

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 12th 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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The Parish Office is closed 13th & 14th July

RECENTLY DECEASED

Grace Fitzpatrick, Carnmoney Road.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne McCann, Matt O'Regan, Philomena Stewart,

Brian & Sarah Martin, Bertie & Alistair McCrea,

Jack Cooke, Frank & Rosaleen McGlone,

Mary & Martin Loughran, Maureen Gilroy,

Charles O'Kane, Mary Bratty, Brian McVarnock.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 11 th	6.00pm	Matt O'Regan
Sun 12 th	9.00am	Philomena Stewart
	11.00am	Anne McCann
Mon 13 th	9.45am	Jack Cooke
Tues 14 th	9.45am	Mary & Martin Loughran
Wed 15 th	9.45am	Bertie & Alistair McCrea
Thur 16 th	9.45am	Special Intention
Fri 17 th	9.45am	Brian & Sarah Martin
Sat 18 th	9.45am	Frank & Rosaleen McGlone

We welcome

Patrick McGivern

Cadhla Daly

recently baptised in the parish.



Pioneer Mass at Knock

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica at 3pm next Sunday 19 July 2026. Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time.

Further information from Fr Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie

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.

WORDS OF SPIRIT AND LIFE:

An evening with Jeff Cavins

Sunday 26th July 2026, 7pm Voco Hotel Belfast
Spend an inspiring evening with Jeff Cavins, the internationally renowned Bible teacher, author, and creator of The Great Adventure Bible Timeline that shaped the hugely popular Bible in a Year podcast. Whether you're a catechist, a young adult, or simply drawn to Scripture, come to meet others who love the Word, share in a time of prayer led by Fr Conor McGrath, and be reminded that the words of Jesus are Spirit and they are life.

Register Online: <https://tinyurl.com/5h483c83>

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

- but these could be quite full.

Adoration will be temporarily suspended during this period.

Apologies, in advance, for the inconvenience.



**DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST
BALLYMENA PARISH**

VACANCY

YOUTH MINISTER

(3 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT)

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust are seeking to recruit into this exciting new role of 'Youth Minister', to work within Ballymena Parish, collaborating with the teams within the Family of Parishes, to align youth ministry with the broader mission of the parishes.

We are looking for a person with a passion for deepening the faith of young people, who will focus on the personal, social and spiritual development of young people.

This will be someone who can inspire young people and help them to fulfil their full potential in the life of the Church, and who can initiate and implement new outreach ideas to connect with young people and draw them into a journey of faith.

If you are that someone.....please read on.....

This Youth Minister role will be based within our Ballymena Parish, 2/4 Broughshane Road, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT43 7DX. The role will require you to work 35 hours per week, which will involve evening and weekend work.

Salary will be considered within the range of £29,000 to £31,000 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience.

If interested, full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: [job vacancies](#). It can also be found at <https://www.nijobs.com/jobs/> and 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.

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 21 July 2026

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer



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ST COLMCILLE'S & FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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This Youth Minister role will be based within our St Colmcille's Parish 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB. The role will require you to work 35 hours per week, which will involve evening and weekend work.

Salary will be considered within the range of £29,000 to £31,000 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience.

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Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 28 July 2026

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STANDING IN THE BREACH

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR ROBERT
MCNAMARA

*"For freedom Christ
has set us free; stand firm,
therefore, and do not submit
again to a yoke of slavery."
(Galatians 5:1)*

FREEDOM ⁺ IN CHRIST



Saturday, 25th July
9am - 1pm



PORTGLENONE
MONASTERY

CONTACT



THOMAS CAREY
07967620435



SEAN@CATHOLICMINUTE.CO.UK

PRAYER • TEACHING • FELLOWSHIP

The following will be held at:
The Parish of St. Colmcille
191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB



**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

***Save the Date! The Vocation Allies event that was to take place in June at the Catholic Chaplaincy will now take place on Wednesday, 5 August.
More details to follow.***

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
j.oreilly@downandconnor.org / 07496905262

CHRIST IN YOUTH

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE - 26 JULY 2026 KNOCK SHRINE

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

‘I will never forget you’ (Isaiah 49:15)



Photo credit: Sinead Malley

- Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of all Ireland
- Director of Music Una Nolan & Choirs
- Special Guest Dana Rosemary Scallan
- Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica - 2:30pm
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - 3:00pm
- Rosary Procession after Mass (weather permitting)
- Children's Prayer Appeal for Grandparents, send or bring prayers to the CGA office at Knock Shrine
- Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion

**** Please organise transport with your local parish.**



THOSE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON CAN TAKE PART ONLINE AT WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/WATCH
www.knockshrine.ie - Telephone: +353 (0) 94 938 8100

WWW.YOUTH2000.IE



SUMMER FESTIVAL

NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE, KILDARE

13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

AGES 16-35

DONATION ONLY

FREE BUSES

REGISTER NOW



"I WILL TRUST AND WILL NOT BE
AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY
STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

COME AND SEE!

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— 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,
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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:

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- Images of God
- Approaches to Prayer: Lectio Divina, Imaginative Contemplation, the Examen, Journaling
- 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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 website



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 donation
 £200 - £280
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 available

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