

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Stringer, Glebecoole Pk

## MONTH'S MINDS:

Patricia Armstrong, Michael McBrien.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Ann Houston, Thomas Kerr, Michael Cochrane, Gerald Crowe, Ursula Begley, Arthur Black, James & Theresa Donaldson, Ray Aiken, Annie & Gerry Cullen, John Drysdale, Michael McCourt, Pauline Sharkey, Kevin Parke.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ann Houston & M/M Patricia Armstrong
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Ursula Begley (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
<i>SMOTH</i>	10.00am	
	11.00am	Thomas Kerr
	12.30pm	Michael Cochrane & M/M Michael McBrien
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	1st anniv Jis Thomas
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Gerald Crowe
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Ray Aiken
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	

## Prayer Vigil for Peace

**Saturday, 11 April from 5pm - 6pm in Clonard Church.**

Responding to Pope Leo's call for a worldwide prayer vigil for peace to address global violence Clonard is hosting an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. This will coincide with Pope Leo's prayer vigil at St Peter's Basilica, Vatican City (6pm Rome time, 5pm in Belfast).

## Rosary for World Peace at the request of Pope Leo

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm Castle Junction, Belfast.

## 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 are 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

## EDMUND RICE COLLEGE COUCH TO 5K

invite you to join them on a 10 week journey from your couch to summer fitness. Starting on Tuesday 21st April and taking place on both Tuesday and Thursday each week at 6:30pm we will take you to a level of fitness where we will complete a 5k run at the Waterworks Parkrun by the end of June.  
Please come and join us, we promise you won't regret it. Register on Facebook @ ERC C5K

## **PARISH ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT JAN-DEC 2025 NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE & CHURCH PORCHWAYS**

# 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](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*)**

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS NOVENA**



# PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

*"The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few;  
so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers  
into his harvest."*

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## A NINE-DAY JOURNEY OF PRAYER

Join us in prayer online or in your parish as we prepare for Good Shepherd Sunday, asking the Lord to bless our diocese vocations to the priesthood.

18th - 26<sup>th</sup> April

Instagram: [downandconnor\\_vocations](#)

Facebook: [Down & Connor - Vocations](#)

# DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

God our Father,  
at the very beginning of your Church  
your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles  
to continue the work he had begun.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they continued to bring the Good News  
of your love to our world.  
Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts  
of those you are calling to serve as priests  
for your people in our diocese.  
Fill them with your gifts of wisdom,  
understanding, piety and knowledge  
as they discern your will.  
Give them the gifts of right judgement  
and courage in following their call.  
Through the outpouring of your grace  
may many come to the joy of knowing  
and responding to the invitation of Jesus to  
“Come, Follow Me!”  
Amen

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# EMERGENCY MEN'S and WOMEN'S ROSARY for WORLD PEACE.

*At the request of Pope Leo XIV.*

**Saturday 11 April at 1pm.**

**Central Belfast**

*Castle Junction (in front of Primark)*

All welcome 🙏

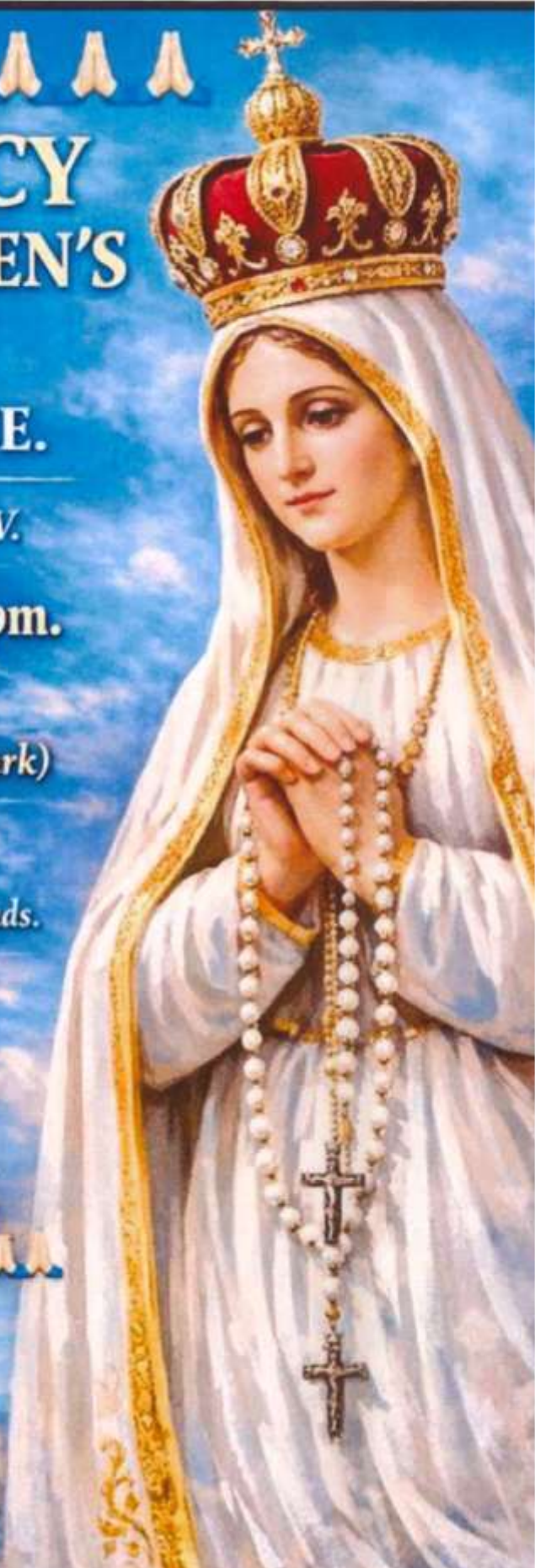
*Please bring all your family and friends.*

**Contact:**

**Owen... 07933 038124**

**Sheila... 07795 517503**

*Could everyone please forward this  
message to all your contacts ASAP 🙏🙏🙏*





# 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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