Parish of St MARY'S *on the* HILL 1st Nov 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
165 Antrim Road. BT36 7QR
e-mail: stmarysoth@downandconnor.org
website: www.stmarysonthehill.online

RECENTLY DECEASED
Maria Morrison, Woodford Rd
Baby Barra Seamus O'Hanlon, Carnmoney Rd
MONTH'S MIND
Eilish Rice, Archie Laverty
ANNIVERSARIES
Michael Crossan, Seamus Devlin, Betty Murphy, Michael Crossan, Bridget Crowe, John Beatty Snr, Anthony, Philomena & Gerard Daly, Pat Morgan, Sheila Quinn, Andrew Armstrong, Harry McKinney, Eilish Hughes, Elizabeth McClure, Robert Connolly, Donal, Sean, Donal Snr & Frances Murphy, Thomas Connolly.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 31st	6.00pm	Anthony, Philomena & Gerard Daly
Sun 1st *All Saints Day*	9.00am	Seamus Devlin
SMOTH	*10.00am*	*Harry McKinney*
	11.00am	Michael Crossan & M/M Archie Laverty
Do this in Memory of Me Mass	12.30pm	Donal, Sean, Donal Snr & Frances Murphy & M/M Eilish Rice
Mon 2nd *All Souls Day*	9.45am	Sheila Quinn
Tues 3rd	9.45am	Funeral Maria Morrison
Wed 4th	9.45am	Betty Murphy
Thurs 5th	9.45am	Andrew Armstrong
Fri 6th	9.45am	John Beatty Snr
Sat 7th	9.45am	Bridget Crowe

We welcome
Rúa Duffy, Oisín Bragg, Dáire Nelson
recently baptised in the parish.

Parish Developing World Group

A big Thank You to the parish for the amazing **£2273.50** raised last weekend for the developing world. The skill and hard work of the bakers is truly appreciated. Heartwarming to see the parish working together with your support after all the masses. All this and the amazingly generous donations will make a real difference to the lives of children in the developing world.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY CUPPA

Why not come along and enjoy a chat over a cuppa after Mass on Friday morning - 6th November - in St Malachy's Room behind the altar?
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PARISH COLLECTIONS OCTOBER

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£3912.91	**£4409.59**	**£4038.29**	**£4237.56**
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	**World Mission**	
4333.15	**£1150.97**	**£1348.53**	

Thank you for your generosity

Church of St Mary Star of the Sea,
Killyleagh,
invites you to:

JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MATT TALBOT

Urban Mystic

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS
MATT TALBOT
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

4:00PM – 8:30PM.
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

CHURCH OF ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA
Irish Street, Killyleagh, BT30 9QS

SUGGESTED DONATION TOWARDS RUNNING COSTS
£3

4:00PM	RECEPTION AND VENERATION OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE MATT TALBOT
6:30PM	BENEDICTION
7:00PM	ST MARY'S HALL (NEXT DOOR TO CHURCH) – **MATT TALBOT: *URBAN MYSTIC*** A POWERFUL FILM OF HOPE, SACRIFICE, REDEMPTION AND SPIRITUAL COURAGE
8:00PM	QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION WITH **MICHAEL MURPHY,** VICE-POSTULATOR FOR THE CAUSE OF VENERABLE MATT TALBOT

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 4:15PM AND 6:15PM

All are welcome!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO DROP-IN AT ANYTIME
Light refreshments will be available

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THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS
MATT TALBOT INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

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MASS FOR SEAFARERS AND FISHERS

Let us come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, recognising their sacrifices and vital contribution to our daily lives, and expressing the Church's care and solidarity with them and their families.

SUNDAY,
15 NOVEMBER 2026

11.00 AM

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
St. Peter's Square,
Belfast BT12 4BU

TO BE PRESIDED BY
THE MOST REVEREND ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ
BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR

All are invited.

STELLA MARIS
UK

Annual Masses for the Deceased Teachers of Down and Connor

Will be celebrated on Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church, Broughshane Road, Ballymena AND
Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd Church (Holy Rosary Parish), Ormeau Road, Belfast.
Please forward by **Friday 6th November 2026** the name and school of any teacher who died during the past twelve months to
Rev Colin Grant, Director of the Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA
Tele: 028 9049 1886 or Email: dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org
Light refreshments will be served afterwards in All Saints' Parish Centre and Holy Rosary Parish Centre.
Anyone unable to attend can join online at: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsballymena/streams for the Mass in Ballymena
and www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for the Belfast Mass.

Trócaire

is looking for volunteers to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027!**
We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world.
The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period.
Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!
Help inspire young people to become agents of change

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November:

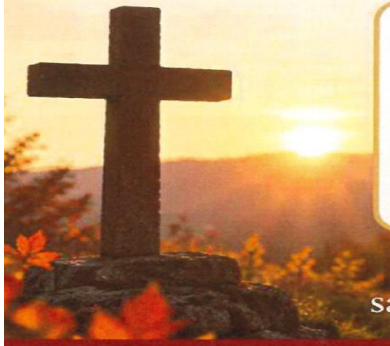
Join hundreds of women at the **Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal**, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference!
Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.
A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

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

REST IN PEACE

Friday 20 November 2026

7.00 pm

St Agnes' Church, Andersonstown Road, Belfast

Light refreshments afterwards

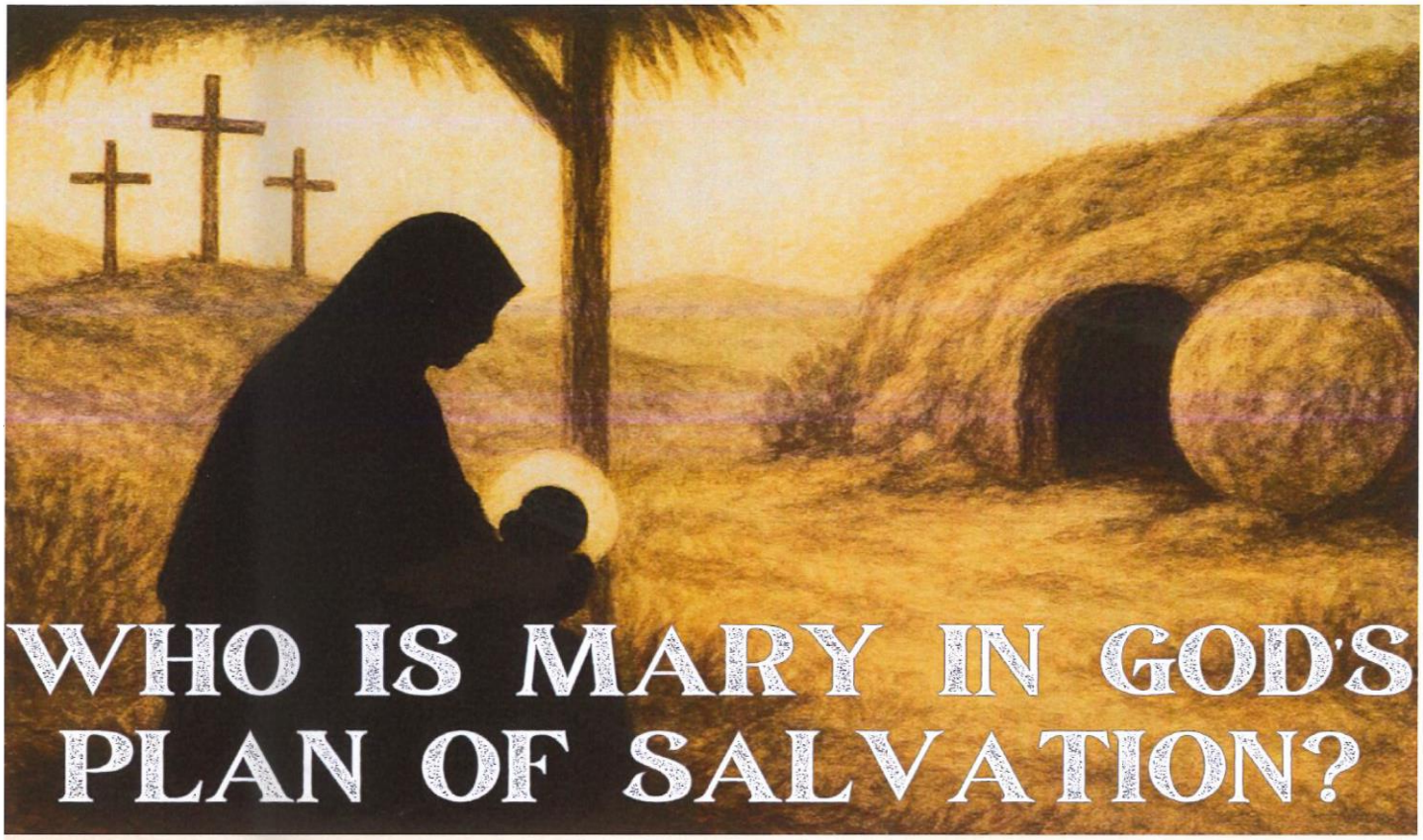
ALL PIONEERS WELCOME!

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

St. Bernard's
Preschool
Pre-School Place has become
Available within our
morning session
9 am - 1.30 pm
Where curious minds
and happy hearts
grow bigger
every day

St. Bernard's
Preschool
Curious Minds
Happy Hearts
Open
Night
for Preschool
Thursday 19th
November
Tuesday 5th
January
5pm - 7pm
Parish Centre,
165 Antrim Road, Glengormley
Tel 07561051377

Christmas Fair
Sunday 22nd November
10am - 2pm
Christmas
Decorations
Dream Bakes
Santa's Grotto
B Creative NI
Scentsy
St. Bernard's
Pre-school
Craft Stalls
Tropic Skin
Care
165 Antrim Road
Glengormley
S & V design
Pastoral Centre behind
the Chapel
St. Bernard's
P6 for
Children's
Hospice
Sub Side NI
Homemade Jams
Tuck shop



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
DOWN & CONNOR

"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
✉ c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

David Goodwin
Vocations Support Officer
✉ d.goodwin@downandconnor.org

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
26th September	
10th October	21st October
7th November	25rd November
5th December	16th December
9th January	20th January
6th February	17th February
6th March	Easter Break
10th April	21st April
8th May	19th May
5th 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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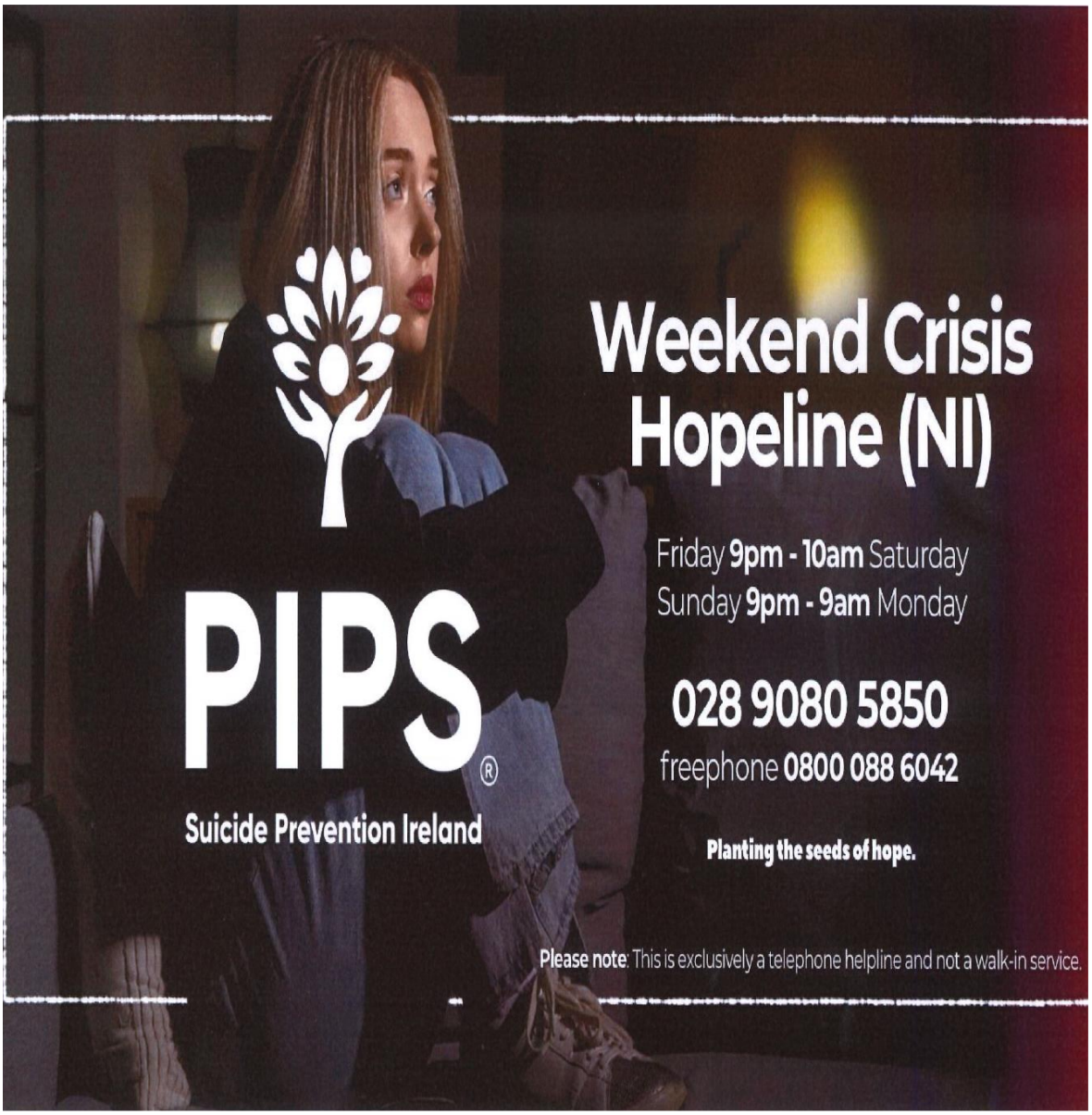
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Weekend Crisis Hopeline (NI)
Friday 9pm - 10am Saturday
Sunday 9pm - 9am Monday
028 9080 5850
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Planting the seeds of hope.
Please note: This is exclusively a telephone helpline and not a walk-in service.