

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 19<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

**PARISH OFFICE 028 90832979**

Lorraine Carlin & Patricia Gillespie

Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

165 Antrim Road. BT36 7QR

e-mail: [stmarysoth@downandconnor.org](mailto:stmarysoth@downandconnor.org)

website: [www.stmarysonthehill.online](http://www.stmarysonthehill.online)

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Kearney, Antrim Rd

## MONTH'S MINDS:

Johnny McAleenan, Michael Crowe

## ANNIVERSARIES:

1<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY of POPE FRANCIS

Caroline McComiskey, Caroline Griffin, Gerry Baird,

Margaret Maguire, Michael McCorry, Marie Lowry,

Willie Mullen, Patrick Duffy, John Scanlon,

Baby Rosie Carlin, John Hughes, Aileen Coney,

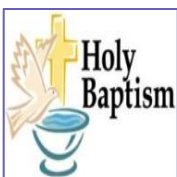
Johnny Maguire, Bridie Fitzpatrick,

Lauri & Fergus Mulholland.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Caroline McComiskey & M/M Johnny McAleenan
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Patrick Duffy
SMOTH	10.00am	M/M Michael Crowe
	11.00am	Caroline Griffin & 1st Anniv Baby Rosie Carlin
	12.30pm	Gerry Baird
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Michael McCorry
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv Pope Francis
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Margaret Maguire
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Willie Mullen
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	

We welcome



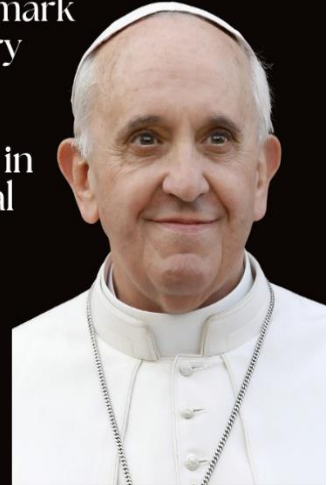
**Jack Mulhern Barnhurst  
Kole Mulhern Barnhurst  
Luke Mulhern Barnhurst  
Odhrán Ferguson  
Conán Dove**

recently baptised in the parish.

## Diocese of Down & Connor

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ  
will celebrate Mass to mark  
the First Anniversary  
of the death of  
Pope Francis  
on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April in  
St Peter's Cathedral  
at 7pm

All Are Welcome



## **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.**

ST MARY'S ON THE HILL PARISH  
GIFT 1 2026



## **TOTAL TROCAIRE COLLECTION 2026**

**£15,093.76**

*(Gift Aid to be added by Trocaire)*

*thank you for your incredible generosity to Trocaire  
and other good causes throughout Lent 2026.*

## **GO RAIBH MAITH AGAT**

Craobh Naomh Pádraig would like to thank the parishioners of St Bernard's for their generosity to the Irish language collection on St Patrick's Day. A total of £1,022.25 was collected.

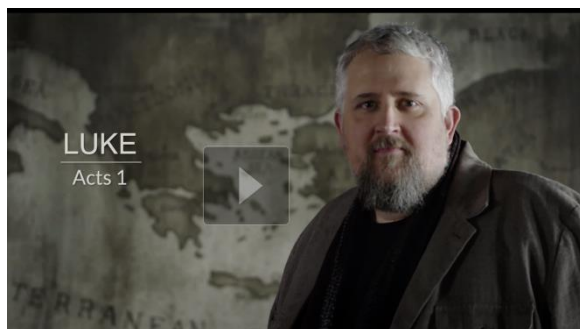
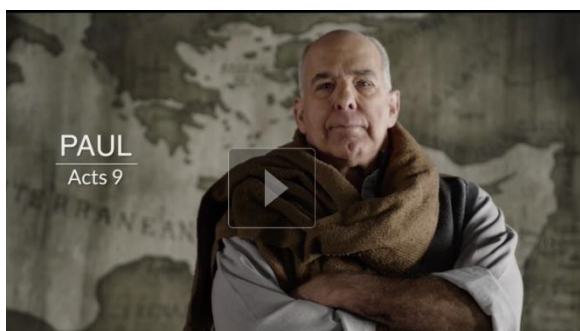
Go raibh míle maith agaibh."

# 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”*



**Check the parish website for information –  
stmarysonthehill.online**

A painting of Padre Pio, an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a brown habit, kneeling in prayer with his hands clasped. He is looking down with a serene expression. In the background, a glowing crucifix is visible, surrounded by concentric circles of light, set against a dark, swirling background. The overall tone is warm and spiritual.

*'Hope, Pray & Dont Worry'* - Padre Pio

Celebration of Mass and Blessing with the

***HOLY RELIC***

**of Saint Padre Pio**

**On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm**

**In St Matthew's Church, Belfast**



# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

ST. PAULS PASTORAL CENTRE

(Beside St Pauls Church) FALLS ROAD

BELFAST BT12 6AB

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> April - Sunday 31<sup>ST</sup> May**

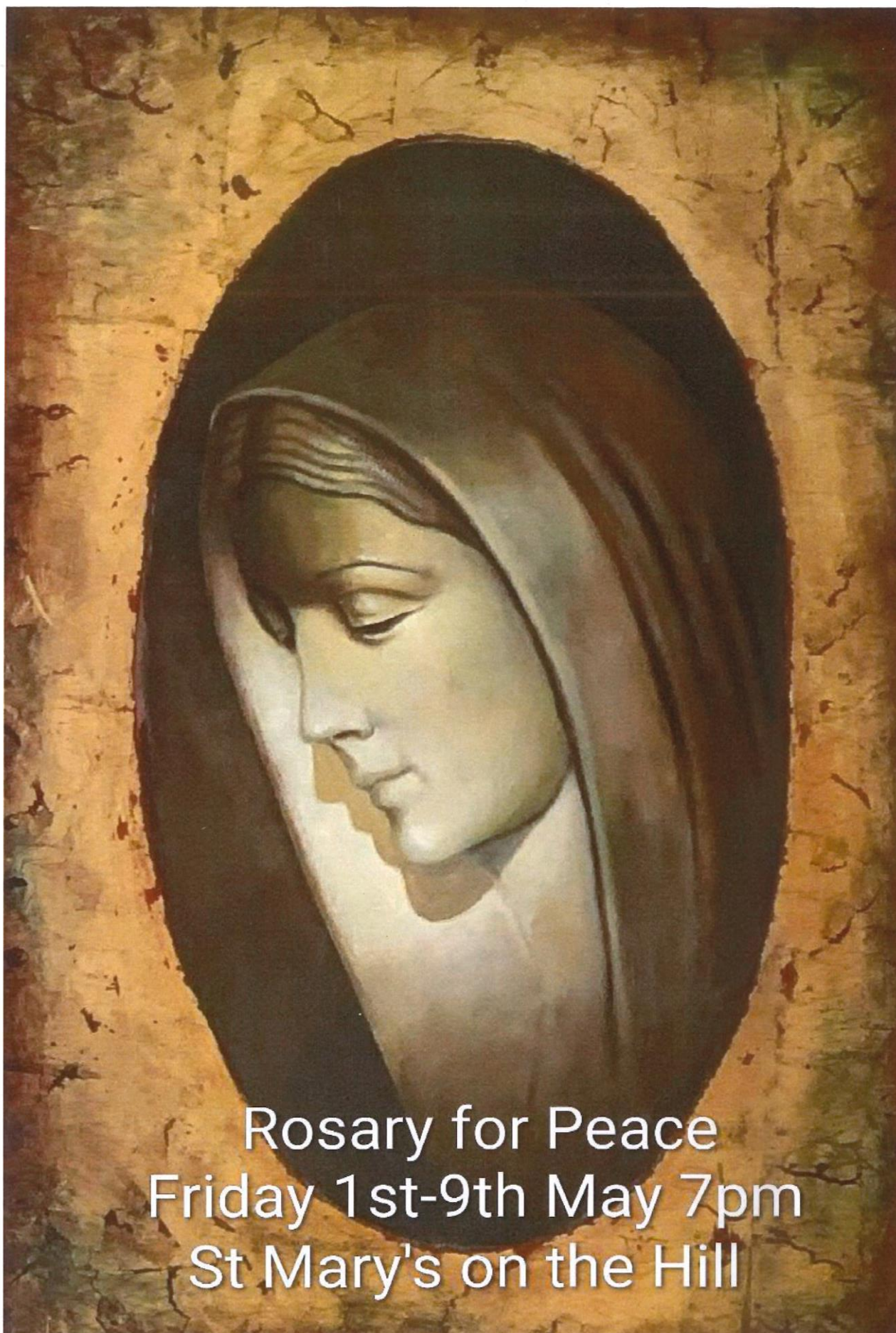
**7.30pm**

26 <sup>TH</sup> April	Gods Love	Fr James O' Reilly
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Salvation	Fr Ciaran Dallet
10 <sup>th</sup> May	New Life	Aideen Murphy
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Receiving God's Gift	Collette Higgins
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Baptism in The Holy Spirit	Fr Darren Brennan
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Growth & Transformation	Denise Robinson

***This is an invitation to make or renew a deep personal relationship with Jesus in openness to the Holy Spirit and His Gifts. All Welcome***

For further details contact: Collette Higgins 07791078453  
Hosted by Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal

---



Rosary for Peace  
Friday 1st-9th May 7pm  
St Mary's on the Hill



An Evening With

# DR YOUSEF ALJAMAL



The BJC with Christians 4 Palestine is pleased to welcome Gazan Palestinian writer and academic Dr Yousef M. Aljaimal - editor of *If I Must Die*, the recently published collection of poetry and prose by his close friend, Refaat Alareer. Dr Aljaimal will reflect on Refaat's life, witness, and words, as well as his own experience of working as coordinator of the Palestine Activism Program with **American Friends Service Committee**; a Quaker organisation dedicated to peacebuilding and human rights.

We will also share updates on our developing 'Twinning' links between Belfast parishes and Christian communities in Palestine.

MONDAY 20TH APRIL AT 7.00PM

Belfast Jesuit Centre

Join us in person or on Zoom



In-person



Scan the appropriate  
QR code to register

Zoom



193-195 Donegall Street Belfast

[www.belfastjesuitcentre.org](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.org)

[bjc@jesuit.ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie)

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE  
FAITH & FILM

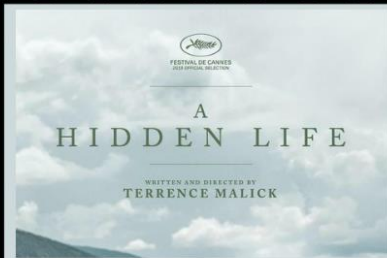
**A Hidden Life (2019)**

Join us for a contemplative screening of Terrence Malick's **A Hidden Life**; the true story of Franz Jägerstätter, an Austrian farmer whose quiet conscience leads him into a costly, luminous resistance during WWII

Through breath-taking imagery and deeply human storytelling, Malick's film invites us to reflect on integrity, love, sacrifice and what it means to listen to the still, small voice within and to follow it.

The evening will include a gentle Ignatian introduction, time for silent noticing, and a short guided conversation. No need to register, just come along. Light refreshments provided. Small donation suggested.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 @ 7.00pm**

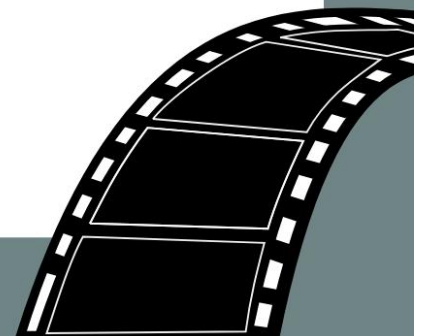



**KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE FILM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7.00 – 9.30 PM**



193-195 DONEGALL ST. BELFAST. BT1 2FL  
077955282371 . BJC@JESUIT.IE





# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO NARNIA

An evening exploring  
**faith, story, and meaning**  
through C.S. Lewis's Narnia

*Step into the world of Narnia  
and discover the **deeper**  
message behind the story.*



**St John's Parish Hall**



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**



**7:00 PM**

**ADMISSION FREE**

*All are warmly welcome!*



# 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 3rd - Mon 4th - Sat 9th - Tue 12th - Sun 17th - Sat 23rd - Mon 25th

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

**September** Sat 5th - Sun 6th - Wed 9th - Sat 12th - Tue 15th - Sat 19th - Sun 20th

**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*



**Sanctuary of Saint Patrick - Lough Derg**  
**Pettigo, County Donegal, F94 PC60**

**+353 (0)71 9861518** **@info@loughderg.org**

**www.loughderg.org**