

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 28th June 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

Michael McNee, formerly Richmond Road

Edith Grainger, London, formerly Collinward Ave

William Moore, Australia

MONTH'S MIND

Joseph Mulholland

ANNIVERSARIES:

Edward Sherry, Michael Morgan, May Dobbin,

Maura McCourt, Karl Austin, Thomas McAuley,

Desmond & Sheila Maguire, Annie Moreland,

Maureen (Rooney) Pedlow, Seamus Small,

Billy Irvine.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 27 th	6.00pm	Edward Sherry & M/M Joseph Mulholland
Sun 28 th	9.00am	Desmond & Sheila Maguire
<i>SMOTH</i>	10.00am	Karl Austin
	11.00am	Maura McCourt
	12.30pm	Maureen (Rooney) Pedlow
Mon 29 th	9.45am	Thomas McAuley
Tues 30 th	9.45am	
Wed 1 st	9.45am	Michael Morgan
Thur 2 nd	9.45am	
Fri 3 rd	9.45am	
Sat 4 th	9.45am	Annie Moreland

We welcome

Marnie O'Neill, Lucky Dudus,

Tommy McAdams, Ara Kim

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.

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LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND

There will be a loose plate collection at masses this weekend to help bring pilgrims from our Diocese in need of support and care to Lourdes.



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.



"Good Brews" Thank you to everyone who came along to the Good Brews Cuppa last weekend and made the event a great success. Your contribution to building our parish family is invaluable.

Rally for Life, Liberty & Faith

Belfast on Saturday 4th July 2026.

This important event, organised by Precious Life together with other pro-life groups, will be held at **Belfast City Hall** at **2.00pm.**

Immediately before the Rally, we have a special 'Mass for Life' celebrated in **St Malachy's Church, Belfast** at **12 o'clock.**

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.

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
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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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9 th January	20 th January
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10 th April	21 st April
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