

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 20th Sept 2026

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Pat Sheehan & Fr Aidan Kerr

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Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Alex Cusick, The Cairn

Stella McCracken, c/o Archvale Gdns

Liam Mullan, Collinbridge Gdns

Richard Fox, Wynnland Park

Amelia McKernon, formerly Glengormley

ANNIVERSARIES

Clare McCarthy, Elizabeth Armstrong, David Magee,

Marshall Mooney Jnr, Robert Thompson,

Maeve McGinley, Nan McFarlane, John Bell,

James Mulholland, Bernadette Collins, Sean Braniff,

Theresa Braniff, Andrew & Brendan Wylie,

Eleanor Montgomery, Peter & Cissie McKernon,

Colette Devlin, Declan Leaden, Brian Anderson,

Mary Maguire, Anne McCotter, Elizabeth Lloyd.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 19 th	6.00pm	Nan McFarlane & David Magee
Sun 20 th	9.00am	John Bell
SMOTH	10.00am	Bernadette Collins
	11.00am	Marshall Mooney Jnr & 1 st Anniv Robert Thompson
	12.30pm	Maeve McGinley
Mon 21 st	9.45am	Anne McCotter
Tues 22 nd	9.45am	James Mulholland
Wed 23 rd	9.45am	Andrew & Brendan Wylie & Eleanor Montgomery
Thurs 24 th	9.45am	
Fri 25 th	9.45am	Elizabeth Armstrong
Sat 26 th	9.45am	Clare McCarthy

We welcome

Cobhlaith McGinty

Eoin Morrison, Lyla McVeigh

recently baptised in the parish.



COUCH TO 5K

ERC C25K starts a new 10 week programme at

Edmund Rice College on 22nd September. Come along and join us to get fit.

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/eKe7zReYW35jSnCx5>

For more information check out our Facebook page ERC C25k.

G.I.F.T. Programme

Year 8, 9 & Year 10 PUPILS

LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH GAMES & ACTIVITIES.

We invite our young people to share with us in celebrating their faith, come along to the free programme which will run for four Sunday evenings

27th September, 4th, 11th & 18th October 7pm to 8.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Parents should register online on the parish website. or click the QR CODE. **ALL children must be registered to attend.**

St Marys on the Hill Sept 2026:
Gift 2, 3 & 4 (Yr8, 9 & 10)



SAVE THE DATE

The Good Brews Cafe in St Bernard's Parish Hall will be open again after ALL the Masses on

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October

Come along and enjoy a FREE beverage and some sweet treats in the company of friends - both those you know AND those you don't know yet!!

Looking forward to seeing you in St Bernard's Parish Hall



CHILDREN ATTENDING CONTROLLED SCHOOLS SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parishioners whose children attend controlled primary schools and wish their children to receive sacraments should contact the parish now to enquire about preparation.

Email the parish office

stmarysoth@downandconnor.org

and request a registration form.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith.

**The 2026–2027 programme begins on
Wednesday 1st October and runs weekly from
6.30–8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast.**

Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants. All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away.

To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org or scan the QR code



HOPE IN THE *Storm*



GLENGORMLEY PARISH RETREAT AT DRUMALIS SATURDAY, 3 - SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2026

"When we seem to be sinking, overcome by adverse forces, when everything appears bleak and we feel alone and weak...Jesus is with us always, stronger than any power of evil. He comes to us and repeats: 'I am here with you, do not be afraid'. This is why we can get up again after every fall, not allowing ourselves to be stopped by any tempest. Rather we go forward always with courage and trust." (Pope Leo XIV Apostolic journey to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and equatorial New Guinea, 18 April 2026)

This weekend retreat in Drumalis invites you to come into a safe place to rest a while from the "storms of life", a place where you can open your heart and listen to the Lord's message of love, grace and hope for you. In this sacred space of prayer and reflection God offers to strengthen you, heal you and encourage you to continue moving forward on life's journey; to bless you with His peace.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE,
PLEASE CONTACT ANN LAWLOR - 07902405709**

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH
PRESENTS
AN EVENING OF
MUSIC
IN
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

LIMESTONE ROAD
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026
7PM



FEATURING:



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MARTIN



CAVEHILL
COMMUNITY
CHOIR



FRIENDS



HOLY FAMILY
CHURCH

TICKETS

£10

available from the parish office

supporting the work of
Newington Day Centre



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Join us for tea and coffee after.

For your comfort bring a cushion.





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Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 10:30-16:30

St. James' Church Hall

452-456 Shore Rd, Whiteabbey, Newtownabbey, BT37 0AA

Cost: £20

For more information, contact:

loughshore@downandconnor.org, (028) 9037 0845

Registration from 10am. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided.

Workshop will conclude with celebration of Mass in St Mary's, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse at 5pm.



Ian Callanan is one of Ireland's leading composers of liturgical music. For more than 20 years, Ian has travelled throughout Europe and the United States as a concert performer, workshop speaker, and retreat leader. Ian is well known for his ability to get people excited about being music ministers. During the workshop, you will be brought on a musical journey. You will learn a whole new repertoire of music to complement your existing one. The practical advice which you will gain will stand with you throughout your music ministry, whether you are a choir member or a director.

***Please spread the word
to your friends involved in Sacred Music!***

Please register



**MON
12 OCT**

PENAL PERSECUTIONS

Lecture by historian A. Bede on faith in Ireland during the Penal Times

Lecture begins at 7.15pm (following the 6.30pm Mass)

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Antrim Rd, BT15 3BU

**TUES
13 OCT**

TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

God Changed My Life: HM Sisters on Sr Clare Crockett, with Fr Robert Smialek & Michael McDonagh, hosted by John and Danielle Connors

7pm

St. Malachy's Church, Belfast, BT2 8EN

**THURS
15 OCT**

BE RECONCILED

An evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Nightfever

Adoration and Confession from 6pm; Mass at 9pm

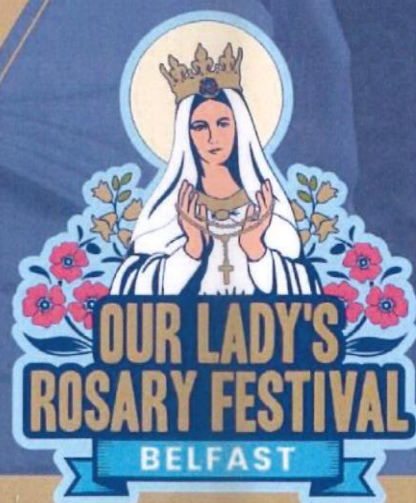
St. Mary's Chapel Lane, Belfast, BT1 1HH



**SUNDAY
18 OCT**

ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

From St. Malachy's Church at 2.30pm
to St. Peter's Cathedral
Followed by Benediction and
refreshments



For more information on each event, please visit:
belfastrosaryfestival.com

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?



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"What are you looking for?"

— John 1:38

Do not be afraid to ask the question

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ."

— St John Paul II



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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, raise up generous men and women who will courageously answer Your call to serve Your Church as priests and religious. Open the hearts of those whom You are calling, and give them the faith, courage and freedom to say "yes" to You.

May our families and parish communities always be places where vocations are prayed for, encouraged and joyfully supported. Amen.



— A Year of — IGNATIAN PRAYER

Saturdays 10am-4pm (in-person sessions) Belfast Jesuit Centre	Wednesdays 7-8pm Online Integrative Practice Pause Points
26 th September	
10 th October	21 st October
7 th November	25 rd November
5 th December	16 th December
9 th January	20 th January
6 th February	17 th February
6 th March	Easter Break
10 th April	21 st April
8 th May	19 th May
5 th June	

Now entering its third year,
A Year of Ignatian Prayer offers a spacious,
immersive journey into Ignatian Spirituality.

Whether you are already familiar with Ignatian Spirituality, or encountering it for the first time, the programme invites you to deepen your relationship with God, grow in interior freedom, and cultivate a more attentive, discerning way of living.

The year will unfold through ten in-person days at the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**, supported by seven online *Integrative Practice Pause Points* to help you weave the graces of each session into daily life.

Across the programme we'll explore:

- St Ignatius: A Man For Our Times
- Images of God
- Approaches to Prayer: Lectio Divina, Imaginative Contemplation, the Examen, Journalling
- Finding God in all Things
- Paying Attention to Feelings: Consolation/Desolation
- Discernment
- God Calls Me
- What next?

This list offers a flavour rather than a full syllabus. Throughout, the emphasis will be on practice, experience and integration; discovering how Ignatian spirituality can take root in the rhythms of everyday life.

Scan
here to
register or
visit our
website



**Suggested
donation**
£200 - £280
Bursaries
available

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The CHOSEN

Season 2



The Chosen first began as a crowdfunded project and has become a global phenomenon, watched by more than 600 million people and translated into over 50 languages.

Our journey through **Season 1** was very rich and rewarding; full of insight, warmth, and fresh ways of engaging with Scripture. Join us as we journey through **Season 2** in a gentle, reflective way.

Each Friday we'll gather for tea and coffee at **10.45am**, begin the episode at **11.00am** sharp and follow it with a gentle, reflective Examen, followed by group conversation.

We'll finish at **12.15pm** and those who are able are invited to join us for Mass at **12.30pm**.

No need to register, just come along and bring a friend.

4 TH SEPT	Thunder
11 TH SEPT	I Saw You
18 TH SEPT	Matthew
25 TH SEPT	The Perfect Opportunity
2 ND OCT	Spirit
9 TH OCT	Unlawful
16 TH OCT	Reckoning
23 RD OCT	Beyond Mountains



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Together, we can help ensure Christianity continues to flourish in the land where Our Lord lived, died and rose again.