Bouquets
	12.30pm	NO 12.30pm MASS
Fri 26 th	9.45am	Mary McNeice
Sat 27 th	9.45am	Alice Hughes



We welcome

Diego Caddell, Elizabeth Dundon
recently baptised in the parish.

Trocaire Gifts of Change

Thank you for your generosity, you raised £4225.00 which was deposited with Trocaire (+ Gift Aid)

*A Happy and Blessed Christmas
to all our parishioners.*

from

Fr Pat Sheehan and Fr Aidan Kerr
*Thank you for your support and prayers
over the last year.*



PLEASE NOTE

NO DIVINE MERCY on

Friday 26th Dec 2025 & 2ND Jan 2026
resumes Friday 9th Jan 2026

The Adoration Room in St Bernard's Church will be closed Christmas Day, St Stephen's Day and New Year's Day but open at the usual times otherwise.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

St Bernard's 5pm Children's Mass

(a treat for children dressed as someone from the crib)

St Bernard's 7pm Mass

St Bernard's 9pm Mass

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Morning

St Bernard's 9am Mass

St Marys on the Hill 10am Mass

St Bernard's 11am Mass

~~St Bernard's 12.30pm~~ NO MASS

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 12.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS IN ST BERNARD'S. THERE ARE
ALREADY SIX CHRISTMAS MASSES**

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 it's Message of Hope with us into the New Year 2026.



CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

St Bernard's	5pm	Children's Mass with Congregational Carols <i>(a treat for children dressed as someone from the crib)</i>
St Bernard's	7pm	Mass with Carols: Soloist & Harp
St Bernard's	9pm	Mass with Carols: The Parish Choir

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Morning

St Bernard's	9am	Mass with Congregational Carols
St Marys on the Hill	10am	Mass with Congregational Carols
St Bernard's	11am	Mass with Carols: Parish Choir
St Bernard's	12.30pm	NO MASS

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 12.30pm CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
IN ST BERNARD'S. THERE ARE ALREADY SIX CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Thursday 1st January 2026 at 12noon

New Year's Day: World Day for Peace.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

St Bernard's 12 noon. This is the ONLY Mass this day no usual 9.45am.

Sunday 4th January 2026

You are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the

Solemn Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year

in St Peter's Cathedral at 3.00pm & refreshments afterwards.

The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass from home:

www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

Tuesday 6th January 2026: The Feast of the Epiphany

St Bernard's 9.45am & 7.00pm Holy Day of Obligation

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community
blood donation session!

VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian
Church Hall, Glengormley


DATE & TIME

Wednesday 31 December
10:00 – 15:00

Northern Ireland needs 1200
blood donations per week.
That's 1 every 8 minutes.



 www.NIBTS.org

Northern Ireland
Blood Transfusion Service 



St. Malachy's College



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th January 2026

7pm - 9.30pm



Principal's address: 8pm in the College Hall

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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

