

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 25th Oct 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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website: www.stmarysonthehill.online

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fidelma Lee, Hollybrook Manor

Michael (Mike) Barnett, Church Rd

Patrick McKeown, Collinward Ave

MONTH'S MIND

Philomena Lawell

ANNIVERSARIES

Anna Austin, Brendan Ferguson, Pat McCamphill,

Maura O'Prey, Patrick & Margaret Darling,

Kathleen & Sean Hayes, Sheila Murray,

Victor Houston, Suzanna De Largy, Jean Flynn,

Lowry & McCormick families, Mariamma Chacko,

Jim McIntyre, Patrick Magorrian.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 24 th	6.00pm	Brendan Ferguson
Sun 25 th	9.00am	Suzanna De Largy
SMOTH	10.00am	Lowry & McCormick families
	11.00am	Anna Austin
	12.30pm	Maura O'Prey & M/M Philomena Lawell
Mon 26 th	9.45am	Victor Houston
Tues 27 th	9.45am	Patrick Magorrian
Wed 28 th	9.45am	Patrick & Margaret Darling
Thurs 29 th	9.45am	Mariamma Chacko
Fri 30 th	9.45am	Kathleen & Sean Hayes
Sat 31 st	9.45am	Sheila Murray



We welcome

Fódhla McDonald, Theo McKee,

Ríona Walker

recently baptised in the parish.

Day Pilgrimage to Knock on Monday 2nd November for feast of All Souls, leaving St Agnes at 7.30am. Price £30 (includes tea and scone). Contact Pat 07946917354 or Harriet 07812098991.



Parish Developing World Group

Cake Sale

24/25 October

After all the Masses.

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

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday 1st Nov

ALL SOULS DAY – Mon 2nd Nov

Mass at 9.45am.

All Souls Day candles to light at home in remembrance of the dead available at the church shop £1.50.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

November Dead Lists are available in the porch of the Church and the Parish Office. Return them to the Church in the envelopes provided. The lists will be placed in front of the altar throughout November. Masses will be offered each day for those on the November dead lists.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD

The annual mass for the dead, remembering by name those who have been buried from the parish in the last year, will be held on **Thursday 12th Nov at 7pm in St Bernard's Church**. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Pastoral Centre.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN: FORGERY OR MYSTERY?

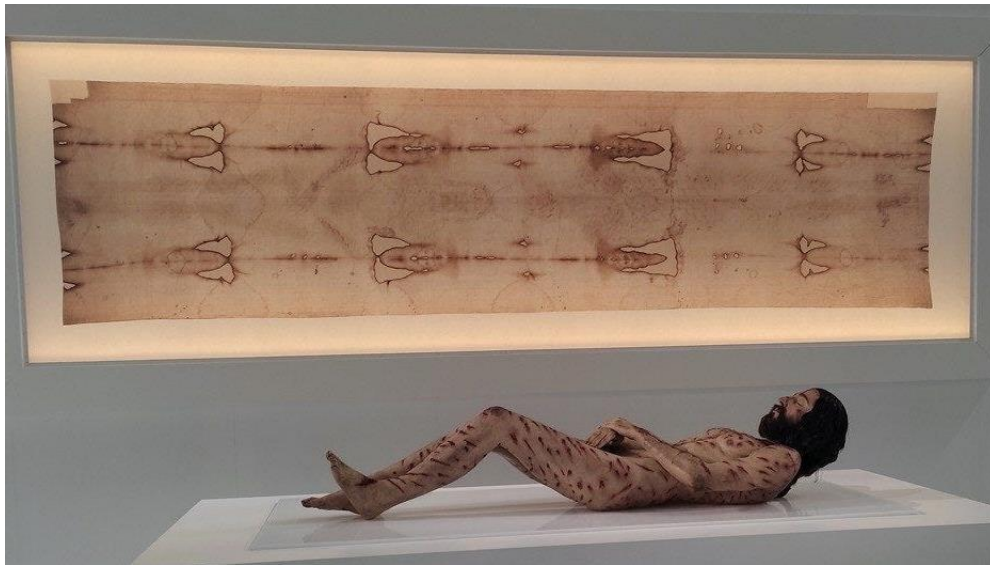
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Pastoral Centre
on Wednesday 28th October
at 7pm

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Email the parish office to register giving just your name and surname.
We just need to know the numbers attending

or use the QR code

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DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE & CURIA OFFICE

VACANCY

“ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER”

The Diocese of Down and Connor is seeking to appoint an **Assistant Housekeeper** who is a conscientious individual with a positive approach to work, excellent attention to detail and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

As the Assistant Housekeeper you will help to create a welcoming, comfortable and professional environment for the Bishop, clergy, visitors, staff and guests. Reporting to the Head of Housekeeping, the successful candidate will undertake a wide range of housekeeping, hospitality and domestic support duties and, when required, provide cover for catering and meal preparation activities.

This position would suit someone who takes pride in maintaining high standards, enjoys working as part of a team, has excellent attention to detail and understands the importance of discretion and confidentiality

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 30 hours per week.
Monday to Friday from 9.30 am – 4.30 pm.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of £24,500 to £26,500 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **job vacancies** and on the Community NI and nijos.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 27 October 2026

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**DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST
HOLYWOOD PARISH**

VACANCY

‘ASSISTANT PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER’

Would you like to play a key role in supporting parish life and helping to ensure the smooth day-to-day running of a busy parish office?

Hollywood Parish is seeking to recruit an **Assistant Parish Support Officer** to provide confidential, efficient and effective administrative support to the Parish Support Officer and Parish Priest, while offering a welcoming and professional service to parishioners and visitors.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 20 hours per week.
Work pattern: Monday to Thursday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Rate of Pay - £14.04 gross per hour

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **JOB VACANCIES** and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

Application packs can also be obtained from Hollywood Parish Office.

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PIONEER
TOTAL ABSTINENCE
ASSOCIATION

*A small sacrifice
can make a big difference*

Take the November Pledge

This November, why not make a simple
but meaningful sacrifice by taking a
Short-Term Pledge?

Pray:

*"I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
to abstain from all intoxicating substances
until the end of November."*

Please consider joining with others in prayer,
sacrifice and support for those affected by addiction.



PRAY



SACRIFICE



SUPPORT

Share

and encourage others
to take the pledge.



THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION

A LIFE OF PRAYER FOR OTHERS

MASS TO REMEMBER DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION



Friday 20 November 2026



7.00 pm



St Agnes' Church,
Andersonstown Road, Belfast



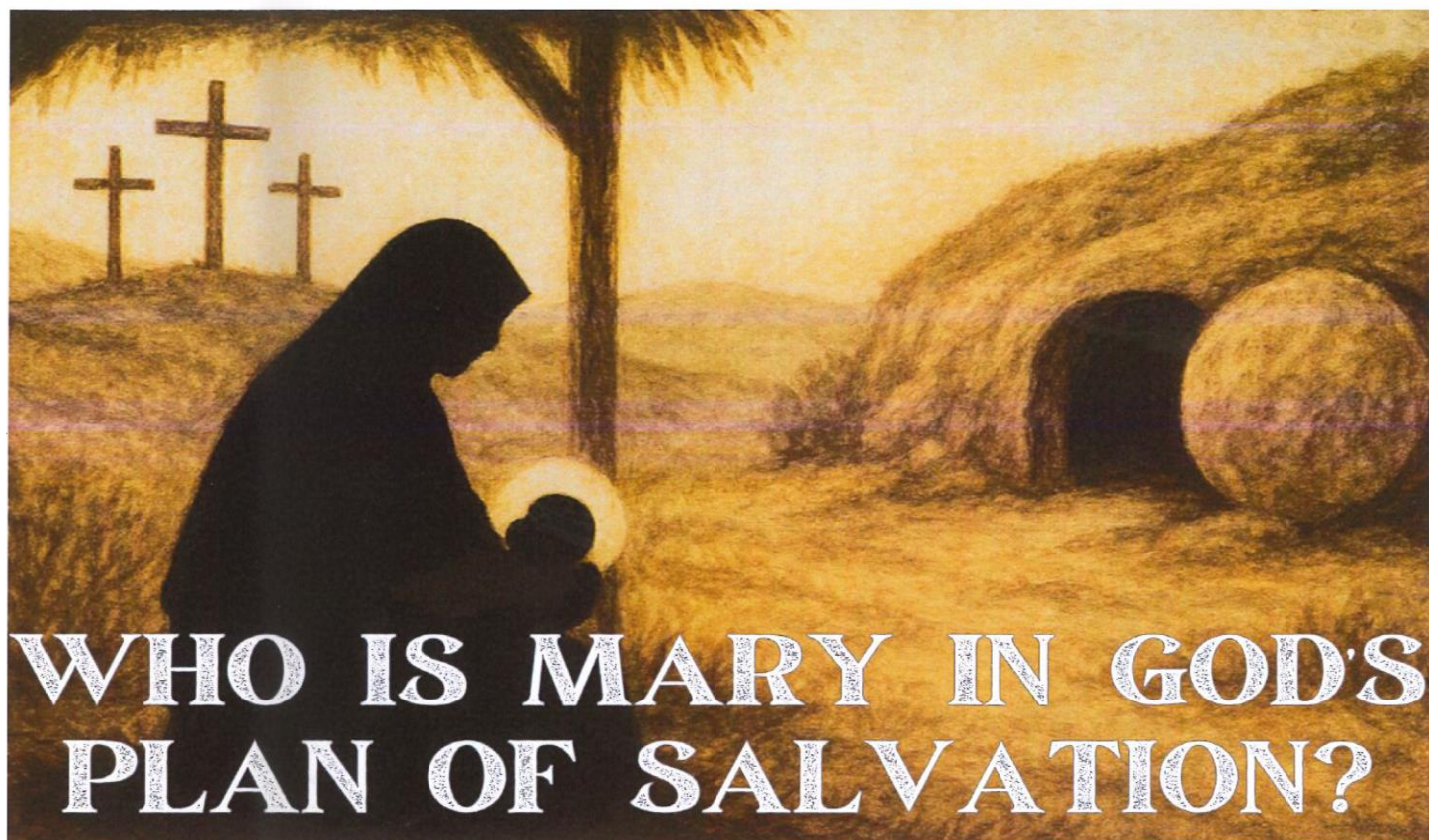
Light refreshments afterwards

ALL PIONEERS WELCOME!

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







WHO IS MARY IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION?

**An exploration by representatives of Christian churches
with audience questions chaired by Alf McCreary**

Rev Dr Patrick McGlinchey (Church of Ireland) • Martina Purdy (Catholic)

Rev Dr Janet Unsworth (Methodist) • Fr Toma Puiu (Romanian Orthodox)

Rev Prof Stephen Williams (Presbyterian) • Fr Angelos (Egyptian Coptic)

"an opportunity to listen ... towards understanding"

**WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2026
CORR'S CORNER HOTEL • 7PM**



Refreshments will be served

All welcome! This event is free to attend but to help
with planning please indicate your intention to come
via qr code or email ecumenical@downandconnor.org
by 30 October 2026



Down and Connor
Ecumenical Commission

ARRANGED BY THE ECUMENICAL COMMISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?



DIOCESE OF
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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



Fr Conor McGrath

Vocations Director

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Vocations Support Officer

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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.

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visit our
website



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available**

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