Parish of St MARY'S *on the* HILL 15th Nov 2026

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH
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RECENTLY DECEASED
Raymonde (Raye) Foster, Glebe Road
Conor O'Kelly, Moss Meadows

ANNIVERSARIES
Edna Sherry, Patrick Fay, Kathleen McClean, Sarah Jane & John Maskey, Jackie O'Relly, Sr. Veronica O'Brien, Alexander Lyttle, Jackie & Annie Moreland, Billy Thompson, Thomas Kelly, Margaret Rose McAtamney, John & Eva Lawell, Jason Holly, Ellen McCormick, Patrick Joseph O'Hara, Alex Dunlop, Bernie Allen, James Farrell, Peter Byrne Snr & Peter Byrne Jnr, Jimmy Reilly, Anthony Sands.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 14th	6.00pm	Edna Sherry
Sun 15th	9.00am	Kathleen McClean
SMOTH	*10.00am*	*Anthony Sands*
	11.00am	Jackie O'Reilly & 1st anniv Thomas Kelly
	12.30pm	Jackie & Annie Moreland, Billy Thompson & Jason Holly.
Mon 16th	9.45am	Margaret Rose McAtamney
Tues 17th	9.45am	Alexander Lyttle
Wed 18th	9.45am	Sarah Jane & John Maskey
Thurs 19th	9.45am	John & Eva Lawell
Fri 20th	9.45am	Patrick Fay
Sat 21st	9.45am	Sr. Veronica O'Brien



We welcome
Kaiden McTasney, Connla McGrady, Cúan McKeating, Caodhán Whiteway.
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.



CHRISTMAS SHARING COLLECTION

Supporting a number of charities e.g. SVP, Parish Developing World Group, Friends of the Holy Land, Mary's Meals and others will take place around the beginning of Advent.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS & CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS
are now available from the Church Shop in St Bernard's.

Christmas Party Edmund Rice College

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.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF CHANGE

Will be available after all mass on the weekend of 11th & 12th December. Great Christmas gift.

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place

Tuesday 24th of November 2026
St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast
7:30 pm

In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.
All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

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'VACANCY'

PART-TIME COOK – JESUIT COMMUNITY, BELFAST

The Peter Faber Jesuit community based at 28 Brookvale Avenue, Belfast, are seeking to recruit a reliable and experienced part-time Cook to prepare the main meal three days per week (12 hours weekly to prepare meals for Tuesday 6.00pm, Wednesday 6.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm).
Rate of Pay: £13.20 gross per hour

We are looking for someone who takes pride in preparing nutritious and enjoyable home-cooked food. Previous professional experience would be an advantage.

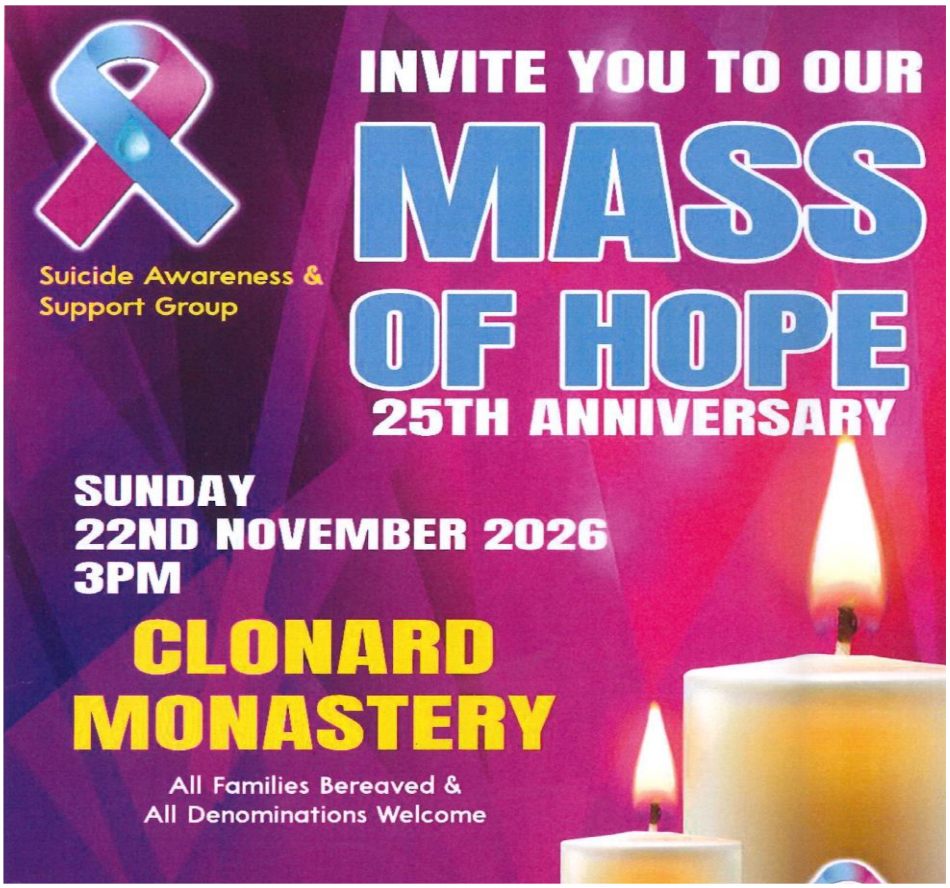
To apply or make an enquiry, please contact: peterfabersj@gmail.com

Closing Date: Thursday 26 November 2026

Safeguarding & Equality

The Jesuits in Ireland are committed to the highest standards in Safeguarding and Protection of children and vulnerable adults. One of the ways we demonstrate this on-going commitment is to ensure rigorous background and reference checks for successful candidates.

Jesuits in Ireland are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates. We are committed to fairness, dignity, inclusion and respect throughout our employment practices.



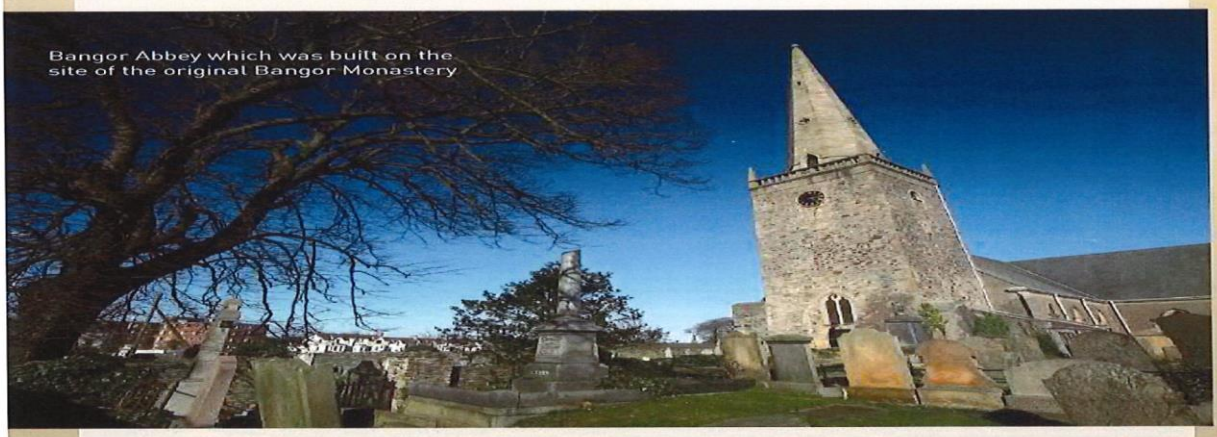
COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL

Commemorating the life and legacy of Columbanus and Gall

21st - 22nd November 2026
Bangor

THIS PLACE, OUR PLACE

The influence of the monastic heritage in Bangor and on the island of Ireland still pertains today in the Irish place names that are embedded in our local maps, songs, history, art, streets, roads, townlands, mountains, rivers and lakes. This sense of place was carried by Columbanus and his followers in the 6th and 7th centuries to continental Europe where his name and legacy lives on in cities, towns and villages not only in Ireland but also in France, Germany, Switzerland, Lichenstein, Luxembourg, Austria, and Italy.



Bangor Abbey which was built on the site of the original Bangor Monastery

Place of Learning

21 November/Columbanus Lecture: A Sense of Place

SPACE Theatre, Castle Park Road, Bangor/11.00am – 1.00pm/£10

This talk deals with places connected with St Columbanus and early Christianity in Ireland. The origin of these place names gives us insights into the transition from paganism to Christianity and life in early medieval Ireland. It will also discuss some of the places in continental Europe where Columbanus and his disciples founded churches and monasteries. The lecture will be delivered by Dr Paul Tempan, a linguist and expert on place-names who was a researcher on the Northern Ireland Place-Name Project (2006 – 2013). Ticket includes a light lunch.

Place of Saints

21 November/ Stained-Glass Window Tour

St Columbanus Church of Ireland, Ballyholme, Bangor/2.00pm – 3.30pm/£6

Adeline Cully, a qualified tour guide and Jonny Watson, Curate at St Columbanus Church of Ireland, will give an explanation of the beautiful stained-glass windows of Irish Saints including the Bangor Saints – Comgall, Columbanus, Gall, and Malachy. Ticket includes a booklet of the windows.

Place of Pilgrimage

22 November/Columban Way Walk

Meet at the Bangor Bell beside Bangor Abbey/1.30pm – 3.00pm/£6

This popular half mile walk follows the Bangor Bell Walk to North Down Museum. Local guides Brigid Watson and Barbara Boyle will tell the story of Columbanus' journey from Bangor to Bobbio. After the walk, participants will have an opportunity to view the Columbanus Exhibition in the North Down Museum.

Place of Worship

22 November/Columbanus Ecumenical Church Service

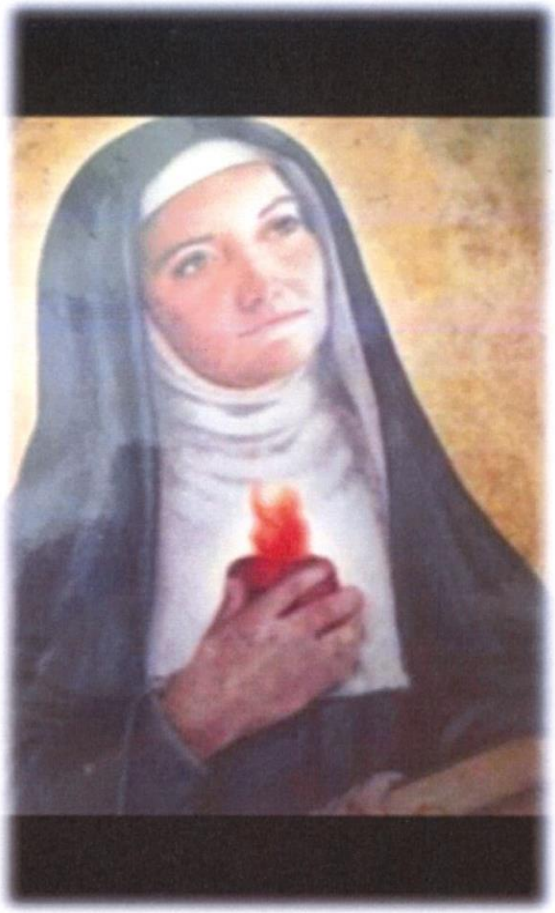
St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor/7.00pm – 8.00pm/All welcome

A cross-community church service to commemorate the life of Columbanus with guest speaker Sister Ann Gray, Columbanus Missionaries. To support those in need, please bring a Christmas food gift or grocery item which will be distributed by a local food bank.

For further information on the programme please visit
www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk

With the exception of the Ecumenical Church Service, all events must be booked online at www.visitardsandnorthdown.com or in person at Bangor or Ards Visitor Information Centres or call the Visitor Information Centre on 028 9127 0069

FRIENDS OF COLUMBANUS BANGOR



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






East Coast Orchestra

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sun Dec 6th 7.30pm

Rosemary Presbyterian Church
North Circular Road Belfast

Special Guests ~The Sanctuary Singers

Loreto McAuley ~ Conductor
Ciara Bowman ~ Piano
Naomi Hill ~ Violin

TICKETS:
Suggested donation £15 / £12
[includes refreshments]



In aid of:
Belfast Homeless Services

Tickets available from the website
eastcoastorchestra.org

ECO

t: 07979 868152

e: secretary@eastcoastorchestra.org

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.

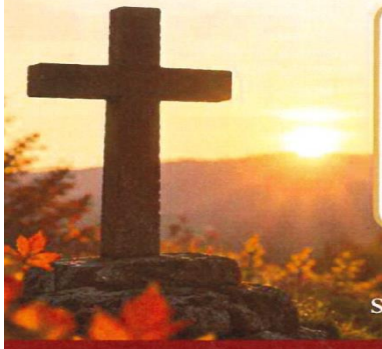
A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

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."


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

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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