

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 2nd February 2025

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Claire McCausland, formerly Harmin Cres

Thomas Skillen, Elmfield Road

Gerry McPeake, Antrim Road

ANNIVERSARIES

Dympna & James Prentice Snr, Jim O'Prey,
Tommy & Matthew Magill, Catherine Scott,
John Savage, Harry Slane, Arnold Davidson, Matt Feeny,
Brian Ward, Patrick & Bernadette Ramsey,
Madeleine Hughes, Thomas & Maureen Trueick,
Elizabeth O'Kane, Michael Horan, Bridget McBride,
Mary Gallagher, Fr Brendan McGee.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 1st	6pm	Tommy & Matthew Magill
Sun 2 nd	9am	Mary Gallagher
<i>SMOTH</i>	10am	Thomas & Maureen Trueick
	11am	Dympna Prentice (1st anniv) & James Prentice
	12.30pm	Jim O'Prey
Mon 3 rd	9.45am	Arnold Davidson
Tues 4 th	9.45am	John Savage
Wed 5 th	9.45am	
Thur 6 th	9.45am	
Fri 7 th	9.45am	Fr Brendan McGee
Sat 8 th	9.45am	Catherine Scott



We welcome
Melody Muchova
Ellie McKeown
recently baptised in the parish.

The Relics of the Venerable Matt Talbot

On Monday 3 February, will be received at St Peter's Cathedral at 5pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm and the visit will conclude with Night Prayer at 10pm. All are welcome to join in at the Cathedral for this time of prayer and intercession, particularly for those struggling with addictions, as well as their families and all those who are affected by addiction.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES v STANDING ORDERS

If you still use Offertory collection envelopes, would you consider setting up a Standing Order to replace the box of envelopes? This will help reduce costs, administration and time spent on distribution. If this is something you would consider please contact the parish office by emailing stmarysoth@downandconnor.org or phone 90832979.

Please give your full name, address and current envelope number if applicable. We will then send you the relevant forms to action your standing order.

Also if you pay tax and don't GIFT AID your donations please think about completing a GIFT AID with the parish – 25p for every £1 pound you contribute! Many thanks for your continued support to the Parish.

1st FRIDAY CUPPA

Join us for a cuppa after Mass on Friday morning - 7th February - in St Malachy's Room behind the altar.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

FEAST OF ST BLAISE AND BLESSING OF THROATS

Monday 3rd February after morning mass.

Eucharistic Adoration renewal

Thank you to the 120 parishioners who signed up to weekly holy hours. If anyone else would like to commit to a weekly holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration, commitment cards are available in the Church porch. Please select your hour bearing in mind the following times:
Monday to Friday 10.15am -6pm
Saturday 10.15am-5 pm

ST BRIGID'S CROSSES

Will be available at all masses in the parish this weekend. Donations (£2) to the Developing World Group's projects in Africa.

PARISH COLLECTIONS JANUARY

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£3275.41	£3091.06	£3406.71	£3138.08
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Living Church	
£4215.83	£1795.62	£1740.21	

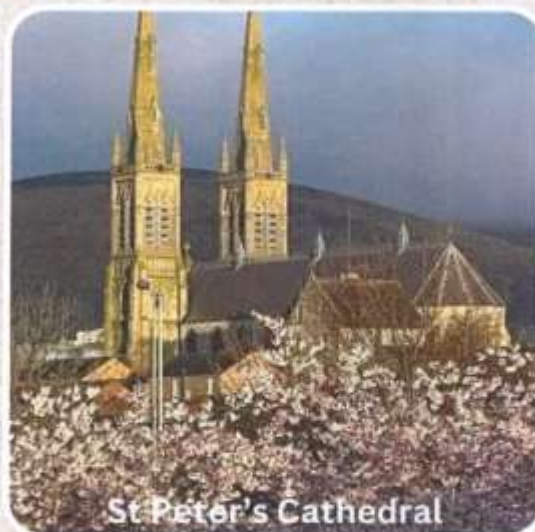
Thank you for your generosity

“Matt Talbot A Saint for our Times”

Cause of the Canonisation of Venerable Matt Talbot



Ven. Matt Talbot
1856 - 1925



St Peter's Cathedral

Matt Talbot Prayer Society Monthly Mass

St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast

February 3rd 2025 at 7.30pm

*The Relics of Ven. Matt Talbot shall be available for Veneration
from 5.00pm and after Mass concluding with
Night Prayer at 10.00pm*



Matt Talbot Prayer Society

The Order of the Knights of St. Columbanus are honoured, to have been appointed custodians of the Relics of Venerable Matt Talbot, as they journey to Cathedrals and Churches throughout the various Dioceses of Ireland that participate in the monthly Matt Talbot Prayer Society healing Mass. This Mass is offered monthly for those suffering from addiction and their families.

A Centenary Mass to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Venerable Matt Talbot's death will be celebrated in Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin on June 7th 2025. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin.

2025 - Venerable Matt Talbot Centenary Year



**Foster
with US**

**There is a desperate shortage of foster carers
across the UK.**

Our faith teaches us that children need love and nurture.

Unfortunately, this is not the experience of over
30,000 children each year who enter the care system.

Having faith in fostering situations can be hugely beneficial for these vulnerable young people who may have experienced trauma, abuse and neglect. **Our faith can provide them with structure, stability and a whole community** to support the fostering family.

If you think you could change a child's life for the better and **welcome them into your heart and your home**, contact your local fostering service today.

There are many organisations out there who welcome faith in fostering and who do not profit from the services they provide for young people. It's easier than you think, **you just need an open heart and a spare room.**

Find out more at: actionforchildren.org.uk/fostering

**Faith
in fostering**

Catholic Formation Experience in Rome



A once in a lifetime opportunity for a semester long programme of intentional discipleship at the Pontifical Irish College in Rome.

Where? The Pontifical Irish College, Rome (Near the Colosseum & the Lateran Basilica).



What? Immerse yourself in a formation journey living in an intentional community with other young Catholics.

How? Spiritual Accompaniment, Formation Seminars, Cultural Excursions, Community Living.

Learn? Avail of the opportunity to study a tailored course at a Pontifical University.



Open to Catholic Lay Men and Women between the ages of 18-30

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Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

3rd - 11th February 2025
7pm

MONDAY

3

I AM THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

*Opening Mass with
Fr. Conor McGrath*

TUESDAY

4

MARY AS MODEL OF
EVANGELISM

*Legion of Mary with
testimony -
Conor Mulholland*

WEDNESDAY

5

MARY AS MODEL OF
PRAYER

Bishop Donal McKeown

THURSDAY

6

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
EXPERIENCE, CANDLELIT
PROCESSION AND MASS

Fr. Eddie McGee

FRIDAY

7

YOUTH NIGHT

*Eucharistic Healing
Prayers and Confession*

SATURDAY

8

PARISH VIGIL MASS

Bishop Alan McGuckian

SUNDAY

9

MEDJUGORIE STYLE
PRAYER NIGHT

*Rosary and Blessing
with relics of St. Charbel*

MONDAY

10

MARY AS OUR MOTHER

Martina Purdy

TUESDAY

11

CLOSING MASS

Fr. Damian McCaughan

Parish of Duneane
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Moneyglass
106 Roguery Road, Toomebridge, BT41 3PT

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local
community blood donation
session!

VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian
Church Hall, Glengormley

DATE & TIME

Thursday 20 February 2025
12:30 - 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200
blood donations per week.

That's 1 every 8 minutes.



Scan to book your
appointment.

 www.NIBTS.org

Northern Ireland
Blood Transfusion Service 



DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 10 - 15 JULY 2025

We are seeking doctors, registered nurses and volunteers to care for pilgrims who need medical, nursing, personal care or assistance to make their pilgrimage to Lourdes possible.

This year we are especially seeking new brancardiers (adult men helpers) in addition to our medical, nursing and handmaidens teams. For more information please email your contact details to lourdes@downandconnor.org



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Fully Escorted Pilgrimage

SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, LORETO, ASSISI and CASCIA

17th – 24th September 2025

7 Nights flying from Dublin to Bari
Including visits to the Tombs of Blessed Carlo Acutis,
St Francis, St Clare and St Pio.

Visit the first Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church in Lanciano.
And the Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, plus much more.

Comprehensive Travel insurance is EXTRA.

COST £1,229 PER PERSON SHARING

SEATS ARE LIMITED

Single room supplement is £350.00 EXTRA

Spiritual Director: Fr Ciaran Dallat

£300.00 deposit secures a seat!

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