

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Pat Sheehan & Fr Aidan Kerr

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**The Parish office re-opens on  
Thursday 9th April**

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Devlin, Antrim Rd

John Robinson, Mountainvale Rd

Denis Kane, Downhill Park

Margaret Stringer, Glebecoole Pk.

Mary Woolsey, Lily Wittig.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark, Sylvia & Madan Gupta, Aodhan Gillen,

Billy Thompson, Maureen Butler, Christina Crummey,

Sean Corry, Sue, Jean & Mary Murray,

Mary Abraham, James Bradley, Vincent Mullan,

William Fletcher, Patrick Hamill.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mary Abraham
<i>SMOTH</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	Mark, Sylvia & Madan Gupta
	11.00am	Aodhan Gillen
	12.30pm	Billy Thompson
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Sue, Mary & Jean Murray
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Special Intention
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Patrick Hamill Recently Dec Lily Wittig
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Special Intention
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Maureen Butler
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	



We welcome

**Logan Fegan, Jessie Baker**

**Méabh McQuitty**

recently baptised in the parish.

**NO Divine Mercy & Confessions on Friday 10th April**



*A Happy and Blessed  
Easter to you and all  
your families  
Fr Pat Sheehan  
Fr Aidan Kerr*

## **REGISTER NOW!**

### **G.I.F.T. 1 – AN INVITATION TO P7 PUPILS**

Our GIFT Programme (Grow in faith together) is for P7 children who have received or our preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. GIFT will take place over Four Sunday evenings in April & May in the Pastoral Centre, **19th & 26th April/ 10th & 17th May 7pm to 8.30pm**. Parents should register online using the QR Code. **LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH GAMES & ACTIVITIES.**



## **ONLINE COURSE – VIDEOS & SCRIPTURE**

### **ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES & ST PAUL'S LETTERS.**

Check the parish website  
[stmarysonthehill.online](http://stmarysonthehill.online)

## **National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 19th April**

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Down & Connor Diocese details

on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

Ring Una for bus leaving Toome, at 077 4357 5969

Patricia (Belfast bus) 07972 103 130

Patrick " 07963 581 543

# EASTER TRIDUUM

		
HOLY THURS 2nd April	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b>	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> <b>7pm St Bernard's</b> ( <i>Return Trocaire Boxes</i> ) ALTAR OF REPOSE quiet time of prayer in St Mary's on the Hill after mass until 10pm.
GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS in the CHURCH</b> <b>6.30am</b> <b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> <b>THE PASSION &amp; VENERATION OF THE CROSS</b> <b>3.00pm.</b> <i>Collection for the Holy Land</i>	<i>The Church will remain open after the Passion for individual veneration of the cross.</i> <b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 7pm</b>
HOLY SAT 4th April	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> Confessions 9.30-10.30am SWIECONKA <b>12 noon</b> St Bernard's	<b>NO 6pm VIGIL MASS</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION <u>9pm</u></b>
EASTER SUN 5th April	EASTER MASS 9.00am St Bernards EASTER MASS 10am St Marys on the Hill EASTER MASS 11.00am St Bernards EASTER MASS 12.30am St Bernards <i>'Do this in Memory' Children's Mass</i>	

## SWIECONKA

### ST BERNARD'S HOLY SATURDAY 4th APRIL 12noon

Polish families prepare their Easter baskets for the traditional blessing.

The prayers will be said in English & Polish. Livestreamed at - [stmarysonthehill.online](http://stmarysonthehill.online)

## EASTER WEEK

1. Masses as usual 9.45am in St Bernard's
2. Adoration starts again on Easter Monday BUT Church closes at 3pm
3. NO Divine Mercy & Confessions on Friday 10th April 2026

# AN ONLINE COURSE ON THE EARLY CHURCH

*(Do at home and/or join a parish group)*

## The Acts of the Apostles (by St Luke) & Letters of St Paul

*“IF THEY COULD SPEAK”*



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[stmarysonthehill.online](http://stmarysonthehill.online)**

# FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (2:30pm), and  
Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast (2:15pm)  
(*Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Holy Mass*)**



# 2026 Pilgrimage Season

A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply.

- Pope Leo XIV

**NEW IN 2026**

Night-before accommodation available for pilgrims who have booked a Three Day Pilgrimage or One Day Retreat

## THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE in the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August

*(pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Thursday 13th August)*

**Admission: €85**

*Booking Advised | Concessions available for students, seniors & groups*

## ONE DAY RETREAT a day of guided prayer & reflection

**May** Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> - Tue 12<sup>th</sup> - Sun 17<sup>th</sup> - Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

**August** Tue 18<sup>th</sup> - Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sat 29<sup>th</sup> - Mon 31<sup>st</sup>

**September** Sat 5<sup>th</sup> - Sun 6<sup>th</sup> - Wed 9<sup>th</sup> - Sat 12<sup>th</sup> - Tue 15<sup>th</sup> - Sat 19<sup>th</sup> - Sun 20<sup>th</sup>

**Admission: €50**

*Booking Essential! | Concessions available for groups*

## QUIET DAY a self-directed day in the peaceful setting of Station Island

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** **Admission: €40** **Booking Essential**

## HERITAGE DAY

visit Lough Derg during National Heritage Week

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**11.30am & 2.30pm**

*Booking Essential*

## LAKESHORE PILGRIMAGE

along the Pilgrim Path

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**Admission: €25** **Booking Essential**

*In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries*



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