

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 3rd May 2026

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Pat Sheehan & Fr Aidan Kerr

**PARISH OFFICE 028 90832979**

Lorraine Carlin & Patricia Gillespie

Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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The Parish Office is closed bank holiday

Monday 04<sup>th</sup> May

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne De Largy, Carnhill Avenue.

## MONTH'S MIND:

Peter Devlin.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Kate McCausland, Patricia McCarthy, Jack Caughey, Maura Fitzpatrick, Sean Carville, Ethel Madden, Marion & Bridget Geehan, Charlie O'Kane, Robert Skelton.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

|                      |         |  |
|----------------------|---------|--|
| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 6.00pm  | Patricia McCarthy & M/M Peter Devlin   |
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9.00am  | Marion & Bridget Geehan                |
| <i>SMOTH</i>         | 10.00am | Sean Carville                          |
|                      | 11.00am | Kate McCausland (1 <sup>st</sup> Annv) |
|                      | 12.30pm | Maura Fitzpatrick                      |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am  | Robert Skelton                         |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.45am  |  |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am  |  |
| Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> | 9.45am  |  |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am  |  |
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am  | Charlie O'Kane                         |



We welcome  
**Siofra Slattery**  
**Aodhan McHaffie**  
recently baptised in the parish.

## Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock (St Patrick's Parish)

June 13/14 2026. Staying at The Knock House Hotel.

Please contact Elaine - 07760663079 or Sally - 02890

247587 for more details.

**AN ONLINE PARISH CENSUS TAKES PLACE  
AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND IN  
ST MARY'S ON THE HILL PARISH**

## PARISH COLLECTIONS APRIL

| Week 1            | Week 2          | Week 3          | Week 4          |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>£4569.08</b>   | <b>£3954.46</b> | <b>£4652.71</b> | <b>£4170.53</b> |
| Easter Collection | Monthly Stipend | Building Fund   |                 |
| <b>£2151.14</b>   | <b>£3828.19</b> | <b>£1142.36</b> |                 |

*Thank you for your generosity*

**JOIN US FOR THE  
ROSARY FOR PEACE  
ST. MARY'S ON THE HILL CHURCH  
FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> MAY  
7.00pm**

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

**St. Paul's Pastoral Centre**

**(Beside St. Paul's Church) Falls Road**

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April – Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm**

For details contact: Collette Higgins 07791078453

## **CEMETERY SUNDAYS IN MAY**


Milltown Cemetery 10th May 3pm


City Cemetery 17th May 3pm


Hannahstown Cemetery 31st May 3pm

## Standing in the Breach: Catholic Men's Retreat

A powerful half-day retreat for men centred on our call to holiness: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

 Saturday 9th May 2026

 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

 Portglenone Monastery

For more information or to attend:

Thomas Carey – 07967 620435

[sean@catholicminute.co.uk](mailto:sean@catholicminute.co.uk)

## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

FLYING DIRECT FROM BELFAST INTER

7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 14th/21st August Spiritual

Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP Convenient flight times.

£845pps. Full Religious Programme. For further details

contact Joe or J. Walsh Tours 0035312410800.

# CEMETERY SUNDAY

## *Blessings*

# OF THE GRAVES

### LIST OF DATES FOR CEMETERY SUNDAY



#### MILLTOWN CEMETERY

10<sup>TH</sup> MAY | 3PM



#### CITY CEMETERY/GLENALINA

17<sup>TH</sup> MAY | 3PM



#### HANNAHSTOWN CEMETERY

31<sup>ST</sup> MAY | 3PM

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



#### 1-DAY RETREAT TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE CROSSGAR

SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
10.00 AM – 4.00 PM

LET GO, LET GOD  
"SURRENDER TO JESUS"

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH NEWSLETTER  
OVER THE COMING WEEKS  
RE BOOKING PROCESS AND COST



# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

ST. PAULS PASTORAL CENTRE

(Beside St Pauls Church) FALLS ROAD

BELFAST BT12 6AB

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> April - Sunday 31<sup>ST</sup> May**

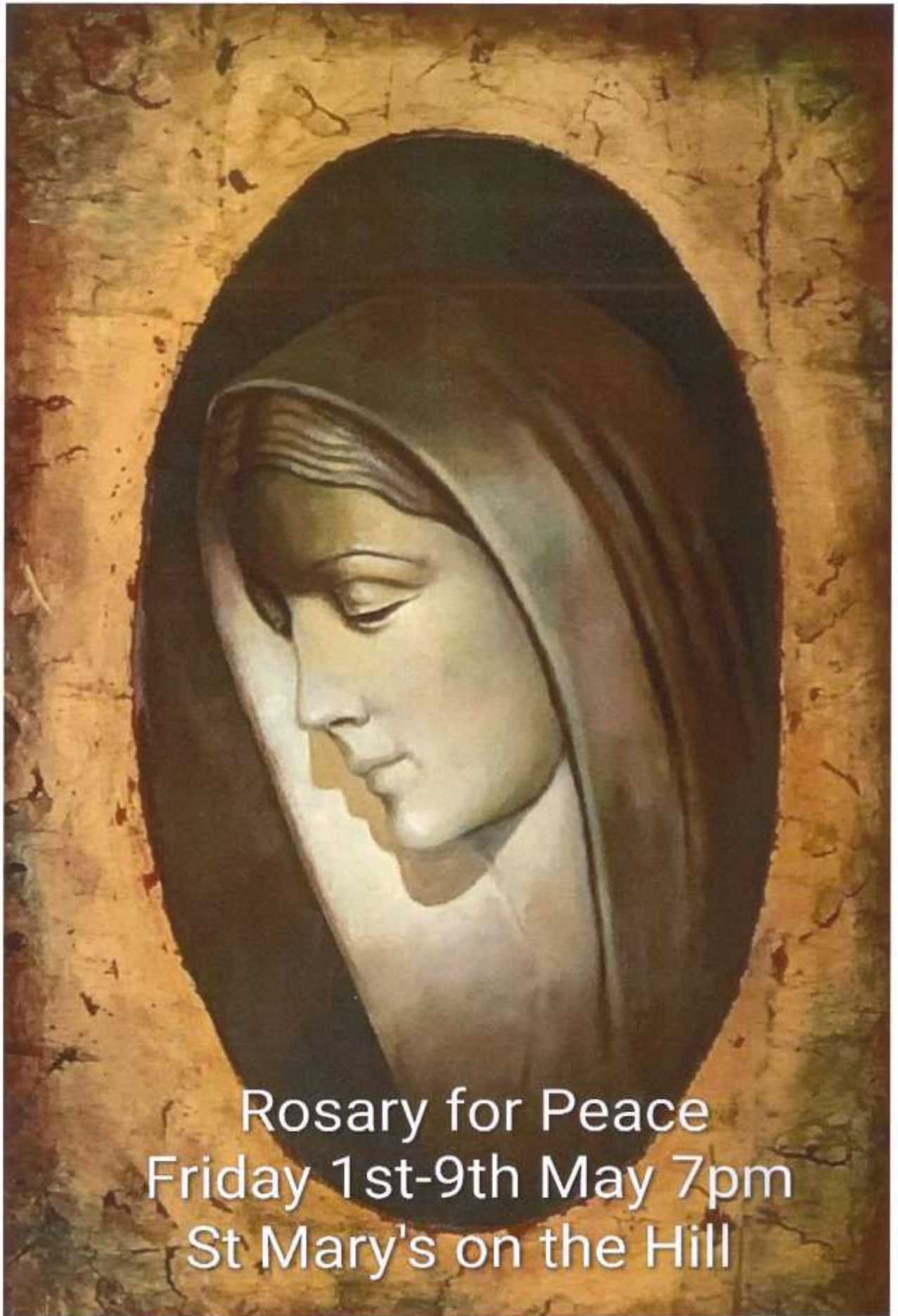
**7.30pm**

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|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 26 <sup>TH</sup> April | Gods Love                  | Fr James O' Reilly |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    | Salvation                  | Fr Ciaran Dallet   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May   | New Life                   | Aideen Murphy      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May   | Receiving God's Gift       | Collette Higgins   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | Baptism in The Holy Spirit | Fr Darren Brennan  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May   | Growth & Transformation    | Denise Robinson    |

*This is an invitation to make or renew a deep personal relationship with Jesus in openness to the Holy Spirit and His Gifts. All Welcome*

For further details contact: Collette Higgins 07791078453  
Hosted by Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal

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Rosary for Peace  
Friday 1st-9th May 7pm  
St Mary's on the Hill



**ANNUAL NOVENA**

**TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**“Living our Baptism today”**

**ST GERARD’S PARISH CHURCH, 722 ANTRIM ROAD**

**MONDAY 11th to TUESDAY 19th MAY 2026**

**Monday to Friday 9.30am and 7.30pm**

**Saturday 9.30am and 6.30pm**

**Sunday 10.30am and 7.30pm**

**St Gerard’s Parish warmly invite you to participate in our  
Annual Novena in honour of  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Visit [www.stgerardsparish.org](http://www.stgerardsparish.org) for more information

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## 2026 Pilgrimage Season

*A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply.*

- Pope Leo XIV

### Diocese of Down and Connor Three Day Pilgrimage

LED BY BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ AND JIM DEEDS

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**Cost: £100pp**

(Includes Island admission and bus transfers)

**For further information and bookings contact:**

NAME: Claire

Tel: 028 90690920

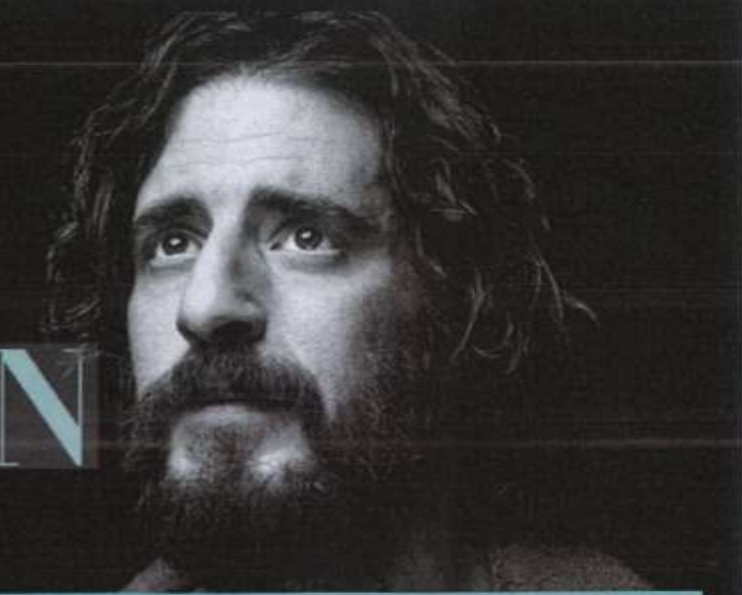
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# The CHOSEN



The **Chosen** is the first multi-season drama exploring the life of Jesus and bringing the Gospel stories to life. It started as a crowdfunded project and has become a global phenomenon - watched by more than 600 million people worldwide and translated into more than 50 languages. Viewers often speak of its humanity, its warmth, and the way it opens the Scriptures with fresh depth and accessibility.

Join us as we journey through **Season 1** 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 short gentle Examen and group conversation. We'll finish at **12.15pm** and those who are able are invited to join us for Mass at **12.30pm**.

Scan the QR code to register.  
Small donation suggested.

8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

I Have Called You By Name

15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Shabbat

22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Jesus Loves the Little Children

29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

The Rock on Which It Is Built

5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

The Wedding Gift

12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Indescribable Compassion

19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Invitations

26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

I Am He

