

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph McAuley, Carnmoney Road

## MONTH'S MINDS:

Bernadette McCaffrey

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Bro. John Bosco OFM; Olive O'Neill; William Maskey;

Patrick O'Connor; Hugh & Catherine Bradley;

Mr & Mrs Kerr, Tommy, Paddy & Joe Kerr;

Mary Verhoeven; Bernadette Bradley; Ned Lynch;

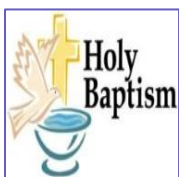
Edward & Annie Doherty; Willie Mulvenna;

Bill & Noreen McKenna; Eddie Burns; Anne Hamilton;

Margaret Caughey; Liam Caughey; John Kealey.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Patrick Joseph O'Connor
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Bro John Bosco OFM
<i>SMOTH</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	William Maskey
	11.00am	Eddie Burns
	12.30pm	Olive O'Neill & M/M Bernadette McCaffrey
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Willie Mulvenna
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Hugh & Catherine Bradley
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mr & Mrs Kerr, Tommy, Paddy & Joe Kerr
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Edward & Annie Doherty
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Anne Hamilton



We welcome

**Emilie Brownlee, Ava Moss**

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.

## The Good Brews Café

come along to St. Bernard's Parish Centre on

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March after 9am,**

**10am (SMOTH), 11am and**

**12.30pm Masses.** There will

be free coffee, tea and treats

for all. Get to know your

fellow parishioners - and the

priests.



## St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk

in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine

Kelly on **Saturday March 14** on the 25th Anniversary

of The Saint Patrick Centre. Includes the

fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, with internal

bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch, an authentic Camino

passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at St

Patrick's grave. A special 25% discount price is on

offer of £40 (normally £55) To book ring 02844 61900

or [www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com) 

## 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.

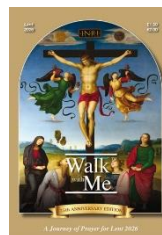
**Confessions will also be heard during this time.**

## 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.



*Parish of St. Mary's On The Hill*

*Temporary Pledge for Lent 2026*

*Offering Prayer*

*To be recited every morning and evening  
Lord for your sake, for the recovery of  
problem drinkers and victims of substance  
abuse, to make amends to your Sacred Heart,*

*and for temperance in my life*

*I will abstain from taking alcoholic drinks for the duration of*

*Lent 2026*

*Name* .....

*Date* .....

# Join Accord

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



## APPLY TODAY

FOR MORE  
CONTACT  
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.

# Discernment Retreat *for* Diocesan Priesthood



*They left everything at once  
and followed him.*

*Luke 5:11*

6th - 8th March 2026  
at Drumalis Retreat House, Larne

*For more details, contact*

Fr. Conor McGrath

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# 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>)

**Saturday 14th March 2026**  
**Theatre at The Mill, Newtownabbey**



# Whitewell

## Cave Hill's Lost Village



**A film by Michael McKernon about a unique community on Cave Hill. They carried water from a local well, but despite lives of hardship and struggle their stories reflect humour, resilience and love of Bellevue and Cave Hill.**

- Date: **Saturday 14 March 2026**    Booking link: <https://theatreatthemill.com/book/?show=198001>
- Time: **19:00**
- Venue: **Theatre at The Mill**
- Tickets: **£11.50**



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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

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## 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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# 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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