

Parish of St MARY'S *on the HILL* 9th November 2025

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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RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Anne Hamilton, Archvale Ave.

Desmond (Desi) Stewart, c/o Mossgrove Pk

Plunkett O'Byrne, Rita Small.

MONTH'S MIND

Grace Norton

ANNIVERSARIES

Edna Sherry; Lorraine McCarthy; Ernest Stewart;

Betty & Joan McKeever; Joseph & Esther Briers;

Imelda Largey; Patrick & Philomena Kerr;

Pat Morgan; Aidan Lawlor; Tommy Connolly;

Kathleen & Colin Lundy; Paddy O'Byrne;

Michael McCord; Geraldine Kane; Mary Elizabeth

Harrison; Margaret & James McAuley; Jim Scanlon.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 8 th	6.00pm	Edna Sherry & M/M Grace Norton
Sun 9 th	9.00am	Ernest Stewart
<i>SMOTH</i>	10.00am	Joseph & Esther Briers
	11.00am	Betty & Joan McKeever
	12.30pm	Lorraine McCarthy
Mon 10 th	9.45am	Mary Elizabeth Harrison
Tue 11 th	9.45am	Imelda Largey
Wed 12 th	9.45am	
Thu 13 th	9.45am	Patrick & Philomena Kerr
Fri 14 th	9.45am	
Sat 15 th	9.45am	

We welcome

Ruby Quigley-Smyth, Lucy Quigley-Smyth, James Hannaway.

recently baptised in the parish.



PARISH COLLECTIONS OCTOBER

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£3972.82	£4129.31	£3819.41	£4020.87
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Mission Sunday	
£4235.93	£1103.26	£1256.20	

Thank you for your generosity

SVP ANNUAL SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday 4th December

in Corrs Corner Hotel

£15 per ticket, available after all masses next weekend.

Christmas Party

Edmund Rice College warmly invite Parishioners, Parish groups and clubs to their annual Christmas Party on **Thursday 27th November at 10am-12 noon**. Come along for festive fun and enjoy the beginning of Christmas celebrations. Please confirm your attendance via your group or alternatively contact the school on 028 90848433 to reserve a place.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS DAY – Holy Day of Obligation

Sat 1st Nov. Mass at 9.45am

ALL SOULS DAY - Sun

Masses as usual for Sundays.

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 13th Nov at 7pm in St Bernard's Church**. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Pastoral Centre.

*As part of our celebrations marking **125 years** of St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School, we are compiling 125 memories and stories that reflect the rich history and spirit of our school community.*



If you, or someone you know, has a memory or story to share — whether as a former pupil, staff member, or friend of the school — we would love to hear from you. Please send your contributions to the school office via the email address info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk.

Or if you have a photo, you can bring it to the school office and we can take a copy. We are planning a special event to showcase these stories and celebrate our shared history, and we hope to include as many voices as possible. Thank you for helping us honour this milestone.

**GIVE  BLOOD
Save Lives**

**Book now for your local community
blood donation session!**

VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian
Church Hall, Glengormley

DATE & TIME

Thursday 20 November
12:30 – 19:30



The annual Masses for the Deceased Teachers of Down and Connor

Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7.30pm
in Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast

Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.30pm
in All Saints' Church, Broughshane Road, Ballymena.

Please forward by **Friday 7th November 2025** 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
Holy Rosary Parish Centre and All Saints' Parish Centre)

Anyone unable to attend can join in online
at: www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for the Belfast Mass

and

www.youtube.com/@allsaintsballymena/streams for the Mass in Ballymena.



Trócaire School Volunteers

Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children?

Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable?

Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2026 in the Down and Connor Diocese.

If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have time to volunteer during Lent, then we would love to hear from you!

Full training and support will be provided.

For more information call Fionnuala on 028 9080 8033 or

email: fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org



DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH

BELFAST

VACANCY

'PARISH & VOCATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER'

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the recruitment of a Parish and Vocations Support Officer to be based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB.

The role holder will be required to work with our Director of Vocations supporting him by undertaking secretarial, clerical, administrative and diary management services within the parish and in his role as Diocesan Director of Vocations.

If you are an individual with excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters in a professional manner, then we see this as a unique opportunity for you to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Team.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 30 hours per week.
Monday to Friday – work pattern to be agreed.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of £25,000 to £28,000 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 njobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application Packs are also available from the Parish Office.

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 Monday 10 November 2025

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

LOUGHSHORE PARISHES

NET YOUTH MINISTRY

An invitation to young people

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 7pm-9pm at Greencastle Parish Office.

Please join the NET Team for a 6-week, young adult (18-30) Bible study.

This is a time for growing in faith, building fellowship and having fun.

Please RSVP the NET team at 07823368504.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Thursday, 7-8pm in St James' Church, Whiteabbey.

All welcome!

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

On Fridays at 7pm, starting on 7th November, we are hosting a Youth 2000 prayer group. Please join us at St Mary's Greencastle for adoration, bible study, and praise /worship music!

EVERYONE WELCOME



Suicide Awareness &
Support Group

INVITE YOU TO OUR **MASS OF HOPE**

**SUNDAY
16TH NOVEMBER 2025
AT 3PM**

**CLONARD
MONASTERY**



Eternal Father
I offer Thee the most precious blood
of thy Divine Son, Jesus
in union with the Masses
said throughout the world today
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
for sinners everywhere
for sinners in the universal Church
those in my own home
and with in my family. Amen+





**Northern Ireland
Adoption &
Foster Care**

S.T.A.Y.

The STAY project is a relatively new initiative which acts like a stepping stone for young people coming out of care or on the edge of care who are being moved into their own accommodation but don't quite have the skills to live independently.

We are looking to promote STAY and recruit people who are interested in giving these young people an opportunity and a bit of support so that they don't fail at this transitional point in their life.

In return, the Northern Trust offers support visits, training and a financial payment of £901.15 every 4 weeks for young persons placed. The young persons are deemed low risk and in some form of education or training and most importantly, willing to move into a STAY placement.

With the STAY project, the hosts are able to maintain their current job/roles/responsibilities alongside their new role as a support for our young people.

Find out more:

- Call 0800 0720 137
- adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net
- Watch our video:



STAY/Supported Lodgings Information Session

Thursday 30th October 19:30-20:30

Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 396 063 340 337 9

Passcode: rw3hi3EZ



**Venue: The Pastoral Centre
behind St Bernard's Church**





Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN IRELAND

RED WEDNESDAY

19 November 2025

**More Christians have been killed
because of their faith in Christ in the
last century than the previous 1,900
years of Christian history**

**Join us in standing with them in
prayerful solidarity**

**This Red Wednesday, Aid to the Church in Need
invites you to wear something red, light a red candle
in your window and pray for their welfare**



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FOUNDATION

