

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 16th Aug 2026

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

Liz Dearlove, Harmin Pk

## MONTH'S MIND

Raymond Hassan, Michael McCorry

## ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Hughes, Martin Brogan, Billy Moran,  
William McCotter, Angela McClelland, Jim Curran,  
Veronica Mulholland, Sarah Convery, William Burns,  
Baby Michael McKee, May O'Toole, Charlotte  
Fletcher, Patrick O'Neill, Kathleen McAuley,  
Rita Smyth.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

|                       |         |                                        |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|
| Sat 15th              | 6.00pm  | Gerry McCullagh                        |
| Sun 16th              | 9.00am  | Angela McClelland & Jim Curran         |
|                       | 11.00am | Martin Brogan<br>M/Mind Raymond Hassan |
| Mon 17th              | 9.45am  | William Burns                          |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9.45am  | Mathai Main tbc                        |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am  | Patrick Hughes                         |
| Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9.45am  | Veronica Mulholland                    |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>  | 9.45am  | Baby Michael McKee                     |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9.45am  | William McCotter                       |

We welcome

**Alivia O'Neill**

recently baptised in the parish.



## ST BERNARD'S SITE RE-OPENS

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** Mass on the 15<sup>TH</sup>  
August at 12.00 noon in St. Bernard's Church

The weekend masses will resume in St Bernard's Church Saturday 15th August vigil 6pm, Sunday 16th August 9am & 11am and baptisms at 12.30pm. No 12.30pm mass as we are still in the Summer Schedule.

**However, there will be only limited parking in the top carpark at St Bernard's.** While the tarmac will be finished the lining of the top carpark will not take place until Tuesday 19th August. Some of the top carpark will not be available for parking; **the area nearest the steps leading to the Church will NOT BE OPEN and the green gates will remain closed.** The rest of the top carpark is usable but will not be lined. Parishioners are advised to be careful exiting the top carpark via the black gates.

To help with parking we have permission to use the school carpark, on the right of the laneway leading to the church, until the lining in the top carpark is completed.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE JULY & AUGUST

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| St Bernard's Vigil    | 6.00pm  |
| St Bernard's          | 9.00am  |
| St Mary's on the Hill | 10.00am |
| St Bernard's          | 11.00am |
| St Bernard's          | 12.30pm |

**NO Divine Mercy in JULY & AUGUST**  
**Back to normal for September.**  
**Baptisms on a Sunday will be at 12.30pm.**

# GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community  
blood donation session!

## VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian  
Church Hall, Newtownabbey

## DATE & TIME

Thursday 27 August  
12:30 – 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200  
blood donations per week.

That's 1 every 8 minutes.



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

Northern Ireland  
Blood Transfusion Service



## **August & September 2026 @ Lough Derg**

*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*

**Three Day Pilgrimages** – *In the tradition of prayer, fasting and keeping Vigil*

Begin on any day of the week until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Admission €85. Discounts available for Groups, Seniors & Students.

**One Day Retreats** – *Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection* - places available on

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential .

**Includes Special Themed Retreats:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> August - St Peregrine**

**5<sup>th</sup> September – Pioneer Pilgrimage**

**6<sup>th</sup> September – St Carlos Acutis**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September – Vocations Monstrance**

**19<sup>th</sup> September – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage**

**Heritage Day Tours** – *Explore one of Ireland's most enduring and authentic spiritual destinations.* Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. 11am & 2:30pm

As part of National Heritage Week celebrations visitors will enjoy a guided boat trip on the lake, guided tour of Station Island and refreshments.

Admission €15. Student & Child discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.

**Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage** – *In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries*

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. 8km & 12km routes, fully guided. Outdoor Mass weather permitting.

Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential.

**NEW FOR 2026 SEASON** – Overnight accommodation available on Station Island the night before beginning a Retreat or Pilgrimage.

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