

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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**The parish office is closed on St. Patrick's Day**

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Armstrong, Hillview apts

Luke Magee, Liscoole Park

Jonathan McAleenan, c/o Fernridge Rd.

## MONTH'S MINDS:

Danny Casey

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Tommy & Kathleen McCrea; Danny Prentice;

Anna Stewart; Joe & Chrissie Sloan; William Cochrane;

Hugh & Kevin Doherty; Perpetua Graham;

Baby Ri Grace Thompson; Helen McCann; Ann Smith;

Patrick, Noreen & Pat Doherty; Karen Neill;

Mary McAuley; Michael Harrison; Patricia Armiger;

Sean McManus; Mary Montgomery.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Joe & Chrissie Sloan
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Tommy & Kathleen McCrea
<i>SMOTH</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	Ann Smith & 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv Michael Harrison
	11.00am	Danny Prentice
	12.30pm	Hugh & Kevin Doherty
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Anna Stewart (1st anniv)
St Patrick's Day Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	Patrick, Noreen & Pat Doherty William Cochrane & 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv Patricia Armiger
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Perpetua Graham & M/M Danny Casey
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Helen McCann
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mary Montgomery
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	Baby Ri Grace Thompson



We welcome

**Caoimhin Muldoon Carson**

**Fionn Muldoon Carson**

**Sinéad Burrows**

recently baptised in the parish.

## St Patrick's Day Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Masses 9.00am and 11.00am in St Bernard's with Glengormley Trad School of Music playing at 11am Mass.

## Annual Irish Language Collection

After all Masses on St Patrick's Day.

Go raibh maith agat.

## **Craobh Naomh Pádraig**

Conradh na Gaeilge will be holding the annual Irish language collection after all Masses on St Patrick's Day. 

## St Patrick's Day collection on behalf of The Council for Migrants, Refugees and Justice and Peace

A collection will be taken up again this year on St. Patrick's day in support of migrant people. Funds raised through this collection will be used to support the work of the Council and other projects that provide pastoral outreach to marginalised and vulnerable communities within Ireland and among Irish people abroad.

## SCOUT LEADERS REQUIRED

6th Antrim Scout Group, Scouting Ireland are urgently looking for new Scout Leaders (Scouters) for all sections—Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers—each meeting just once a week.

Our location is behind St. Bernard's Church, 165 Antrim Rd, Glengormley, BT36 7QY, and we are a registered charity (NIC106234). For more information, contact Peter Weiniger: 07921 801038

## Catholic Men's Retreat - Standing in the Breach

A morning retreat for Catholic men will take place at Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 14 March from 9am to 1pm. The theme will focus on spiritual warfare and remaining steadfast in faith during Lent, with a talk by Fr Martin Graham, along with testimonies from Catholic laity. The morning includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, and refreshments.

To register or learn more, visit:

<https://catholicminute.co.uk/mens-retreat/> or call

Thomas on 07967620435.

# LENT

# 2026



## PARISH LENTEN COURSE- Parish Centre Wednesdays of Lent 7-8.30pm

25th Feb, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March.



### **LOOKING AT THE GOSPELS**

Bring along a bible (or New Testament), have a cup of tea, learn, discuss & pray together.

**Register with QR code or the parish website.**

## SOMETHING NEW

### BE STILL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Learn and practice Contemplative Meditation

**Monday to Thursday in**

**St Bernard's Church from 7.30-8am.**

Begin the day by learning how to come to '*Stillness of Body & Stillness of Mind*' in the presence of the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament. This ancient prayer of the Church is going through a renewal in recent years and can be compared to a form of Christian Mindfulness.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CALVARY

**A Friday challenge.**



**Each Friday of Lent 6.30am** (approx. 15/20mins) we will pray the Stations of the Cross **OUTSIDE at the Statue of Calvary** in St Bernard's grounds. Bring a battery candle if you have one. In very poor weather we will gather in St Bernard's Church.

## MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Divine Office will be prayed on **Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays** before morning mass 9.30 am starting Monday 10th March.

## SATURDAYS OF LENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before mass in the main body of the Church will begin at 9.15am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am, Mass 9.45am.

**Confessions will also be heard during this time.**

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: PRAYED & SUNG

A quiet time for prayer and reflection in front of the image of the Divine Mercy, Friday evenings 7.00-7.30pm.

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## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Booklet



Walk with Me booklets provide a thought for each day of Lent. Booklets are available in the porchway of St Bernard's Church £1 for adults.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Digital

***Download this FREE Apps to your smartphone***



**Lektion365** is an APP for adults which you can download to your smart phone. It gives a thought for the morning, midday and a night prayer. Play it first thing in the morning, on the way to work in the car or when you get some quiet time before going to bed.



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# FAITH & FILM

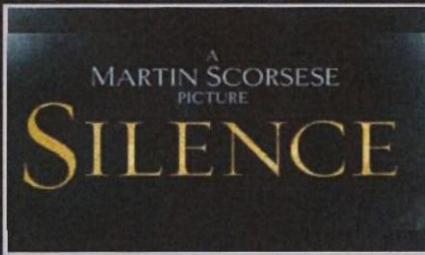
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00PM - 10.00PM

Join us for an evening of reflection, conversation, and shared viewing as we explore Martin Scorsese's **Silence**—a powerful story of faith, doubt, and endurance set in 17th-century Japan.

Through the journey of two Jesuit missionaries searching for their missing mentor, the film invites us to grapple with profound questions about God's presence, suffering, and the cost of discipleship.

Everyone is welcome to watch, reflect, and share in a spirit of attentive listening. Light refreshments provided. A small donation is suggested. No need to register, just come along and bring a friend.

## SILENCE

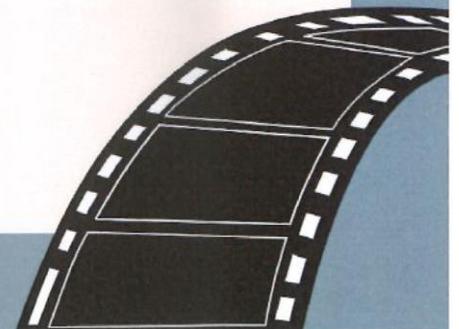
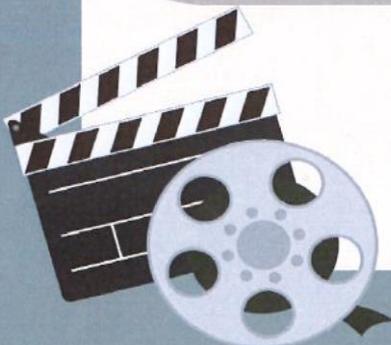


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SHOWING AT



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# 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*)**

# Join Accord

Support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage by training as a facilitator with Accord.



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ACCORD ON:



[marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)



01-5053112

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service providing relationship and family support for over 60 years.

# From Encounter to Mission

The Lord God has given me a disciple's tongue

(Isaiah 50: 4)



**Parish Cell System of Evangelisation**

**National Seminar**

**Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2026,**

**Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Co. Antrim**

For bookings, please contact Drumalis on 028 2827 2196, or 0044 28 2827 2196 from the Republic of Ireland. Website: [www.drumalis.org](http://www.drumalis.org)

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(<https://www.parishcellsireland.ie>)



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# YOUTH TEAM 2026



## 8-15 July 2026

Online applications now open  
to all 17 - 24 year olds (at time of travel)

Applications close Friday 7 March @ 5pm

Scan me for the  
application form



Limited Places!

£810

Fare includes: flights, shared full-board  
accommodation & insurance

For more information contact

[lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) (028) 9077 0162 [downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://downandconnor.org/lourdes)

## WHAT IS DROMANTINE?

Each week of our packed camps invite boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 17 from across Northern Ireland, Ulster and further afield to take part as Players in a friendly and enjoyable team environment.

### ACTIVITIES

- Sports (Gaelic, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Rounders, Racquetball and more)
- Talent Individual Skills Shows Quiz
- Movie Nights Reflective Prayer and Mass



### DATES

BOYS WEEK 1	12th -17th July
BOYS WEEK 2	19th - 24th July
GIRLS WEEK 1	26th - 31st July
GIRLS WEEK 2	2nd-7th Aug
GIRLS WEEK 3	9th-14th Aug



### FIND OUT MORE

-  @campdromantine
-  Dromantine Summer Camp
-  [www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk](http://www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk)
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**GIVE BLOOD**  
**Save Lives**

Book now for your local community  
blood donation session!

#### VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian  
Church Hall, Newtownabbey

#### DATE & TIME

Thursday 02 April  
12:30 - 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200  
blood donations per week.



Scan to book your  
appointment.

# TRADITIONAL MUSIC

## MONTHLY SEISIÚN 2 ROYAL AVENUE

SUNDAY 15 February 2026

MONDAY 16 March 2026

SUNDAY 19 April 2026

**SLOW SEISIÚN: 2PM-3PM**

**STRONGER MUSICIANS SEISIÚN: 3PM-4PM**

SEISIÚNS ARE OPEN TO ALL YOUNG TRADITIONAL MUSICIANS FROM THE GREATER BELFAST AREA.

SEISIÚNS ARE LED BY EXPERIENCED ADULT TRADITIONAL MUSICIANS/TUTORS.

Led by Glengormley School of Traditional Music in partnership with other Traditional Music providers in the greater Belfast area: Andersonstown Traditional & Contemporary Music School, BelfastTrad, An Droichead, Ionad Na Fúiseoige, Loch Lao Comhaltas and Belfast Summer School of Traditional Music.



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