

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 26th July 2026

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael McCorry, Antrim Road

Mary (Marie) Roberts, Glebe Manor

Gerard McKenna, Collinward Gdns

Joseph Downey, Collinward Park

Raymond Hassan, Church Park

ANNIVERSARIES:

Davy McCrea, Jane Gilpin, Geraldine Ferguson,

Gerard Lawlor, Brendan Liddy, Edel Wilson,

Deirdre Wilson, Seamus Campbell, Stephen short,

Albert O'Hea, Marita Crossin,

Patrick & Johnny Boden.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 25 th	6.00pm	Jane Gilpin & 1 st Deirdre Wilson
Sun 26 th	9.00am	Davy McCrea
	11.00am	Geraldine Ferguson
Mon 27 th	9.45am	Edel Wilson
Tues 28 th	9.45am	No Mass
Wed 29 th	9.45am	Funeral Marie Roberts
Thur 30 th	9.45am	Gerard Lawlor & Brendan Liddy
Fri 31 st	9.45am	Marita Crossin
Sat 1 st	9.45am	Albert O'Hea

We welcome

Maisie O'Connor

Patrick O'Connor

recently baptised in the parish.



**THERE IS NO MASS ON TUES 28TH JULY IN
ST BERNARD'S. THERE IS MASS IN ST.
GERARD'S AT 9.30AM**

ST BERNARD'S SITE CLOSURE

3rd-14th AUGUST

There will be no access to St Bernard's site from 3rd-14th August for groundworks. The whole site will undergo re-tarmacking. Daily masses and funerals will be celebrated in St Marys on the Hill and the Sat. Vigil and Sun.morning masses 8/9Aug will be online.

SUNDAY MASSES JULY & AUGUST

To enable the priests in the 'family of parishes' to help each other get time off over the summer, there will be a reduction in Sunday masses over the summer.

St Bernard's Vigil	6.00pm
St Bernard's	9.00am
St Mary's on the Hill	10.00am
St Bernard's	11.00am
St Bernard's	12.30pm

**NO Divine Mercy in JULY & AUGUST
Back to normal for September.
Baptisms on a Sunday will be at 12.30pm.**



MARRIAGE

Congratulations to

Michelle Doogan & Martin McCarthy

Megan Harvey & Aidan Moloney

Who celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO ST BERNARD'S SITE **3rd-14th AUGUST**

St Bernard's site, both upper and lower carpark,
WILL BE CLOSED
for re-tarmacking and re-marking from
Monday 3rd – Friday 14th August 2026.

There will be **NO ACCESS FOR CARS OR PEDESTRIANS.**
There will be **NO PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE.**
There will be **NO ACCESS TO THE CHURCH,
THE PASTORAL CENTRE OR THE SCHOOL.**

Daily masses (Monday -Saturday mornings 9.45am)
and funerals will be celebrated in St Marys on the Hill.

However, because St Mary's is too small
to accommodate our Sunday congregations
**the Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday morning masses
9am and 11am on 8th & 9th August will be online.**

Parishioners, who wish to, are welcome to attend masses
in the neighbouring parishes

St Gerard's Vigil 6.30pm Morning 10.30am,
Whitehouse vigil 5pm

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus 11.30am
- note these could be quite full.

Adoration will be temporarily suspended during this period.

Apologies, in advance, for the inconvenience.



**24 Hours of Prayer for Vocations
Feast of St John Vianney
3–4 August**

On the Feast of St John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, we warmly invite the faithful from across the Diocese to join us for 24 Hours of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

The vigil will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm on Monday, 3 August, and conclude with Holy Mass at 7pm on Tuesday, 4 August.

Throughout the 24 hours, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Eucharistic Adoration. Priests will be available at various times during the night to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offering an opportunity to encounter the Lord's mercy as we pray together.

We especially invite our parishes, prayer groups, schools, religious communities, youth groups, families, and individuals to come, whether for a few minutes or a longer period, to pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue to raise up generous men to serve His people as diocesan priests.

St John Vianney once said, "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus." As we celebrate his feast, let us unite in asking the Lord to inspire new vocations and to strengthen those already called to serve.

Whether you can stay for an hour, join us for Mass, or simply drop in to pray, your presence and your prayers will make a real difference. All are welcome. Please email Fr Conor - c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

**The Parish of St. Colmcille
191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB**

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL, BELFAST

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026

Fuaimlaoi in Concert

Thursday 6th August 7:00pm St Peter's Cathedral

A captivating ensemble that blends ancient Irish tradition with powerful sacred music by renowned Irish liturgical composer Ronan McDonagh.

This unforgettable performance is sure to be one of the highlights of the Fleadh Belfast Fringe programme.

Tickets: £5.50 Book now:

<https://fleadhfringe.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173683951>

Don't miss this special evening of music in the stunning surroundings of St Peter's Cathedral.

Belfast Féili

Join us for the inaugural Féile tours of St Peter's Cathedral, led by Stevie Corr, as we celebrate its 160th anniversary!

Officially opened with great ceremony on 14 October 1866, St Peter's Cathedral, with its iconic twin spires, has stood at the heart of West Belfast ever since.

This special guided tour offers a unique opportunity to explore areas of the Cathedral that are rich in history and significance, including:

The Chapel of the Resurrection, where three Bishops of Down and Connor are laid to rest.

The Sanctuary, home to the Bishop's Cathedra (official seat).

The Aumbry, which houses the Holy Oils donated in memory of Fr Hugh Mullan and Fr Noel Fitzpatrick, who lost their lives while anointing the wounded during the Ballymurphy shootings.

Tour dates:

Monday 3 August at 3pm

Tuesday 4 August at 3pm

Wednesday 5 August at 3pm

Thursday 6 August at 3pm

Tickets: £5 per person, payable at the entrance (please bring the exact amount).

Come and discover the history, heritage, and stories of one of Belfast's most treasured landmarks.



THE STORY OF IRELAND

As we celebrate the Belfast Fleadh, join Bishop Alan McGuckian for an evening exploring the connections between Irish culture, history and the Catholic faith.

Enjoy traditional Irish music, refreshments and good company as we celebrate our shared heritage together. Everyone is welcome!



FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

7.30PM

ST. PAUL'S PARISH CENTRE
FALLS ROAD, BELFAST

A Legion of Mary Project

MOVE

A five day summer event tailored for 14-18-year olds designed to have a life changing experience with God



3-7 August 2026
Clongowes Wood College
£315.00

Leaders: Fr James O'Reilly PP and Catriona McCoy

For further information, contact Fr James O'Reilly at
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CHRIST IN YOUTH