

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 1st February 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

James McKernan, formerly Carnhill Rd

MONTH'S MIND

ANNIVERSARIES

Kasia McKinney; Mary Gallagher; Monica Braniff; Gemma O'Neill; Ernest McWilliams; Dympna Prentice; Sarah Power; Pat McCrory; Maureen O'Hea; Denis & Owen Price; Brian Ward (Drumaness); Madeleine Hughes; Elizabeth O'Kane, Bernadette & Patrick Ramsay, Madge & Sam McCarthy, Margaret Devlin, Harry Slane, Matt Feeney.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 31 st	6.00pm	Monica Braniff (1 st anniv)
Sun 1 st St. Brigid's day	9.00am	Mary Gallagher
SMOTH	10.00am	Maureen O'Hea
	11.00am	Kasia McKinney (1 st anniv)
	12.30pm	Ernest McClean
Mon 2 nd	9.45am	Special Intention
Tue 3 rd St. Blaise	9.45am	Dympna Prentice
Wed 4 th	9.45am	Sarah Power
Thurs 5 th	9.45am	
Fri 6 th	9.45am	Gemma O'Neill (1 st anniv)
Sat 7 th	9.45am	Pat McCrory



We welcome
**Violet Fullerton, Freya Downey,
Úna Mallon**
recently baptised in the parish.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE AND BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday 3rd February after morning mass.

PARISH COLLECTIONS JANUARY

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£3202.63	£4336.85	£4266.28	£4056.82
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Faith & Pastoral Develop	
£3315.74	£982.89	£1095.71	

Thank you for your generosity

1st FRIDAY CUPPA Why not come along and enjoy a chat over a cuppa after Mass on Friday morning 6th February - in St Malachy's Room behind the altar. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Divine Mercy Conference 2026

Saturday 28th February

Bus will leave St Paul's Church, Falls Road at 7.30pm Returning approx. 10.45/11.00pm. Travel cost is £25 (bus price only) which must be paid when booking your seat. Failure to get 30 people the bus would have to be cancelled. Travel confirmation, 1 week before departure. Unfortunately, no refund can be given in cases of sickness etc. Conference tickets to be bought individually at the venue £35 or Euros. **Bring enough food for lunch and dinner** – there are tea and coffee stations where hot drinks and snacks can be purchased. Telephone Tina McCrory 07523824350 to book a seat on the bus.

St Brigid's Day Lecture

This year, The St. Brigid's Day Lecture will be given by Fr Tom Layden, S.J. Fr Layden is a Jesuit priest, living and working in Belfast. The theme of his lecture, "The Nicene Creed: A foundation for Ecumenism", is based on Pope Leo XV1's address at Nicaea. The Lecture will be in St Brigid's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast BT9 6FP, on Sunday 8th February, at 4.00pm. All welcome.

ST BRIGID'S CROSSES

Available after masses on the Feast of St Brigid 1st February 2026. Donate £2 goes to the Developing World Group.



Setting up a Standing Order

Changing from boxes of envelopes to a Standing Order

Over the last number of years many of our parishioners have requested setting up a monthly standing order to replace their weekly envelope collections. This has proven to be beneficial in many ways, here are some of the advantages below;

- * Environmentally friendly - Not printing boxes of envelopes and wasting paper.
- * Less cost to Parish - Standing Orders usually free of charge to both payer and payee. Printing boxes comes at a cost to the parish.
- * Safe and Secure - The World Health Organisation is encouraging you to use as many digital payments as possible. We know that money changes hands frequently and can pick up all sorts of bacteria and viruses.
- * Lesser demand on volunteers.

If you would be interested in setting up a standing order to the parish or replacing your box of envelopes with a tanding order please contact the Parish Office **NOW** by phone 9083 2979 or by email: stmarysoth@downandconnor.org, providing your address and phone number.

If you do not wish to do so, we, of course, respect your decision.

Your Continued support is greatly appreciated.

LOUGHSHORE PARISHES WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION

ST PEREGRINE NOVENA will be held on Monday 2nd February 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. Novena takes place first Monday of each month.

YOUTH MASSES will be celebrated next weekend on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February at all Masses in the Loughshore Parishes. The dates for Youth Masses for the remainder of the academic year are 7th & 8th February, 7th & 8th March, 2nd & 3rd May & 13th & 14th June.



DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST
ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH
BELFAST
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'PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER'

We are seeking to recruit a Parish Support Officer to be based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB.

- ❖ The Parish Support Officer provides confidential, efficient, and professional administrative support to the Parish Priest.
- ❖ Ensuring the effective day-to-day running of the Parish Office and Parish Centre, supporting parish life, sacramental administration, communications, and leadership structures. This role is parish-facing, office-based, and operational.

If you are an individual with excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters in a professional manner, then we see this as a unique opportunity for you to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Team.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 20 hours per week
Monday to Friday - Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest

Salary: £15,000 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 nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.
Application Packs are also available from St Colmcille's Parish Office.

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 10 February 2026

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer



RECHARGE FORTY Lenten Challenge

Recharge Forty is a Lenten challenge for men and women who desire more—more depth in prayer, more discipline in daily life, and stronger bonds of friendship. Throughout Lent, we will walk together in community, confronting vice, and intentionally cultivating virtue. Through a shared commitment to prayer, asceticism, and fraternity, Recharge Forty invites you to renew your relationship with God while supporting one another through encouragement and accountability.

This Lent, don't journey alone—grow together in faith, character and friendship.

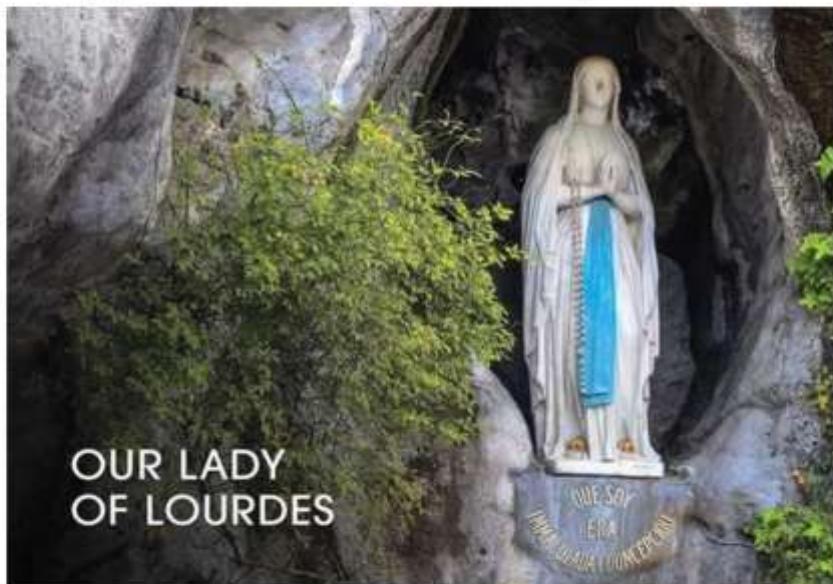
Sign up below!



Celebrating 70 years of Faith

St Agnes' Parish Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes 2026

begins 10am Tuesday 3rd Feb



The Call of the Good Shepherd
I know my own and my own know me
(John 10:14)

Speakers:

Jim Deeds

Bridgeen McNicholl

Paula & Joseph McKeown

Sunday: 9.30am & 12.30pm

Monday to Friday: 10am & 7pm

Saturday: 1pm & 6.30pm (Vigil)

Penitential Service: Friday 7th Feb 7pm

Mass for the Sick: Sat 8th Feb 1pm

Gathering of Youth: Sunday 9th Feb 7pm

From Encounter to Mission

The Lord God has given me a disciple's tongue

(Isaiah 50: 4)



Parish Cell System of Evangelisation National Seminar

**Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2026,
Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Co. Antrim**

For bookings, please contact Drumalis on 028 2827 2196, or 0044 28 2827 2196 from the Republic of Ireland. Website: www.drumalis.org

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