

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 18th May 2025

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

Derick Hamilton, Glenwell Drive

Fintan Neeson, Peter Close.

## MONTH'S MIND

Baby Rosie Carlin

## ANNIVERSARIES

Linda Goodall, John & Thomas McErlane,

Paddy, Kathleen & Anne O'Kane,

Fr Manus Campbell OFM, John Campbell,

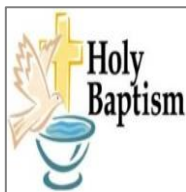
Brendan Fitzpatrick, Patrick Austin, Seamus Bradley,

Anne McKinney, Gabriel O'Toole, Conor Murphy,

John & Joan Cassidy, Samuel Coulter.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Conor Murphy & Samuel Coulter
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Fr Manus Campbell OFM
<i>SMOTH</i>	10am	John Campbell
	11am	Linda Goodall & M/M Baby Rosie Carlin
	12.30pm	Paddy, Kathleen & Anne O'Kane,
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Patrick Austin
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Rec Dec Norah McGeown
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	John & James McErlane
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	



We welcome recently baptised in the parish.

**Rónán Mulgrew**

**Rhys Keffer**

**Méabh Bell**

## Cemetery Sunday in Hannastown Parish

Hannastown Cemetery Sunday 25 May 2025 @ 3pm

The Rock Cemetery Sunday 8 June 2025 @ 3pm

Tullyrusk Cemetery Sunday 15 June 2025 @ 3pm

*Mass celebrated at each*

## JOIN US FOR THE OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY NOVENA IN ST MARY'S ON THE HILL CHURCH

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Every evening at 8.00pm**

*(except Tues 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm)*

## An Invitation for YOU

Meet with your Parish Family over free tea/coffee and treats on **Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June.**

Tea & coffee etc will be served in St Bernard's Parish Hall after the 6pm Mass on Saturday and after all the Sunday Masses.

Everyone welcome



## Parish Developing World Group

### Cake Sale

**17/18 May**

**After all the Masses.**

All proceeds go to helping children and young people in Africa.

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## MARRIAGE



Congratulations to

**Marianna Muchova & Josh McCausland**

Who celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony

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## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Now Flying Direct From Belfast International

7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 30th July/6th August.

Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham Adm St Peter's Cathedral Belfast. £885pps

Convenient flight times. For further information contact Joe Catney 07776425631

## Cleaner required

St. Bernard's Pre-School Playgroup are looking for a cleaner 5 hours per week term time only with possible extra hours for deep clean during summer. Contact Sonia on 07561051377.

## ANNUAL EDMUND RICE LECTURE 2025

All Are Welcome

### ***“Suffer Little Children to Come unto Me”***

Matthew 19:14



Speaker: **Dr David Hickey**

On behalf of

Gaza Paediatric Care Initiative



Gaza has the highest number of child amputees per capita in the world.

To date the latest Gaza health authority data indicates that at least 14,500 youngsters have died in the enclave since the start of the war, compared with 12,193 in conflicts globally between 2019 and 2022 – UNICEF Jan. 2025 At least 25,000 children have been injured with some agencies reporting up to 70,000 children injured.

The Gaza Paediatric Care Initiative, (GPCI) is a not for profit organisation founded in 2023 by a team of doctors, nurses, and health professionals based in Ireland. Their single goal is to help children caught in the crossfire of the current conflict in Palestine.



David Hickey, a 3 time All-Ireland winning senior footballer with Dublin and twice an All-Star as well as a semi-professional rugby player with French side La Rochelle, was the lead transplant surgeon in Ireland and recognised as a world authority on transplant, performing over 2000 transplants in Ireland.

Today, he advocates for social justice with children's health close to his heart.

**St Mary's University College, Belfast.**

**7PM, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

*Access via Beechmount Ave entrance.*

*Refreshments served from 6.30pm.*

*Admission is free, Patrons may wish to make a donation on the night as they wish to GPCI.*

**To give some indication of numbers please R.S.V.P. by 6<sup>th</sup> May '25 to Andrea Irwin @ [erstni1@live.com](mailto:erstni1@live.com)**



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Supporting Parents After Bereavement

## Online Bereavement Information Evening

**Join us online**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**  
**7pm - 8.30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Diane Clabby**

**[Click here to register for this event](#)**



Join us for the  
Down and Connor Diocesan  
**Pilgrimage to Knock**  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Cost £45.00pp - Bus Departs at 7.30am,  
Living Church Office, 120 Cliftonville Road,  
Belfast BT14 6LA

For more information or to book your seat contact Claire:  
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**A CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
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SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX  
1925-2025**



**RENOWNED SPEAKER AND  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OF  
MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA  
FR. PAUL MURRAY, OP**

**Blessing  
with the Relic of  
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025  
7:00 PM  
Holy Family Church  
Belfast**







# SAUL SUNDAY

DOWN & CONNOR  
ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE



1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2025



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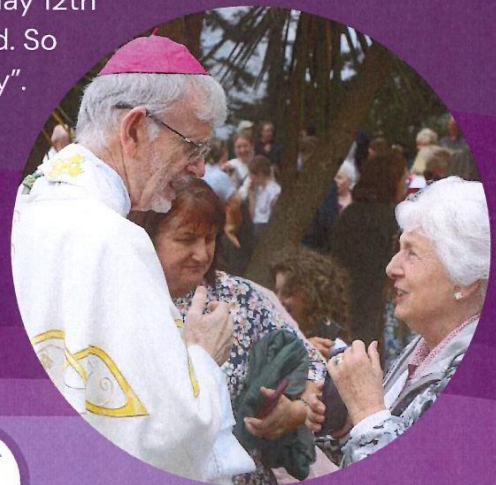
3PM

Pilgrim **'Sacred Heart'** Statue coming to D&C

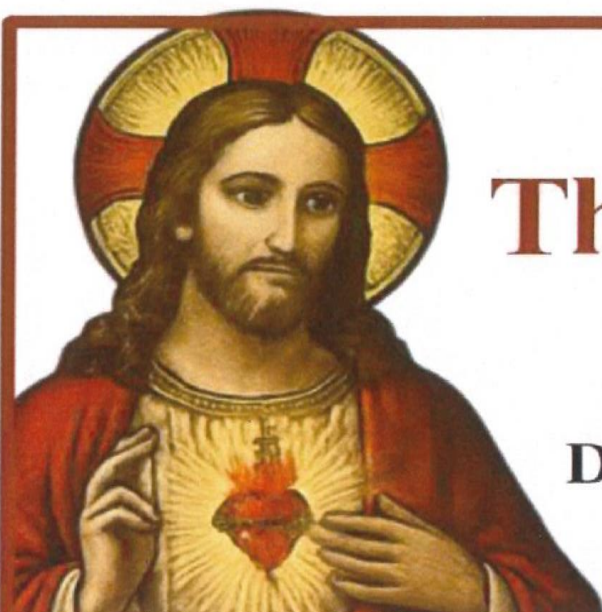
## SAUL SUNDAY: PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025

Celebrating the 1500th anniversary of St Patrick's arrival here in 432AD, the Most Rev Dr Mageean, Bishop of Down & Connor cut the first sod for the monumental statue on Slieve Patrick in Saul. The works took 6 years and the first Pilgrimage took place on Sunday 12th June 1938 when people travelled from all over Ireland to attend. So began the traditional annual pilgrimage, known as "Saul Sunday".

This year Bishop McGuckian will return to celebrate Mass at 3pm on 1st June. He encourages us all to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', joining him at Saul to reflect on Patrick's legacy and welcome the 'Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue' blessed by Pope Francis to our diocese.







**Down & Connor**

# The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Diocesan Devotions June 2025**



**Friday, May 2nd to  
Friday, June 27th**

## **NATIONAL NOVENA OF MASSES**

Fridays in May & June, in Cathedrals & churches across Ireland  
& on **Shalom World Prayer Channel**

Live stream on [www.sacredheartcrusade.ie](http://www.sacredheartcrusade.ie)

*(Led each Friday by Irish Bishops)*

**Sunday, June 1st**

## **SAUL SUNDAY**

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to St Patrick  
Reception of Pope Francis' Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue

*(Mass @3pm led by Bishop Alan McGuckian)*

**Monday, June 2nd**

## **SACRED HEART PROCESSION**

We gather 5.00 at St Patrick's Church Saul & process the  
Pilgrim Statue to St Patrick's Church Downpatrick for 7.30 Mass  
A prayerful evening stroll of 2.5miles

*(Led by local clergy)*

**Tues, June 3rd  
to Wed, June 18th &  
Sat, June 28th to  
Mon, June 30th**

## **PILGRIM STATUE DOWN & CONNOR PARISH VISITS**

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue will travel through the diocese,  
preparing and promoting devotion (Mass, Prayer, Holy hours)

*(Led by local clergy)*

**Thurs, June 19th to  
Fri, June 27th**

## **DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN SACRED HEART NOVENA**

Daily Mass and Novena from St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast

*(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian and local clergy)*

**Friday, June 20th**

## **VENERATION OF RELICS & NATIONAL NOVENA MASS**

The Relics of St.s Margaret Mary Alacoque & Claude la  
Colombière visit St. Peter's Cathedral

*(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian & local clergy)*

**Sunday, June 22nd**

## **RE-CONSECRATION OF IRELAND TO THE SACRED HEART**

Statue goes to Knock Shrine for 22nd & returns D&C on 23rd

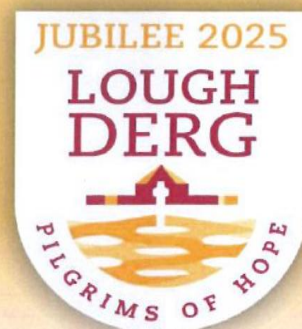
*(Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin)*



# LOUGH DERG

## 2025 PILGRIMAGE SEASON

SANCTUARY OF SAINT PATRICK



## DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN

### Three Day Pilgrimage

**LED BY BISHOP ALAN MC GUCKIAN SJ  
& JIM DEEDS**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Cost: £100**

(Includes Island Admission & Transport)

**For further information and bookings contact:**

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Pope Francis



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# *Ablaze* **PENTECOST IRELAND**



**2025 – Jubilee Year of Hope – 2025**



Join us for an exciting and anointed weekend – don't miss the outpouring !

## **SCHEDULE**

SAT 7TH JUNE  
10AM – 10PM

SUN 8TH JUNE  
10AM – 3PM

**FOOD  
DRINKS  
PARKING  
AVAILABLE**

**7TH JUNE PENTECOST  
WEEKEND 2025**

**£25**



**ST OLIVER PLUNKETT CHURCH TOOME BT48 3PE**





**St Peter's**  
Catholic Cathedral, Belfast

# SUMMER SINGING COURSE



**7-11 July 2025**

**5-day singing course for young people  
who want to improve their singing  
voice and musical skills.**

**For young people aged 8-18**

To apply scan  
the QRcode



Session 1

**9 A.M. to 12 P.M.**

Session 2

**1 P.M. to 4 P.M.**

Optional Session 3

**5 P.M. to 7 P.M.**

Each session includes a break, with refreshments provided.

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**For more information email** [cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org](mailto:cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org)