

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 5th July 2026

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Pat Sheehan & Fr Aidan Kerr

PARISH OFFICE 028 90832979

Lorraine Carlin & Patricia Gillespie

Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

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website: www.stmarysonthehill.online

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerard McCourt, Arthur Park

Moya Keenan, Antrim Road

Grace Fitzpatrick, Carnmoney Road

MONTHS' MINDS

John McGrillan, John Kelly, William Palmer

ANNIVERSARIES:

Caoimhin Adams, Seamus Corey, Carmil Thompson,

Ciaran Murphy, Edel Wilson, Eileen Price,

James Cullen, Tom & Kathleen Lawlor, Rose Horan,

Denis & Robert McCormick, Jack Patterson,

Angela Molloy, Pauline Kirvey, Eithne Kirwan,

Maisie & Jimmy Liddy, Maureen Barry,

Murray Family, Susan McBride.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 4 th	6.00pm	Seamus Corey (1 st anniv) & M/M John McGrillan
Sun 5 th	9.00am	Carmil Thompson
	11.00am	Caoimhin Adams & M/M John Kelly
Mon 6 th	9.45am	Ciaran Murphy
Tues 7 th	9.45am	Edel Wilson
Wed 8 th	9.45am	Angela Molloy
Thur 9 th	9.45am	Maureen Barry
Fri 10 th	9.45am	M/M William Palmer
Sat 11 th	9.45am	Murray family

We welcome

Aubrey Spence, Rosie McMullan,

Senán Long, Darcy Patton

recently baptised in the parish.



ST BERNARD'S SITE CLOSURE

3rd-14th AUGUST

There will be no access to St Bernard's site from 3rd-14th August for groundworks. The whole site will undergo re-tarmacking. Daily masses and funerals will be celebrated in St Marys on the Hill and the Sat. Vigil and Sun.morning masses 8/9Aug will be online.



SUNDAY MASSES JULY & AUGUST

To enable the priests in the 'family of parishes' to help each other get time off over the summer, there will be a reduction in Sunday masses over the summer.

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.



MARRIAGE

Congratulations to

Niamh Hughes & Michael McCarthy

Catherine Caddell & Andrew Phelan

Niamh Traynor & Sean Trowell

Who celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony

PARISH COLLECTIONS JUNE

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£4099.64	£4182.09	£3929.44	£4296.54
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Peter Pence	
£4092.20	£1177.85	£1170.51	

Thank you for your generosity



Down and Connor Diocesan Appointments

3rd July 2026

Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J. announces the following with effect from Saturday 15th August

Retirements

Very Rev Canon Sean Emerson formerly Parish Priest of Antrim, to be Pastor Emeritus.

Very Rev Canon Eddie O'Donnell formerly Parish Priest of St Brigid's, Belfast, to be Pastor Emeritus.

Both of these priests have generously offered to assist within their resident Family of Parishes when possible.

Appointments

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride to be Parish Priest of Loughguile.

Very Rev Peter Carlin to be Parish Priest of St Anthony's in addition to St Matthew's.

Rev Joe Davis to be Administrator of Carrickfergus.

Very Rev Paul Fleming to be Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Kilwee.

Very Rev Martin Graham to be Parish Priest of Drumbo and Carryduff and Parish Priest of Saintfield.

Very Rev Henry McCann to be Parish Priest of St Malachy's, Belfast.

Very Rev Thomas McGlynn to be Administrator of St Peter's Cathedral Parish, Belfast.

Very Rev Patsy Mulholland to be Parish Priest of Antrim.

Very Rev Michael Sheehan to be Parish Priest of St Brigid's, Belfast.

Very Rev Rory Sheehan to be Parish Priest of Glenavy and Killead.

Rev Thomas Hampton recently ordained to be Curate in Ballymena.

Deacon Joe Baxter to be Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish.

Very Rev Eamon Devlin CM to be Priest in Residence in Sacred Heart Parish.

Rev Jain Mathew to return to the Syro-Malabar Diocese in Rome.

Rev Jose Bharanikulangara to be Curate in Antrim.

Fr Babu to be Assistant Priest Holy Rosary Parish & St Bernadette's Parish

& Chaplain to Syro- Malabar Community.

I warmly welcome clergy from the Society of Divine Vocations into the Diocese of Down and Connor where they will serve in the Parishes of St John's and Corpus Christi.

Very Rev Martin Magill to take sabbatical leave.

Very Rev Paddy McCafferty to take sabbatical leave.

Very Rev Peter Owens to take a leave of absence.

With every blessing and good wish,

I gCroí Íosa

+Alan McGuckian SJ

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO ST BERNARD'S SITE

3rd-14th AUGUST

St Bernard's site, both upper and lower carpark,
WILL BE CLOSED

for re-tarmacking and re-marking from
Monday 3rd – Friday 14th August 2026.

There will be **NO ACCESS FOR CARS OR PEDESTRIANS.**

There will be **NO PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE.**

There will be **NO ACCESS TO THE CHURCH,
THE PASTORAL CENTRE OR THE SCHOOL.**

Daily masses (Monday -Saturday mornings 9.45am)
and funerals will be celebrated in St Marys on the Hill.

However, because St Mary's is too small
to accommodate our Sunday congregations
**the Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday morning masses
9am and 11am on 8th & 9th August will be online.**

Parishioners, who wish to, are welcome to attend masses
in the neighbouring parishes

St Gerard's Vigil 6.30pm Morning 10.30am,
Whitehouse vigil 5pm

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus 11.30am
- but these could be quite full.

Adoration will be temporarily suspended during this period.

Apologies, in advance, for the inconvenience.



DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

BALLYMENA PARISH

VACANCY

YOUTH MINISTER

(3 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT)

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust are seeking to recruit into this exciting new role of 'Youth Minister', to work within Ballymena Parish, collaborating with the teams within the Family of Parishes, to align youth ministry with the broader mission of the parishes.

We are looking for a person with a passion for deepening the faith of young people, who will focus on the personal, social and spiritual development of young people.

This will be someone who can inspire young people and help them to fulfil their full potential in the life of the Church, and who can initiate and implement new outreach ideas to connect with young people and draw them into a journey of faith.

If you are that someone.....please read on.....

This Youth Minister role will be based within our Ballymena Parish, 2/4 Broughshane Road, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT43 7DX. The role will require you to work 35 hours per week, which will involve evening and weekend work.

Salary will be considered within the range of £29,000 to £31,000 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience.

If interested, full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: [job vacancies](#). It can also be found at <https://www.nijobs.com/jobs/> and the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 21 July 2026

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

MOVE

A five day summer event tailored for 14-18-year olds designed to have a life changing experience with God



3-7 August 2026
Clongowes Wood College
£315.00

Leaders: Fr James O'Reilly PP and Catriona McCoy

For further information, contact Fr James O'Reilly at
j.oreilly@downandconnor.org / 07496905262

CHRIST IN YOUTH

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE - 26 JULY 2026 KNOCK SHRINE

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

'I will never forget you' (Isaiah 49:15)



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- Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of all Ireland
- Director of Music Una Nolan & Choirs
- Special Guest Dana Rosemary Scallon
- Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica - 2:30pm
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - 3:00pm
- Rosary Procession after Mass (weather permitting)
- Children's Prayer Appeal for Grandparents, send or bring prayers to the CGA office at Knock Shrine
- Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion

**** Please organise transport with your local parish.**



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13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

AGES 16-35

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AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY
STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

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An Evening With SAMUEL MUNAYER

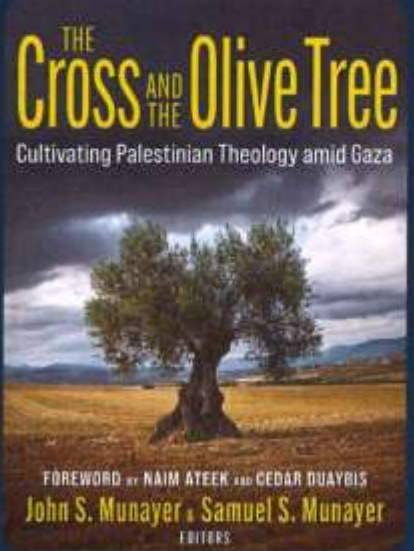


Join us in the Belfast Jesuit Centre for an evening with Palestinian Christian theologian Samuel Munayer, co-editor of *The Cross and The Olive Tree* – recently explored in our online Book Club.

This volume gathers essays from young and emerging theologians, including; Lamma Mansour, Marah Sarji, Shadia Qubti, Daniel S Munayer, John Munayer and Samuel himself; each tracing how a theology of liberation grows out of the lived experience of Palestinian Christians and how such witness might speak to the wider Church today.


Munayer reflects on the cross and the olive tree as symbols of suffering, rootedness, and resilient hope in the midst of the ongoing genocide in Gaza and escalating settler violence in the Occupied Territories.

The evening will include a lecture, guided conversation, open Q&A, and a book signing. Everyone welcome.



TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 2026
BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE
7.00-9.30PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

 Due to Fleadh-related road closures on 4th August, access to the BJC by car will be limited. Public transport is strongly advised.



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