

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 22nd March 2026

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael McBrien, Hollybrook Heights

Jonathan McAleenan, c/o Fernridge Road

Michael Crowe, formerly Carnmoney Road

## MONTH'S MINDS:

Maire McCullagh

## ANNIVERSARIES:

William & Kathleen Chambers; Gerry O'Boyle;

Marie Dobbin; Clara & Paula McCrory; Hedy Scott;

Rita McCullagh; Jim Conlon; Maura Fulton;

John Gillen; Anthony Redden; Euron Williams;

Maurice & John Quinlan; Eileen McComiskey;

Owen McElevey; Tessie & Ted McCusker;

Philip Sharpe & Alex McAlister; Paddy Maguire;

Ellen Jane & Paddy O'Hara; Margaret & Christy Lynch.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Rita McCullagh
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	William & Kathleen Chambers & 1st Anniv Maura Fulton
<i>SMOTH</i>	10.00am	Eileen McComiskey
	11.00am	Gerry O'Boyle
	12.30pm	Clara & Paula McCrory, Hedy Scott & M/M Maire McCullagh
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	Anthony Redden
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Maurice & John Quinlan
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Tessie & Ted McCusker
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Jim Conlon
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Euron Williams
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	John Gillen (1st Anniv)

## PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR EASTER

TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March St. Bernard's 7pm

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April St. Gerard's 7pm

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2026-2027 AVAILABLE NOW



The Offertory Envelopes are now available in St Bernard's for collection. If you prefer to contribute by Standing Order it is not too late to contact the Parish Office and they will send you a form.

Standing Orders help to reduce cost, administration and time spent on distribution - email [stmarysoth@downandconnor.org](mailto:stmarysoth@downandconnor.org). Please give your full name, address and current envelope number if applicable. We will then send you the relevant forms to action your standing order. **GIFT AID** If you pay income tax please complete gift aid card and return it into the parish office.

## SCOUT LEADERS REQUIRED

6th Antrim Scout Group, Scouting Ireland are urgently looking for new Scout Leaders (Scouters) for all sections—Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers—each meeting just once a week.

Our location is behind St. Bernard's Church, 165 Antrim Rd, Glengormley, BT36 7QY, and we are a registered charity (NIC106234). For more information, contact Peter Weiniger: 07921 801038

## REFLECTING ON "THE SEVEN LAST WORDS"

In preparation for Holy Week, you are warmly invited to reflect on the 'Seven Last Words' spoken by Jesus from the Cross, including the beautiful Taizé Chants, in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road on Friday 27th March, 8-9pm.



	MORNING & AFTERNOON	EVENING
MON 30th Mar	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.30am Daily Mass 9.45 am	
TUES 31st Mar	Daily Mass 9.45 am	PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7pm St Bernard's
WED 1st Apr	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.30am Daily Mass 9.45am <b>MASS OF CHRISM: ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL 12noon</b>	PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7pm St Gerard's
	<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b>	
HOLY THURS 2nd April	<u><b>NO MORNING MASS</b></u>	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7pm St Bernard's</b> ( <i>Return Trocaire Boxes</i> ) ALTAR OF REPOSE quiet time of prayer in St Mary's on the Hill after mass until 10pm.
GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April	OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30am style="color: red; text-align: center;"> <u><b>NO MORNING MASS</b></u> <b>THE PASSION &amp; VENERATION OF THE CROSS 3.00pm.</b> <i>Collection for the Holy Land</i>	<i>The Church will remain open after the Passion for individual veneration of the cross.</i> <b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 7pm</b>
HOLY SAT 4th April	<u><b>NO MORNING MASS</b></u> Confessions 9.30-10.30am SWIECONKA <b>12 noon</b> St Bernard's	<b>NO 6pm VIGIL MASS</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION 9pm</b>
EASTER SUN 5th April	<i>ECUMENICAL DAWN SERVICE 6.30am Belfast Zoo</i> EASTER MASS 9.00am St Bernards EASTER MASS 10am St Marys on the Hill EASTER MASS 11.00am St Bernards EASTER MASS 12.30am St Bernards <i>'Do this in Memory' Children's Mass</i>	

## SWIECONKA

### ST BERNARD'S HOLY SATURDAY 4th APRIL 12noon

Polish families prepare their Easter baskets for the traditional blessing.

The prayers will be said in English & Polish. Livestreamed at - [stmarysonthehill.online](http://stmarysonthehill.online)



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# FAITH & FILM

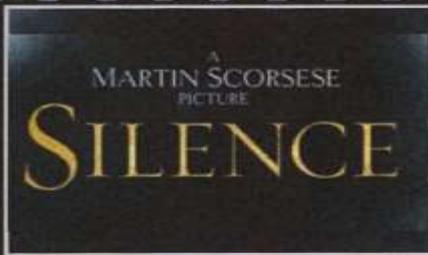
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00PM - 10.00PM

*Join us for an evening of reflection, conversation, and shared viewing as we explore Martin Scorsese's **Silence**—a powerful story of faith, doubt, and endurance set in 17th-century Japan.*

Through the journey of two Jesuit missionaries searching for their missing mentor, the film invites us to grapple with profound questions about God's presence, suffering, and the cost of discipleship.

Everyone is welcome to watch, reflect, and share in a spirit of attentive listening. Light refreshments provided. A small donation is suggested. No need to register, just come along and bring a friend.

## SILENCE



KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE FILM ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHOWING AT



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# FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (2:30pm); and  
Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast (2:15pm)  
(*Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Holy Mass*)**

# 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](http://www.drumalis.org)

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The Last Supper (1920) by Stanley Spencer

## *Always the Same and Always New* *Holy Week Through Poets' Eyes*

Holy Week returns each year with its familiar contours, yet it meets us in the ever-changing seasons of our own lives. This reflective evening will explore that paradox through the words of poets who have stood before the mystery of these days and tried to name what they saw.

Taking its title from the opening line of Elizabeth Jennings' poem, **Crucifixion**, "*Always the same and always new*," will weave together a selection of poems that touch on themes of suffering, tenderness, hope, and the quiet, unfolding drama of Holy Week.

Participants will be invited into gentle reflection, shared listening, and spacious conversation as we allow these poetic voices to deepen our encounter with the story at the heart of our Christian faith.



MONDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



7:00PM -  
9:00PM



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Small donation suggested

## WHAT IS DROMANTINE?

Each week of our packed camps invite boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 17 from across Northern Ireland, Ulster and further afield to take part as Players in a friendly and enjoyable team environment.

### ACTIVITIES

- Sports (Gaelic, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Rounders, Racquetball and more)
- Talent Individual Skills Shows Quiz
- Movie Nights Reflective Prayer and Mass



### DATES

BOYS WEEK 1	12th -17th July
BOYS WEEK 2	19th - 24th July
GIRLS WEEK 1	26th - 31st July
GIRLS WEEK 2	2nd-7th Aug
GIRLS WEEK 3	9th-14th Aug



### FIND OUT MORE

- Instagram: @campdromantine
- Facebook: Dromantine Summer Camp
- Website: [www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk](http://www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk)
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## GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community  
blood donation session!

### VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian  
Church Hall, Newtownabbey

### DATE & TIME

Thursday 02 April  
12:30 - 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200  
blood donations per week.



Scan to book your  
appointment.

# A MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE PONTIFICAL IRISH  
COLLEGE ON THE COELIAN HILL



29 - 4  
**JUNE/  
JULY**  
2026

## 'CENTENARY IN SONG'

A Musical Pilgrimage for  
liturgical music ministers in  
Rome with *The Priests*

- Workshops
- Liturgies
- Cultural Site Visits
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Final Night Concert



For more information visit  
[irishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026](http://irishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026)