

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 17th August 2025

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Isabel Casey, Glenwell Gdns

William (Billy) Moran, formerly Archvale Drive

ANNIVERSARIES

Martin Brogan, Margaret Copeland, Patrick Hughes,

Billy McCotter, Joe & Dorothy Bardgett,

Mathai Mani, Baby Michael McKee, May O'Toole,

Rita Smyth, Thomas O'Reilly, Kathleen McAuley,

Baby Ruairi Smyth (1st anniv), Kieran Marsden,

Mary Horan, Susan McBride, Ambrose Sloan (snr).

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 16 th	6pm	Margaret Copeland
Sun 17 th	9am	Mathai Mani
	11am	Martin Brogan
Mon 18 th	9.45am	Joe & Dorothy Bardgett
Tues 19 th	9.45am	Patrick Hughes
Wed 20 th	9.45am	May O'Toole
Thur 21 st	9.45am	Thomas O'Reilly
Fri 22 nd	9.45am	Billy McCotter
Sat 23 rd	9.45am	Baby Michael McKee

Day of Prayer and reflection for Gaza

Sunday 24th August

(See Bishop Alan McGuckian's Pastoral Letter).

Carmony Cemetery Sunday 7th September 2025 -more details later.

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 on FRIDAY EVENINGS
in AUGUST.

There will be Divine Mercy for July.
Back to normal for September.

Judo

The Judo Academy returns to action in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 26th August, 6pm- 7pm.

New members from 8 years old are invited to join for the new season. Book a place through the link below before attending. [Glengormley Judo Academy | The Judo Academy](#)

Scouts

6th Antrim scout group will be holding their annual group recruitment and registration on 26th & 27th August 2025 between 7 and 8pm, in Scout Den behind St. Bernard's Parish hall. For more information go to www.6thAntrimscouts.co.uk or phone Peter on 07921801038. Places available for children from 6 years old to Adult. Adult membership as leaders also available and full training provided.



STRUGGLING WITH SCHOOL UNIFORMS?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul may be able to help. Phone 028 90351561 in complete confidence.



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Pastoral Letter

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday, 24 August 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

Ten weeks ago, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza.

Sadly, since June, the situation in Gaza has become steadily worse. The people there continue to be cruelly crushed by hunger, violence, death and destruction.

The Irish Bishops made it clear in June that genocidal actions sanctioned by the government in Israel are resulting in the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. "This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity."

I know that people in parishes across the country are deeply troubled by stark and horrific images from Gaza of starving children and helpless, hungry families. The cruel actions of Hamas in continuing to keep hostages, and the bodies of hostages, away from their families is also to be unreservedly condemned.

All across Ireland dioceses are encouraging people to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

And so, I ask everyone: please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in your parishes and homes on Sunday, 24 August. Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

Additionally, I encourage to reach out to your elected representatives, urging them to support humanitarian aid and peace efforts, and support Trócaire and other trusted agencies working on the ground.

With every blessing and good wish.
I gCroí Íosa,

+ Alan McGuckian SJ

24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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ST COLMCILLE'S 22 AUGUST

BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 9:30 AM

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Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this August & September

- **Three Day Pilgrimages** continue until 15th August. (Last day to begin the pilgrimage 13th August)

Admission €85. Concessions for Seniors, Students and Groups.

- **One Day Retreats** – *Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection* - places available on
August 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th September 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st

National Sacred Heart Crusade – a Sacred Heart Statue blessed by Pope Francis

will be present for the Day Retreats on 23rd, 24th & 25th August.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sun 7th September – special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic.

Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential

- **Thursday 21st August to mark National Heritage Week 2025** Lough Derg offers a day to
immerse yourself in the story and heritage of the ancient Sanctuary.

Guided Tour of Station Island and Boat Trip at 11am & 2:30pm.

Admission €15. Concessions for students, children & families. Advance Booking Essential

- **Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage** - *In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries*

Sunday 31st August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options available. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential

- **Quiet Day Retreat** – *Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while* –

Friday 12th September. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential.

CONTACT by email. info@loughderg.org / Tel. 0(0353) 719861518

www.loughderg.org Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60

There is still time to collect your Lough Derg Pilgrim Passport Stamp www.pilgrimpassport.ie

Jubilee Year of **HOPE**

Diocese of Down & Connor



'Celebration of Youth'

*A time of prayer
and reflection led by
Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ*



FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025



7:15 PM – 8.30 PM



CLONARD MONASTERY, BELFAST



All youth and young adults welcome!

Queen's University Belfast
Catholic Chaplaincy

