Parish of St MARY'S *on the* HILL 8th 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
Samuel Anderson, Antrim Rd
Baby Barra Seamus O'Hanlon, Carnmoney Rd

ANNIVERSARIES
Lorraine McCarthy, Marshall Mooney Snr,
Anne Hamilton, Patrick McDonald, Imelda Largey,
Joseph & Ester Briers, Baby Rí Grace, Paul McDyer,
Desmond & Ernest Stewart, Mary Boden,
Roma, Hugh & Patricia Byrne, Jeanie Green,
Patrick & Philomena Kerr, Nuala McCullagh,
Sheila & Jim Seeley, Kathleen & Colin Lundy,
Eilish Douglas, Michael Crudden, Michael McCourt.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 7th	6.00pm	Lorraine McCarthy & 1st anniv Anne Hamilton
Sun 8th	9.00am	Desmond & Ernest Stewart
SMOTH	*10.00am*	*Nuala McCullagh*
	11.00am	Marshall Mooney Snr & 1st anniv Baby Rí Grace
	12.30pm	Patrick McDonald & 1st anniv Mary Boden
Mon 9th	9.45am	Joseph & Ester Briers
Tues 10th	9.45am	Imelda Largey
Wed 11th	9.45am	Roma, Hugh & Patricia Byrne
Thurs 12th	9.45am	1st anniv Paul McDyer
Fri 13th	9.45am	Patrick & Philomena Kerr
Sat 14th	9.45am	Jeanie Green



We welcome
Sáerlaith McCourt, Eden Lismore, Rosa Lismore, Dáire Lismore
recently baptised in the parish.

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.

Christmas Party

Edmund Rice College warmly invite Parishioners, Parish groups and Clubs to their annual Christmas Party on **Thursday 26th 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 90848433 to reserve a place.

Our Lady Of Knock

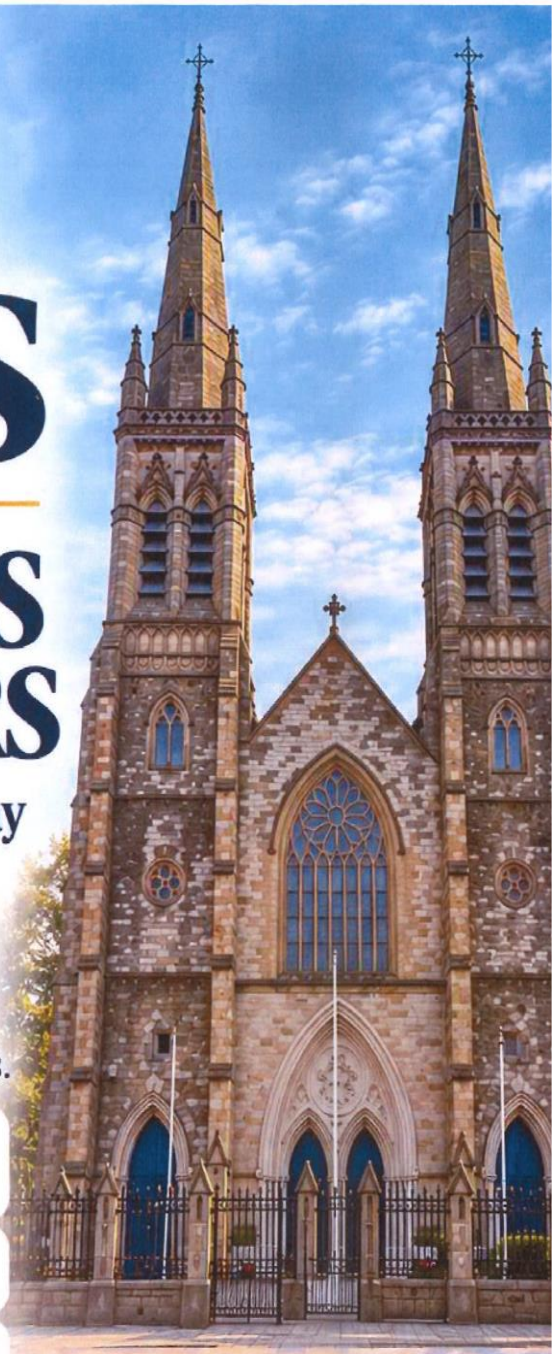
Houben Centre, Holy Cross Church. We are showing a Video/Documentary, followed by a Q&A session, on Our Lady of Knock, on Friday 27th November at 7-30pm. The presenter is an EWTN producer.
All are welcome.
Tea and Coffee provided.

Seamus Heaney – Religion as Praise

Join us this Thursday at 7pm as Dr Gary Wade explores Seamus Heaney's poetry and its relationship with faith in his public lecture, 'Religion as Praise'. We look forward to welcoming you to the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's, 30–38 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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DOWN & CONNOR

MASS FOR SEAFARERS AND FISHERS



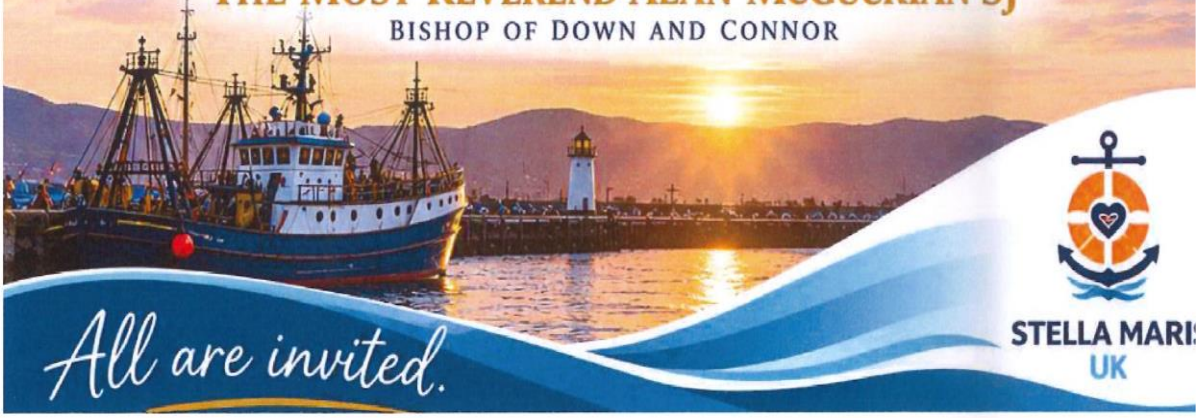
Let us come together to pray for seafarers and fishers,
recognising their sacrifices and vital contribution to our daily lives, and expressing the Church's care and solidarity with them and their families.

SUNDAY,
15 NOVEMBER 2026

11.00 AM

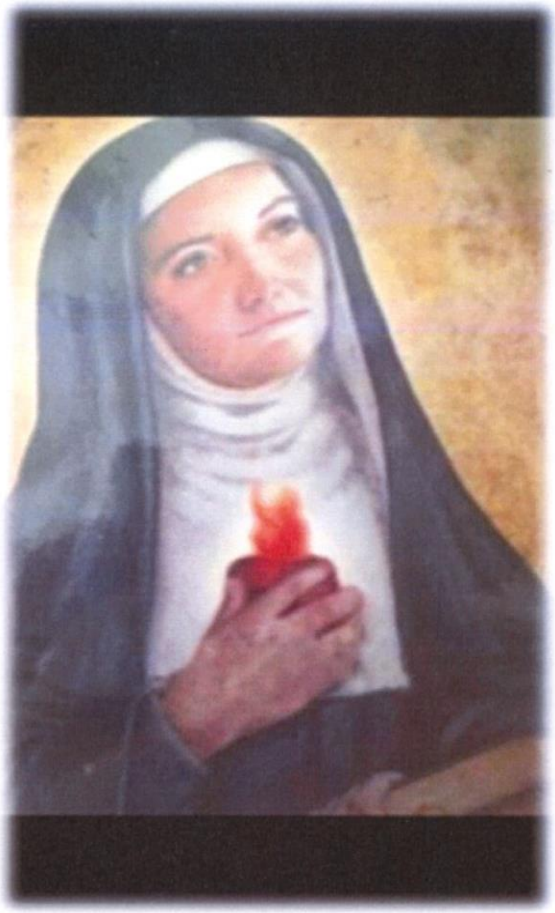
ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
St. Peter's Square,
Belfast BT12 4BU

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



All are invited.

STELLA MARIS
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St Gertrude was a Benedictine nun and a mystic. She meditated on the Passion of Christ which many times brought tears to her eyes.

She did many penances and Our Lord appeared to her many times.

She had a devotion to pray for the souls in Purgatory that they might find their peace with God. She died in 1334.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

ST GERTRUDE

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 souls
in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the church, those in my own home
and those in my own heart.

Amen.



Naíscoil/Gaelscoil Éanna

Lá Oscailte 2026

Open Day – Saturday 21st November
from 10am until 12noon

Scoil Éanna sited on the grounds of GLG Naomh Éanna, Hightown Road, Glengormley, is the only Irish Medium Education Provider in the Newtownabbey area. We extend a warm welcome to new families to engage with us and to gain an insight into the curricular and extra-curricular activity available at our school.

With the application process for Nursery/Primary places for September 2027 due to commence January 6th 2027 and to close again January 20th 2027, we encourage all interested parties to express their interest with us now and / or make further enquiries by making direct contact with the School Office as quickly as possible either on the telephone or via email.

Naíscoil / Gaelscoil Éanna, c/o St Enda's GAC, Hightown Rd, Glengormley, BT36 7AU
Tel: 02890 830088 • Email: mbailie304@c2ken.net






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.

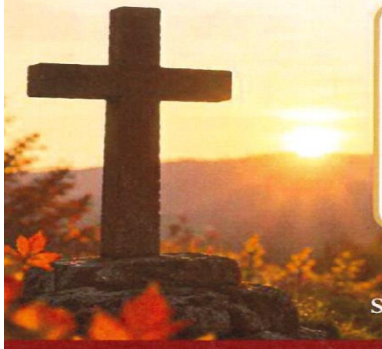
A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

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

Talk: The Second World War through Jesuit Archives

Join us in the Belfast Jesuit Centre on Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm, for a fascinating illustrated talk by Damien Burke, Archivist of the Irish Jesuit Province and co-editor of *The Second World War through Jesuit Archives: The Case of Europe (1939–1945)*. Drawing on letters, diaries and archival records from across Europe, this illustrated talk explores the human experience of war through stories of faith, service and resilience. All are welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small donation suggested.

The Chosen: Season 3 plus Advent Specials

Join us at the Belfast Jesuit Centre as we continue our journey through *The Chosen* with *Season 3* starting on Friday 6th November.
Due to the longer running time of the Season 3 episodes, we will now begin at 10.45am sharp (rather than 11.00am). Tea and coffee will be available from 10.15am.Following each episode, there will be a short guided Examen and an opportunity for reflection and discussion. Those who wish to are also welcome to stay for Friday Mass at 12.30pm. As part of our Advent journey, on 18 December we will screen the special episodes The Shepherd and The Messengers, offering a beautiful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. All are welcome. Small donation suggested.

Church at the Crossroads – Belfast Conference 13–14 November 2026 · Assembly Buildings Conference Centre

The Belfast Jesuit Centre and the Irish Jesuit Province are delighted to be official partners with *Church at the Crossroads*, a two-day conference hosted by Palestinian Christians for the global Church. The gathering invites us to listen and learn from Palestinian and international Christian leaders as we explore how Scripture shapes our response to the realities in the Holy Land. Other speakers include Sean Farrell (Trocaire) and Prof. Siobhan Garrigan of TCD. For more details and registration, please visit: www.churchatthecrossroads.com/belfast

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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