

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 9th Aug 2026

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

Patricia Duffy

Dolores McDaid

MONTH'S MIND

Grace Fitzpatrick

ANNIVERSARIES

Gerry McCullagh, Paul Brennan, Malone Family, Mark

Anthony Kelly, Patricia Byrne, Isabel Casey.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 8th	6.00pm	Gerry McCullagh
Mass online		
Sun 9th	9.00am	
Mass online		
Mass online	11.00am	
Mon 10th	9.45am SMOTH	Mark Anthony Kelly 1st Anniversary
Tues 11th	9.45am SMOTH	Funeral Dolores McDaid
Wed 12th	9.45am SMOTH	
Thur 13th	9.45am SMOTH	
Fri 14th	9.45am SMOTH	
Sat 15th	12 NOON ST BERNARDS	Paul Brennan & Malone Family

We welcome

Eimear Cook,

Aria Lin,

Odhrán Walsh,

Darragh McCleery

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.

Weather permitting St Bernard's will re-open on Saturday 15th August for Mass of the Feast of the Assumption at 12noon. In the event the Church cannot re-open that weekend Sunday masses will be online and the GATES WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

SUNDAY MASSES 8th & 9th AUGUST

St Bernard's Vigil	6.00pm ONLINE
St Bernard's	9.00am ONLINE
St Mary's on the Hill	10.00am
St Bernard's	11.00am ONLINE
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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass on the 15TH August is at

12.00 noon in St. Bernard's Church
(on a Saturday it is a Holy Day but not a Holy Day of Obligation- not obliged to attend mass)

PARISH COLLECTIONS JULY

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
£3953.53	£3698.18	£3749.54	£4337.82
Monthly Stipend	Building Fund	Pastoral Services	
£4156.10	£1017.21	£1039.77	

Thank you for your generosity

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

- note these could be quite full.

Adoration will be temporarily suspended during this period.

Apologies, in advance, for the inconvenience.



24 HOURS of PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Feast of St John Vianney

3-4 AUGUST



**VIGIL BEGINS WITH
HOLY MASS**
7PM MONDAY
3 AUGUST

TO



**CONCLUDES WITH
HOLY MASS**
7PM TUESDAY
4 AUGUST



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**
Throughout the
24 hours



**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Priests available
throughout the night



**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS**
to the Diocesan
Priesthood



We especially invite our parishes, prayer groups, schools, religious communities, youth groups, families, and individuals to come, whether for a few minutes or a longer period, to pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue to raise up generous men to serve His people as diocesan priests.



St John Vianney once said, "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus." As we celebrate his feast, let us unite in asking the Lord to inspire new vocations and to strengthen those already called to serve.



Whether you can stay for an hour, join us for Mass, or simply drop in to pray, your presence and your prayers will make a real difference. **All are welcome.**



**DIOCESE OF
DOWN & CONNOR**



VENUE:
**St Colmcille's Parish,
Ballyhackamore**

Come and pray. He is waiting for you. 

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL, BELFAST

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026

Fuaimlaoi in Concert

Thursday 6th August 7:00pm St Peter's Cathedral

A captivating ensemble that blends ancient Irish tradition with powerful sacred music by renowned Irish liturgical composer Ronan McDonagh.

This unforgettable performance is sure to be one of the highlights of the Fleadh Belfast Fringe programme.

Tickets: £5.50 Book now:

<https://fleadhfringe.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173683951>

Don't miss this special evening of music in the stunning surroundings of St Peter's Cathedral.

Belfast Féili

Join us for the inaugural Féile tours of St Peter's Cathedral, led by Stevie Corr, as we celebrate its 160th anniversary!

Officially opened with great ceremony on 14 October 1866, St Peter's Cathedral, with its iconic twin spires, has stood at the heart of West Belfast ever since.

This special guided tour offers a unique opportunity to explore areas of the Cathedral that are rich in history and significance, including:

The Chapel of the Resurrection, where three Bishops of Down and Connor are laid to rest.

The Sanctuary, home to the Bishop's Cathedra (official seat).

The Aumbry, which houses the Holy Oils donated in memory of Fr Hugh Mullan and Fr Noel Fitzpatrick, who lost their lives while anointing the wounded during the Ballymurphy shootings.

Tour dates:

Monday 3 August at 3pm

Tuesday 4 August at 3pm

Wednesday 5 August at 3pm

Thursday 6 August at 3pm

Tickets: £5 per person, payable at the entrance (please bring the exact amount).

Come and discover the history, heritage, and stories of one of Belfast's most treasured landmarks.



THE STORY OF IRELAND

As we celebrate the Belfast Fleadh, join Bishop Alan McGuckian for an evening exploring the connections between Irish culture, history and the Catholic faith.

Enjoy traditional Irish music, refreshments and good company as we celebrate our shared heritage together. Everyone is welcome!



FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

7.30PM

ST. PAUL'S PARISH CENTRE
FALLS ROAD, BELFAST

A Legion of Mary Project

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 13th August.

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

One Day Retreats – *Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection* - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st

September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th

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

Includes Special Themed Retreats:

23rd August - St Peregrine

5th September – Pioneer Pilgrimage

6th September – St Carlos Acutis

9th & 12th September – Vocations Monstrance

19th September – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

Heritage Day Tours – *Explore one of Ireland's most enduring and authentic spiritual destinations.* Thursday 20th 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 30th 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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