

PARISH OF ST MARY'S ON THE HILL 5th March 2023

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[Monday to Thursday 9am-2pm, Friday 9am-12noon](#)

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**Names & Insertions for the bulletin to be submitted by
Thursday 12noon**

The Parish Office will be closed Fri 3rd March

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023-2024 AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND

the Offertory Envelopes will be available in St Bernard's Church from next weekend. If you prefer to contribute by Standing Order it is not too late to contact the Parish Office and they will send a form. Standing Orders help to reduce cost, administration and time spent on distribution - email 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 drop this in the collection basket or return to parish office.

Thank You

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bobby McAllister, St Anne's Crescent

Gerald Lynch

MONTH'S MIND

Pat McCrory

ANNIVERSARIES

William Maskey, Mary Kelly, Bro John Bosco OFM, Oliver McCullagh, Ian McDonald, Margaret Caughey, Patrick Joseph O'Connor, Bill Kerr, Tim Gallagher, Jim Noade, Noreen & Bill McKenna, Baby Elijah Magill, Pat Crudden, Hamilton & Winifred Cowan, Sadie Quinn, Helen McCann, Mary Coogan, John Kealey

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 4th 6.00pm Oliver McCullagh (1st anniv)

Sun 5th 9.00am Tim Gallagher

SMOTH 10.00am Noreen & Bill McKenna

11.00am Mary Kelly & M/M Pat McCrory

12.30pm Ian McDonald

Mon 6th 10.00am Helen McCann

Tues 7th 10.00am Patrick Joseph O'Connor

Wed 8th 10.00am William Maskey

Thur 9th 10.00am Bro John Bosco OFM

Frid 10th 10.00am Gerald Lynch

Sat 11th 10.00am Bill Kerr

PARISH COLLECTIONS - MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£3057.88	£3145.76	£2554.56	£3154.95
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Sick & Retired Priests	
£5192.71	£1623.22	£1896.85	

Thank you for your generosity

St Patrick's Day Friday 17th March

Vigil Mass in St Bernard's 7pm Thurs 16th
Morning Masses in St Bernard's 9am & 11am. Glengormley Trad School of Music playing at 11am.

No 6.30am Stations of the Cross nor Divine Mercy today – we are celebrating!



We welcome into the People of Go
Bianka Idziak, Phoebe Phillips, Odhrán Hanna, Scarlett Moore who were baptised in our parish

ST PEREGRINE NOVENA on First Monday of the month will be in St Mary's, Greencastle at 7pm on Monday 6th March.

'A Big Conversation'

This Thursday night
2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th March
7pm in St Bernard's Church –
maybe you could consider it your Lenten commitment (hopefully it will not be a penance!).

LENT 2023

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Divine Office will be prayed on **Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays** before morning mass

9.45-9.55am starting Friday 24th Feb.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In St Bernard's in the main body of the Church from 9.15-9.55am before mass. Confessions will also be heard during this time.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: PRAYED & SUNG

A quiet time for prayer and reflection in front of the image of the Divine Mercy. Friday evenings of Lent 7.00-7.30pm during which confessions will be heard.

Note: not on St Patrick's Day Friday 17th March.

CONFESSIONS in ST BERNARD'S DURING LENT

Friday evenings at Divine Mercy 7.00-7.30pm

Saturday morning before mass 9.15-9.55am

NO 7.30am MASS THIS YEAR IN ST BERNARD'S (7.15am HOLY FAMILY CHURCH)

NEW

A DAILY BIBLICAL REFLECTION

Download these FREE Apps to your smartphone

For Adults



Lection365 Morning & Night Prayer is an APP you can download to your smart phone which gives a biblical reflection and a morning and night prayer. Play it first thing in the morning, on the way to work in the car or when you get some quiet time before going to bed.

For Families



Lectio for Families is an APP designed for families to download and listen to, with childrens' voices reading the scriptural passages. Play it first thing in the morning (maybe over breakfast?), during the school run or in the evening. Watch the video on the parish website.



OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CALVARY 6.30am

We are re-visiting the tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross on the **Fridays in Lent** but with a bit of a twist! **Each Friday of Lent 6.30am** (approx. 15/20mins) weather permitting, we will pray the Stations of the Cross *outside* by candlelight at the Statue of Calvary in St Bernard's grounds (maybe bring a battery operated candle if you have one!). A Friday challenge for young and old!

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In poor weather we will gather in St Bernard's Church.*

OTHER NEWS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH: ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES SALE

including crystal, china, boxed cars and costume jewellery, all at much reduced prices. **Saturday 11 March, 10am - 4pm in Holy Family Parish Centre, 118-120 Cavehill Road.** Free admission. Why not come along and find that perfect Mother's Day Gift?

HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS 2023 Ex Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day Payment can be made by instalments contact James Treacy 061921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

SIMPLY JESUS 60 minutes of gently guided prayer, music and space to think. Jesus of the gospels at home with you. On line (Zoom). 7pm Wednesday 15, 22, 29 March. No chat. No study. No charge. Numbers limited. To register contact Breige O'Hare on breigeohare@firststepwell.com or 07565502662



MARKING 50 YEARS OF TRÓCAIRE IN YOUR PARISH



For your Parish Newsletter

In the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in 1973, the Irish Bishops wrote to the Christian people of Ireland establishing Trócaire. As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

50th Anniversary Prayer

**We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trócaire.
We pray that all people
may continue to work together for the respect of our
shared human dignity and shared human rights.**

**We thank God for the partners and generous
supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue
their work for over fifty years, empowering
communities to work together for a just world.**

**We pray for peace and may that peace be mine
and yours, and with all people experiencing crises
in our world.
Amen**



***Trocaire Boxes now available from
the porchway in the Churches.***



NURSES

WILL YOU LEND US A HAND?

The Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer registered nurses for our pilgrimage from 12th to 17th July 2023.



Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith filled community.

For more information, please email your contact details to

lourdes@downandconnor.org

