



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Sick and Housebound Fr Declan will visit the sick & housebound over the next few weeks

Summer Schedule for July and August. The Saturday evening vigil Mass remains at 7 pm, and there will be one Mass on a Sunday morning at 10am.

Adoration will continue on a Wednesday after Mass to 6pm.

Art Classes will resume in September. These classes run on a Friday for 6 weeks. 12noon-1.30pm, 2.30-4pm Adult Class & 4.30pm-6pm Secondary School age in the Parochial house. No experience is required. This is a time and space to relax, enjoy painting or arts and crafts. We have limited spaces, if you are interested contact Catherine in the Parish Office. This is a free event.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Parish. We receive donations through Parish envelopes, cheques, online and loose cash put in the basket during Mass. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes or you would like information on how to donate online contact Catherine in the Parish office, parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk or leave a message on the answering machine and I will get back to you.

Knock Novena National Novena, which takes place from 13 to 21 August 2026. Daily Ceremonies take place at 3pm and 8pm, with workshops each day at 12.45pm. There will also be the opportunity to attend daily guided prayer sessions at 11.15am and 5.15pm throughout the Novena. Please see the website www.knockshrine.ie for details of the full programme.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for the month of August
For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 9th August 2026

Weekly Collection
£916.00

Online
£279.15

Monthly Stipend
£986.00

Thank you for your
continued support

Weekly Mass Schedule

10th Aug – 17th Aug 2026

Mass

Monday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 10.00am

Saturday: 7.00pm

(Vigil)

Sunday: 10am

Adoration

Wednesday 10am-6pm

Liturgy of the Word

Friday: 10am

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Baby James

who was baptised recently into our Parish family

Booking Masses, Baptisms and Weddings As parish office opening hours have been reduced slightly, we are returning to our previous practice of booking Masses, baptisms and weddings in person, in the sacristy after Masses.

Masses can be booked well in advance to ensure your preferred dates are available.

Baptisms can only be booked by the child's parent or legal guardian. At least one month's notice is required. To book a baptism parents must present the child's long birth certificate, complete the baptism request form, meet with one of our Baptism team and attend weekly Mass during the month prior to the date of the Baptism

Weddings can be booked by the couple themselves. Couples are required to give at least six months' notice of marriage to ensure the preferred date is available and that there is adequate time to complete all Civil and Church paperwork.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Josie McSherry

Cassie Reynolds(7)

Deceased members of the Savage Family

Mary Bridget Lappin

Fidelis Walsh (14)

Margaret McCavigan

Patrick Kenny

John Kenny

Pauline Doone

Peter Lavery

Charles McStravick

William Toland(33)

John Skelton (69)

Marie Fegan

Anniv Mass Sat 8th August at 7pm

Anniv Mass Tue 11th August at 7pm

Anniv Mass Wed 12th August at 10am

Anniv Mass Sat 15th August at 7pm

Save the Date. Following Christ. Monday Evenings from 7 September-17 October 2026, 7-9pm in Mater Dei Pastoral Centre. Following Christ is a 7-week journey of Catholic discipleship. It is designed for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith or those seeking to deepen or revitalize their faith. Register your interest now email glenavy@downandconnor.org or telephone 02894 422278

There will be no bulletin next weekend.

Parish Office Tel: 02892 651214

Email: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Office Open Tue, Wed & Fri 11am-3pm

All insertions for the bulletin – please leave in the Parochial house red post box, email or phone the parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.

EMERGENCIES

AND SICK CALLS

07831 934 756

(in the event you are unable to reach Fr Declan
on the emergency number)
02894 42227

St Vincent De Paul

Contact Number:

07598 076585

www.svp.ie

Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000

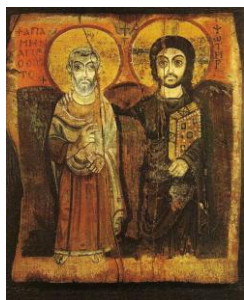
The Knights of St Columbanus

028 92 528 916

Diocesan Safeguarding Office

028 9049 2798

Parish Priest:
Fr Declan Mulligan
02892651214

9th AUGUST 2026 — 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OF ANTRIM
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

Rev Sean Emerson PP, St Comgall's Presbytery: 94428016
Rev David Aksenczuk, St Joseph's Presbytery:
Parish Support Officer: Mrs Bernie Mann: 94428016
Antrim Parish website www.antrimparish.com
Facebook: Parish of Antrim

**SUNDAY MASSES**

St. Comgall's 9.00am 11.00am
St. Joseph's 5.30pm (Sat vigil) 12.00noon
St. MacNissius 10.00am

Weekday Mass

St. Comgall's: Monday, Wed, Friday & Sat 10.00am
St. Joseph's: Tues & Thurs 10am Fri 7pm

Mass is available to view on the Parish
facebook page and youtube: Parish of
Antrim

Confessions

St. Comgall's – Sat 12 - 12.30pm
St. Joseph's – Sat 4.45 – 5.15pm

Adoration: Fri 10.30 – 12 noon St. Comgall's
Every 1st Fri. @ 6pm St. Joseph's

Prayer Group – Every Wed 7pm in Sr.
Catherine's Room
St. Comgall's

Readings: Sunday Cycle A 19th
Sunday of the Year Weekday Cycle 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, our God, give us the precious gift of seeing you in the ordinary events of each day, in joy and in sorrow. Help us to create a world in which there is time for all to listen for your call that leads to growth and holiness. Let your presence give us the courage to walk in the way of faith, hope, and love that we may be truly sisters and brothers of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thought for the Week

*Don't say
"It is only a drop in the ocean".
The whole ocean is made up of drops"*

*St Teresa of Calcutta
(Mother Teresa)*

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 13
Week 38

We pray for all parishioners suffering from being over stressed or in strained relationships at this time, may they believe the words of the psalm, "May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you".

Offertory Collection: £3,043.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased:

1st Anniv: Philomena Shannon

Anniv: Hiram Carey, Eimear McCann, Roddy O'Kane, Des McLornan, Mary Emerson Rosemary Ward, Vincent McCormick, Catherine Morrissey, Claire Gribbon, John Edwards

Saturday 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass times in the Parish will be as follows:

<i>St Comgall's Church</i>	<i>10am</i>
<i>St Joseph's Church</i>	<i>7pm (Fri. Vigil) 11am</i>
<i>St MacNissius' Church</i>	<i>9.15am</i>

CEMETERY SUNDAYS IN PARISH

Prayers for the Deceased will take place at 3pm on:

***Sunday 6th September in Belmont Cemetery and
Sunday 13th September in St Comgall's Cemetery.***

Healing Night will be next Sunday 16th July at 6pm. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, confession and an opportunity for quiet individual prayer and music.

"Youth 2000 Summer Festival | 13th–16th August Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

Abide in His Love Women's Conference. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20–22 November 2026 Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed! Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

Legion of Mary Auxiliary Membership The Legion invites you to become an auxiliary member. There are no meetings to attend. You simply pray the Legion prayers at home every day. This is a great support to the mission of the Church. Contact Conor on 07798865887

Catholic Mothers Ireland – Family Day

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on **Sunday, 6 September** at **Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City.**

The day will begin with **Mass at 2.00pm**, celebrated by **Bishop Donal McKeown**, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents.

This promises to be a lovely day for the whole family. For more information and booking details, please email info@catholicmothers.ie.

All are welcome.

9th AUGUST 2026
19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Priest: Elijah searched for God and found God in the sound of silence and the gentle breeze. We ask the Lord to hear our prayers.

For the Church: that she may continue to sow the seeds of God's Kingdom with faith, patience and hope

Let us pray to the Lord

For all who hunger and thirst for God's love. May the marginalized and the lowly find hope on the solid ground of God's 'mercy and faithfulness'.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: that men and women may hear the gentle call of Jesus, and have the courage to respond with generosity.

Let us pray to the Lord

'I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace'. May the Holy Spirit guide the minds and hearts of world leaders, inspiring them to choose the path of dialogue, diplomacy, and justice over conflict and violence.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those on holidays: that their time of rest may renew them in body, mind, and spirit, and that God may keep them safe in all their travels.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who are tossed about in the storms of life; that the Holy Spirit may grant them resilience, peace, and the assurance that they do not walk alone.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who have died:

Recently Deceased:

1st Anniv.: Philomena Shannon

All those named in the bulletin.

that having shared in the earthly banquet, they may now feast at the eternal table of the Lord. *Let us pray to the Lord*

Priest: Heavenly Father, may we hear you in the silence and perceive you in your gentleness. May we never lose faith in you as we ask these prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Bulletinfor
Ramoan(Ballycastle, Glenshesk & Rathlin)
*and***Ballintoy & Ballinlea**
(Mass Readings: Sunday Cycle A)

Parish Emergency Mobile: 07809553349.
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www.ballycastleparish.com ballycastle@downandconnor.org

Mass and Confessions Schedule in Ballycastle

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6.30pm, and Masses on Sunday at 10am and 12noon.
 Daily Mass: 10am, with Sacrament of Reconciliation after Saturday 10am Mass

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Glenshesk: Sun 9th Aug at 9am. Ballinlea: Sun 16th Aug at 9am. Ballintoy: Sat 5th Sept at 5.30pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*Saturday 15th August – Holy Day of Obligation*Mass TimesFriday 14th: Vigil at 6.30pm in CulfeightrinFriday 14th: Vigil at 7.30pm in BallintoySaturday 15th: 10am in Ballycastle**Lammas Fair Carparking Fundraiser**St Patrick & St Brigid's PS PTA

are once again organizing a rota for parking in the Church carpark over the Lammas Fair,
 as a joint fundraiser with the parish.

However, as the PTA is a small organization, we are asking for volunteers from the parish
 to give an hour or two between 8.30am and 6pm
 on either Monday 24th or Tuesday 25th August
 to help man the carpark.

Ideally, we would need 4 - 5 volunteers to cover each hourly slot over the two days.

If you could help out, please contact Louise on 07754357104 or leave your name in the sacristy.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

every Monday, immediately after 10am Mass until 1.30pm. *All welcome*

We pray for our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, especially those who died recently

Christine Mahon (Market Street; originally Co. Roscommon and formerly Canada)
Colm Elliott (Rasharkin; formerly Glentaisie Drive)
Mary Boyle (Drumaroan)
Patrick (Paddy) McGothigan (Moyarget Road) *and*
Alex McCambridge (Cushendall)

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Ann McShane (1st), Patsy McGuire (1st), James McMullan, Raymond Gardner, Annie Harkin,
Peggy Blaney, Niall McKinley, Mary Shields, Vera Davies, Bridget Hill, Maureen Hill, Anna McLernon,
JJ & Rose Molloy, Margaret Sullivan, Brian O'Hare *and* Roisin Donnelly

Requiescant in Pace

Lough Derg

The Three-Day Pilgrimage

season ends on Sat 15th Aug; begin the pilgrimage any day up to this Thurs 13th Aug.

One Day Retreats

of guided prayer and reflection
are available on

August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st
September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th



The Legion of Mary

are recruiting new members to help with their visits.
On Saturday 15th August,

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

they are hosting a coffee morning with a short talk in the crypt after 10am Mass.
There will also be a short talk at the end of Mass that evening,
and after 10am Mass the next morning.

Have you ever wanted to deepen your faith, while making a real difference in our community?
The Legion of Mary is a worldwide lay apostolic organisation that does just that. Meeting weekly for prayer, community and spiritual growth, followed by simple works of service, such as visiting the sick, welcoming new neighbours, or sharing the Good News. If you have a heart for service and a desire to grow closer to Christ through his Mother Mary, we invite you to join us. Please stop by our table in the crypt after 10am Mass on Sat 15th August, The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

We are hosting a coffee morning and a chat where you can ask us anything.

We will be there again after evening Mass that day with coffee and information.

Finally we can be found in the crypt following 10am Mass on Sunday 16th August.

All are welcome.



The parish branch of the **Apostolic Work Society** are holding a **Coffee Morning** in the crypt at 10.30am on Saturday 22nd August with all proceeds going to the Foreign Missions.

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat

RNID Near You - There will be **no** Hearing Aid Support Session this Tues in Ramoan Parish Centre. Alternative venue will be Ballymoney Library, Thur 20 Aug, 12:30pm-2:30pm. *Sorry for the inconvenience.*

Useful numbers

Saint Vincent de Paul 07754722022. Bethany Bereavement Support 07519471481.
Foodbank 07536986448. BabyBank 07801630476 or 07929785256. Legion of Mary 07510547636.



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Notice Board



The Parish of Ballyclare & Ballygowan

9 August 2026

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The Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Sheila Howe, James Lynn, Mary McFall, Joseph McComb, Joseph Haveron, Catherine Haveron, Eamon Foley, Francis Kelly, Kathleen McGarry, Margaret McGoldrick, Bess Reid, Margaret McCabe, Archbishop Noel Trainor

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Masses this week: Monday-Wednesday 9.00am Saturday 11.00am (Feast Day)

Offerings: Thank you for your recent offerings.

2 August – Weekly Offering £366.80 Monthly Offering £343.00

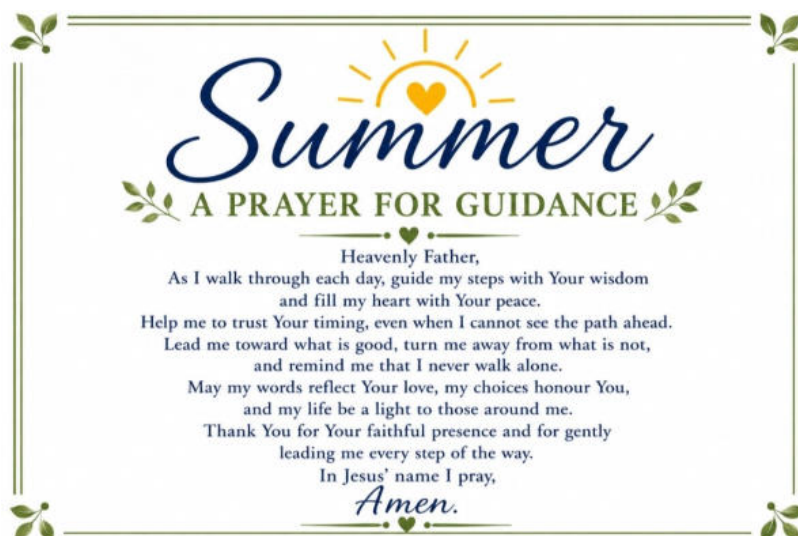
Holy Family Church, Ballygowan is currently closed for essential maintenance works. All liturgies are being celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Ballyclare.



Saturday 15th August:
Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass: 11.00am, Sacred Heart, Ballyclare

24 Hours of Adoration on the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption: To honour the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption the Legion of Mary are organising 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in St Agnes Church. Adoration will begin after the 7pm Mass on Friday 14th August and will continue throughout the night and throughout the day, ending before 6.30 vigil Mass on 15th August. St Theresa of Calcutta described time spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as the "best time you will spend on earth".



Lough Derg: 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. Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage – In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries. Sunday 30th August. 8km & 12km routes. fully guided

reception of pilgrims through the centuries. Sunday 20th August 2026: Carnlough & Glenarm Pastoral Council
Outdoor Mass weather permitting. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential. For more information
visit www.loughderg.org

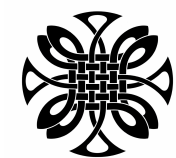
One Day Retreat to Lough Derg: Tuesday 18th August 2026: The Carnlough & Glenarm Parish Pastoral Council have organised a trip to Lough Derg. Cost per person is £45.00 which must be paid when booking. The parishes of Carnlough & Glenarm will fund bus hire for the day. To book your place please phone the Parish Office in Carnlough on 02828885220 or email: carnlough@downandconnor.org

This Week's Hymns			
Entrance	395	Communion	260
Offertory	687	Recessional	442

DONATE

Please click on the button if you wish to make an online donation to the Parish of Ballyclare and Ballygowan. Thank you.





Parish of Ballymoney
& Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

2nd August 2026
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

In this week's Gospel, Jesus walks across the Sea of Galilee to his frightened apostles during a storm. Peter, full of faith, steps out of the boat to walk towards him — but when he takes his eyes off Jesus and looks instead at the wind and waves, he begins to sink. Jesus reaches out and saves him, gently asking, "Why did you doubt?"

Life brings storms of its own — worry, illness, family strain, financial pressure — that can leave us feeling like we're sinking. This Gospel reminds us that Jesus is always with us in the midst of them, inviting us to keep our eyes fixed on him rather than on our fears. As St Peter later wrote, "Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you." May the Lord help us grow in faith and protect us whenever we feel we're underwater.



THIS WEEK

Parish webcam can be viewed on our YouTube channel
(search for Ballymoney Parish)

SUNDAY 9th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 10th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 11th	7pm Mass in Dervock
WEDNESDAY 12th	no Mass today 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 14th	no Mass or Confessions today
SATURDAY 15th The Assumption	10am Mass 5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day
for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes

Saturday 4.30pm	-	Portstewart
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

Other Masses for the feast of the Assumption

Friday 6pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Friday 7pm	-	Portstewart
Saturday 9.30am	-	Portstewart
Saturday 10.30am	-	Portrush
Saturday 11am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Aideen Worsfold**
who was baptised this week



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Frankie McEldowney
Raymond McLean
Margaret McErlain (née McAlister, formerly of The Cross)

Anniversaries

James Douglas, Patsy Kelly, Mary McIvor, Joanne Nevin

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. If you want to request a box of envelopes there is a purple form at the back of the church. Remember that you can also support the parish through a regular standing order or by making a one off payment through your bank or online. Our account details are:

Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

Sort code: 95-06-79
Account No: 10020192.

If you want to give by cheque please make payable to:
Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.

WEEKDAY MASS

Please note the different times of Masses during the week including on **Tuesday evening** when there will be Mass at **7pm in Dervock.**

Feast of the Assumption

Next **Saturday** is 15th August, the feast of Our Lady's Assumption into heaven. It is a **holy day of obligation**. Mass will be celebrated in Ballymoney at **10am and 6pm**.

Masses times for the other local parishes can be seen in the panel opposite.



PRAYING THROUGH ART

Our summer art group will be meeting on **Wednesday** this week at **7.30pm** in the Canon's house. Materials are provided. All welcome.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Following another busy week at our parish shop, the stock is topped up and we are all set again!

Check out an attractive jewellery cabinet, a beautiful pair of slimline bookcases, a lovely horse ploughing picture, the masons wash set and our selection of new ceramics. There's also a few musical instruments for anyone who's been inspired by the Fleadh!

Visit us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm**. To keep in touch with our offers and to see pictures of our stock don't forget our Facebook page **@oldandnewatno5**

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

ROTARY CLUB OF BALLYMONEY

A coffee morning will be held at the home of John and Alison Borland, 127 Fivey Road, Stranocum on **Saturday 15th August** from **10am-2pm**. The funds raised will support the Mercy Ships Project, bringing medical help to Africa. The minimum donation is £10. Your support is appreciated.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Embrace the Grace is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (**18-40**) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country.

This event takes place on **Saturday 29th August** from **9.30am to 6pm** with a social afterward. Tickets cost **€20** and can be booked on the Eventbrite website by searching *Embrace the Grace*. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com

FAMILY DAY

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on **Sunday 6th September** at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry city. The day will begin with Mass at **2pm**, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents. All are welcome.

This promises to be a lovely day for the whole family. For more information and booking details, please email **info@catholicmothers.ie**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 54**.

GH Tyres and Auto Services: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto results 16.04.26. Winning No's 6-8-14-25 Jackpot £6,550 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each-Patricia Henry & Oonagh Philips. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,600. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

The Glenavy GAC Festival is back this Bank Holiday weekend at Chapel Hill in the marquee. We kick things off on Friday evening with family bingo, followed by a poker night. Saturday features Quid Games, a series of fun challenges where contestants compete until one person is left standing, winning £10,000 for themselves and a chosen charity. There will also be an U16 girls' tournament during the day. On Sunday night, enjoy entertainment from hypnotist Adrian Knight, followed by live music from Mistaken Identity. For updates on timings and ticket sales, please check our social media channels."

St Clare's Hall, What's on?– Monday Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Multi Sensory baby class 10–11am, Flip Fusion 5.30pm–6.30pm, Pilates 7pm – 9pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm.

Tuesday Brazier School of Dance 4.45PM – 7.45PM, Pickle Ball 8pm – 10pm.

Wednesday Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Friendship Group 10.30am – 12.30pm, Caitlin's Theatre School 5pm – 6.30pm, Yoga 7pm – 8pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm (Matches).

Thursday Pilates 10am – 11am, Irish learners Class (all levels) 10am–12 noon in the café. Tel 07476 828442, Judo 6pm – 7pm, Bingo 8pm – 9.30pm.

Friday Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Mums & Tots 9.30am – 11.30am, Coffee Morning 10 – 11.30am.

Saturday Slimming World 7.45–11am, Little Show Stoppers 9am–10am, Flip Fusion 5pm–7pm. **Monthly Events** Book dub 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1st Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Sunday 7pm – 10pm. Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's **Contact** stclareshallbook-ing@hotmail.com or **07517779334**. **St Clare's Community Hall is a drop off point for the Hygiene Bank.** You can now bring unopened toiletries to help people in our community who need them most. Donation box is in the front entrance of the hall, so items can be donated any time the hall is open. **Sing into Summer with Lisburn Harmony** plus special guests The Accidental Choir on Saturday 23 May 2026 @ 7.30pm in St Clare's Community Hall. Tickets £12.50 or benches available up to 2 adults and 2 children @ £25. **Glencore Community Group AGM** on Monday 27 April 2026 @ 7pm. Please join us for a review of last years work and to have your say on priorities going forward.

Blessing of the Graves at Milltown Cemetery will take place on Sunday 10 May at 3pm

Rwanda fundraising ball: Join us for an evening of food, music & dancing in the Ballymac hotel on Saturday 13 June at 7pm to raise vital funds for the mission project of the Sisters of the Community of Mary, of the Heart of Jesus (Sisters of Comunidade Servos de Maria do Coração de Jesus) in Rwanda. For more information and tickets, please visit bit.ly/4aAskIO

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar 1-day retreat Saturday 6 June, 10am – 4pm, guided by Fr John Verghese.



Fourth Sunday of Easter 26 April 2026

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278
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Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
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Follow in Love

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

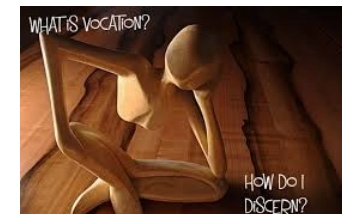
The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life - and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

Our active witness is to the life and the values of **Jesus** in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of **God**. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship, we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing **God's** will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant- in fact anybody needy.

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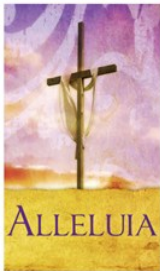


Diocesan Vocations Prayer

God, our Father, at the very beginning of your Church your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles to continue the work he had begun. By the power of your Holy Spirit, they continued to bring the Good News of your love to our world. Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts of those you are calling to serve as priests for your people in our diocese. Fill them with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, piety and knowledge as they discern your will. Give them the gifts of right judgement and courage in following their calling. Through the outpouring of your grace may many come to the joy of knowing and responding to the invitation of Jesus to "Come, Follow Me!"

Amen

27– 3 May 2026 Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue	3pm Sacrament of Confirmation	11am Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm Communion Service Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Special Intention Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of St Joseph 7pm—9pm Adoration		
Fri	9.30am Dolway & Peggy McCorry (60 years of marriage) 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat	11am Baptisms	6pm Dolores Greig (1st Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Kathleen Mooney & Teresa Brankin (Anniv) William Patrick Lavery (Anniv)	10.45am Letitia Kearney (Months Mind)	

Recently Deceased Michael Connolly (Park Manor Nursing Home)

Months Mind: Christopher Tennyson

Anniversaries Phylis Brankin, Mary McKillop, Mary McCorry, Sean Henry, Ciaran Heffron, Teresa McAlister, Marie Doone, Louis Courtney, Helen Moore, Kenny Jordan, Kathleen Magee, .

Sanctuary Lamps Deceased members of the Courtney Family, Special Intention V.B & L.B.

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Cuán Shéa Baxter, Pádraig Clarke, Kyllia Lee Getty, Finnbar O'Brien

Collection 19/04/26

Weekly Offering: £3,093

Trocaire: £3,242

Thank you for your generosity

Annual Parish Census 2026

A count of attendance takes place at all Masses this weekend, **25 & 26 April 2026**. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities. As you arrive at Mass, you are given a small counter for yourself and for each person in your family group and are asked to place the counters in baskets labelled according to age. Red counters for females and blue counters for males. The baskets are labelled with age bands and the number of counters for each age band are recorded after each Mass. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Sacrament of Confirmation Please keep the girls and boys of St Joseph's PS and Ballymacrick PS in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 28 April 2026.

PARISH EASTER WHIST will be held on Sunday 26 April @ 7pm, in St. Clare's hall. There will be a top prize of £100. Scorecards are £10 and refreshments will be provided. There will also be a ballot on the night. All welcome
Rosary Rally You are cordially invited to a special rosary for the conversion of Ireland in co-ordination with over 500 other rosaries across Ireland, on Saturday 16 May @ 4pm at the St Joseph's Grotto with tea and coffee afterwards in the annex. All welcome, please spread the word.
New Parish Draw 2026/27 The Parish Draw is a valuable source of income for our parish, the new Parish Draw begins on 4th May, just £10 per month and generous prizes to be won. Renewal forms are being distributed to existing members, and we hope you will continue to support the Draw. New members are encouraged to join. If you haven't been a member before, please pick up a form from the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. For further information about joining and the options on how to pay, please contact the Parish Office on 02894 422278.

Music at St Joseph's There is an urgent need to recruit an organist or guitarist or pianist, if you or someone you know would be interested in this position please contact Canon McBride as soon as possible.

Mater Dei Children's Liturgy We would welcome more helpers. We have a very flexible rota, and it is just during term time. So, if you can help, even one Sunday in the year, we would be delighted. Call or email the parish office if interested.

60th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to parishioners Dolway and Peggy McCorry, Lurgan Road on 60 years of marriage.

Renovation of Mater Dei Church. Thank you to the parishioners for the anonymous donation of £100 towards a row of seats in Mater Dei. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The newly renovated Mater Dei church is our legacy for future generations in our parish.

The Legion of Mary is currently visiting homes in the parish promoting devotion of the Divine Mercy.

The Legion of Mary We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Annex of St Joseph's church, Glenavy for further information call or text 07581292226 (Emma). Join us.

A Blessed statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available through The Legion of Mary to any sick parishioner for one week. If you would like to avail of the statue, please contact the parish office.

Making your offering to the church Parishioners are encouraged to make donations to the parish either by using the parish envelopes or by means of bank transfer. It is of great benefit to the parish when we can record donations so that gift aid can be claimed, if applicable. If you would like to donate using envelopes, please contact the parish office. Alternatively, if you are able, you are encouraged to make a monthly offering to the Church by means of a Bank Transfer to: Parish of Glenavy and Killead Sort Code 98 04 60. Account 10654677. The relevant forms are available at the back of the Churches. Both forms need to be completed with one sent to your Bank and the other to the parish office. If you have any queries, please contact Canon McBride in confidence

Liturgical 'Sign of Peace' The Sign of Peace remains an integral part of the celebration of the Eucharist and has been reintroduced as a normal practice across the Diocese. The customary expression of the Sign of Peace in Ireland is a handshake. However, other non-contact forms of the sign of peace such as a nod, a bow or a smile are also legitimate expressions of the Sign of Peace. No offence should be taken if someone prefers to express a non-contact Sign of Peace. The Diocese encourages all to continue to exercise good hygienic practices, and if you exhibit flu-like symptoms, you are encouraged to remain at home.

Sanctuary lamp intentions: A Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in each of our two churches. If you would like to dedicate a lamp for a loved one or a special intention please contact the Parish Office. There is a suggested offering of £5

Church Webcam The church webcam for live stream of Masses can be accessed via the Parish Website www.glenavyandkilleadparish.com Go to the top line and click on webcams and pick either **Mater Dei** or **Glenavy**. It can also be accessed at www.churchmedia.tv. Select **Antrim** & search for **St Joseph's, Glenavy or Mater Dei, Crumlin** and the churches will appear. Click on the play button to view live stream.

Saint Vincent De Paul—Crumlin Conference (St James) Emergency helpline 07754427088. Donations can be made via the Crumlin SVP conference bank account. Account number 41965035, sort code 980460.

St Joseph's Glenavy Conference SVP Emergency helpline 07784955647. Donation can be made to our bank account, Sort Code 98-04 -60. Account Number 41966009. Your support is very much appreciated as we support those most vulnerable in your local community.

CCTV Camera's Please be aware that St Joseph's Church and graveyard and Mater Dei Church and grounds are monitored by CCTV.

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Can you spare half an hour per month? The St. Martha's cleaning team in Mater Dei would like your help, if you can help by joining this important team, please leave your name & number at the parish office.

Web Camera's Mater Dei Church & St Joseph's are both equipped with web-cameras. All Liturgies are broadcast. The cameras are live 24/7 and are focused on the Sanctuaries of each Church. Please go to www.churchmedia.tv to access the live stream. The webcams enable us to attend Mass, however they do not allow us to receive the Eucharist, The Body of Christ. When possible, we should attend Mass in the Church whenever our circumstances permit in order to receive Holy Communion.

Deacons Those who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate are encouraged to make contact with the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Rev Brett Lockhart, b.lockhart@downandconnor.org



The Loughshore Parishes



St Mary's, Greencastle; St Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse;
St James', Whiteabbey & St Colman's, Greenisland



9 August 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES & SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL

5.00pm – Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

6.30pm – St Mary's, Greencastle

SUNDAY MASS:

9.30am – St Colman's, Greenisland

11.00am – St James', Whiteabbey

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse: Tuesday 7.00pm

St Mary's, Greencastle: Wednesday 9.30am

St Colman's: Thursday 10.00am

St James': Friday 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER & COMMUNION SERVICE

St Colman's: Monday 10.00am

ST PEREGRINE'S NOVENA:

First Monday of the month at 7.00pm in St Mary's, Greencastle

NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR:

Every Tuesday at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Wednesday in St Mary's, Greencastle 10am – 1pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

After 10.00am Mass on Friday in St James'

DIVINE MERCY EVENING – Rosary, preaching, healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on the second Friday of the month 7.00pm – 9.30pm St James' Church.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay association of pious, Marian Catholics, who specialise in both prayer and work. They meet at 7pm every Friday in St. Mary's Church, Greencastle.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are taking place on Saturdays in St James', Whiteabbey. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Parish Priest:

Fr. David Delargy

Parish Office:

824 Shore Road Newtownabbey BT36 7DG

Tel: 0289037 0845

(open Mon – Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm)

E-mail: loughshore@downandconnor.orgwebsite: www.loughshoreparishes.orgLinks to webcam via parish website or www.churchmedia.tv

The Loughshore Parishes is a member of a Family of Parishes, comprising the parishes of St Mary's on the Hill, St Nicholas', Carrickfergus and the Loughshore Parishes (Greencastle, Whitehouse, St James' & St Colman's)

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Patrick McKinney, Catherine Donaghy, Norah Dawson, Caolam Diver, Hugh Smith

Months Mind: Jacqueline Morris

Anniversaries: Matthew McAllister (3rd), Freddy Lavelle, Donna Hall-Doherty, Sherry Agnew (1st), Kathleen Hyland, Brian Hughes, Annie Murphy

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Whitehouse 5pm - Matthew McAllister 3rd anniversary

Sunday

St Colman's 9.30am – Freddy Lavelle anniversary

ST PEREGRINE NOVENA will be held on **Monday 10th August at 7pm in St Mary's, Greencastle.** The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be given to all the sick who wish to receive it.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 15th August at 10.30am in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MASS TIMES IN THE LOUGHSHORE PARISHES DURING AUGUST

	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	<i>Sunday Mass</i>
8 th /9 th August	Whitehouse 5pm	St Colman's 9.30am St James' 11am
15 th /16 th August	Greencastle 5pm	St Colman's 9.30am St James' 11am
22 nd /23 rd August	Whitehouse 5pm	St James' 11am
29 th / 30 th August	Greencastle 5pm	St James' 11am

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR JULY

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Greencastle £1,034.30, Whitehouse £2,149.00

St James' £2,110.84, St Colman's £821.80

SECOND COLLECTION

Greencastle £348.25, Whitehouse £602.00,

St James' £244.50, St Colman's £124.00

STIPEND

Greencastle £292.00, Whitehouse £703.00,

St James' £468.00, St Colman's £192.00

PASTORAL SERVICES COLLECTION

Greencastle £51.00, Whitehouse £100.00, St James'

£60.00, St Colman's £20.00



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POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

AUGUST: For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community. [🔗 Pray with the Pope video](#)



ST JAMES' SUNDAY TEAS

Tea **will** be served after Sunday Mass in St James' this week and we are delighted to invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after 11am Mass.

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To become involved in our apostolate or for prayer intentions contact +44 7399 110257 or

queenofapostlesDC@gmail.com

Further details of our work <https://legionofmarydc.co.uk>

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND FAMILY DAY

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on Sunday 6th September at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City.

The day will begin with Mass at 2.00pm, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents.

This promises to be a lovely day for the whole family.

For more information and booking details, please email info@catholicmothers.ie. All are welcome.

24 HOURS OF ADORATION ON THE FEAST OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION

St Agnes's Church

To honour the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption the Legion of Mary are organising 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in St Agnes Church. Adoration will begin after the 7pm Mass on Friday 14th August and will continue throughout the night and throughout the day, ending before 6.30 vigil Mass on 15th August. St Theresa of Calcutta described time spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as the "best time you will spend on earth". Please come along and give thanks to Our Lady and her Son Jesus.

DROMANTINE RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Workshop: Caring for People Living with Dementia
Saturday 10th October 2026; 9.30am – 4.30pm

Dementia is an illness which many people fear developing. This workshop provides deeper insights into practical strategies for supporting those living with dementia. Participants will explore communication techniques, compassionate care practices and resources for families and carers. Cost £50. Includes 3 course lunch with tea/coffees.

Telephone: 028 3082 1029

Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

www.dromantineconference.com

'EMBRACE THE GRACE' YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

29th August 2026 - Legion of Mary

'Embrace the Grace' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. This event takes place on Saturday 29 August from 9.30am to 6.00pm with a social afterward. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'Embrace the Grace'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com.

[Click Here To Register](#)

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER PARISH

'PARISH ACCOUNTS OFFICER'

We are keen to recruit a Parish Accounts Officer within Newtownards & Comber Parish, Upper North Street, Newtownards, BT23 4JD. The post holder will be required to provide accurate, efficient, and confidential financial support to the Parish Priest and Parish Finance Committee. The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 7 hours per week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Rate of Pay - £14.04 gross per hour. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the [Diocesan website](#).

Enquiries relating to this role can be made by phoning: 02890 776185/ Option 3 / HR Office

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 11th August 2026

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week (11th - 13th August).



**ST. PATRICK'S BALLYPHILIP
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 2nd August 2026**



Fr Feargal McGrady PP Tel: 028 427 28234 Web: www.portaferryparish.com
Email: portaferry@downandconnor.org Livestream: www.churchmedia.tv
Parish Office: 028 427 28373, Monday – Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Parish Bereavement Ministry

This group offers support for anyone experiencing bereavement. If you would like to talk to a member please Telephone: 07564293692

**ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE CONTACTS:
MADELINE DYNES 07999945936 & JAMES MAGEE 07542530006
During Business Hours**

	St Patrick's Portaferry	St Cooley's Oratory	St Patrick's Ballygalget
Sunday 2 nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11am Mass		9.30am Mass
Monday 3 rd August		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Novena Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Tuesday 4 th August St John Vianney			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 5 th August The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass	No Mass
Thursday 6 th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Friday 7 th August St Sixtus II St Cajetan		9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 10.00am – 6.00pm	7.30pm Mass
Saturday 8 th August St Dominic	5.45pm Adoration 6.30pm Vigil Mass		5.00pm Vigil Mass

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Ellen (Nee) Cleland, Emmet Savage & Isobel Blaney, recently deceased and for the following whose anniversaries occur around this time: Benedict Crawford (First Anniversary), Frank Duff, Sean Sands, Rose Shanks, May Smyth, James Smyth, Theresa Faloona, Margaret McAvera, Sarah Jane Fitzsimmons, Annie Faloona, Ella Ritchie, Bernadette McCarthy.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.



HOLY HOUR IN HONOUR OF JESUS THE DIVINE MERCY will be held this Sunday 2nd August in St Patrick's Church, Ballygalget at 3.00pm.

BAPTISM: Welcome into the Catholic Church, Sunday 26th July
Grace Caira Monan, Ashmount Park

ROSARY IN ST. COOEY'S ORATORY: on Tuesday 4th August at 7pm, the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney. We will offer this Rosary for priests.

"If we really understood the Mass we would die of joy." (St. John Mary Vianney)

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be held on Wednesday 5th August in St Cooley's Oratory at 7.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st August:

Sean Sands

Sunday 2nd August:

Benedict Crawford (First Anniversary), Frank Duff

Sunday 9th August:

Seamus Donaldson, Isobel McGrattan



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

For those travelling from Portaferry, the bus will leave the Square at 7.30am sharp on Saturday 8th August.

Bishop Alan - will be celebrating Mass in Irish as part of the Fleadh on Sunday August 9th at 11am in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street.

Weekly Offering: £1,372.00 *Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

One day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, On Saturday 5th September. Bus departs The Square, Portaferry @ 6am. Cost £57.00. If interested, Contact: Donna 07549443799



School UNIFORM expenses... We can help.

Ring our Confidential telephone: 07508 549701

All requests considered, lift that phone and make the call.

Total Church donations for July came to £1,817.00.

Sing Praise – PresenCe donated £350 to SVP.

Many thanks to all our donors and their continued support, it is very much appreciated.

St. Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry

Mondays: Social Morning at 11.00am (come along and learn to play Whist – there are no experts here!); **New series of Guitar Lessons at 12.30pm (Free)**

Tuesdays: Portaferry Crafters (Textiles) 10.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesdays: Gently Does it at 9.30am, Judo 5pm -9pm

Thursdays: The Hive (Arts and Crafts) 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Fridays: Party Dance at 9.30am; Walking Group 11.00am; Youth Club

The Ferry Film Club meets on the last Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. We are welcoming younger members 16 to 30 to become involved.

Coming Soon! Netball Summer Camp. Be alert for details.

The facilities may be hired for family events and community events. Text 07542530006

Fire Safety Training

St Patrick's Community Centre Portaferry on Saturday 8th August at 9.30am.

If you are an organization who would like to take advantage of this training, please text the word FIRE to 07999945936 and leave your name before 1st August.



PORTAFERRY AND BALLYGALGET BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our newly commissioned Parish Baptism Team is a voluntary ministry that supports parents, families and Priests as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Central to their role is ensuring that every family experiences their Parish as a place of genuine welcome and encouraging faith within the home beyond the day of their Baptism. Our Baptism Ministers will help parents understand the meaning of the Rite and what it involves by:

- Welcoming parents and children into the Parish community.
- Providing a preparation session for parents (and Godparents if they wish to attend).
- Offering guidance on the symbols, prayers and commitments involved in the Sacrament.
- Helping parents participate more fully in the celebration on the day of Baptism.

May the time of preparation for Baptism be filled with peace, gratitude, and the loving presence of God in our families.

BAPTISMS: Portaferry Parish: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Ballygalget Parish: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Please book with the parish office, (**Not the parochial house.**) Portaferry: 02842728373

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. Ballygalget: 07398623134 Wed or Fri 9am - 1pm.

A copy of your child's Birth Certificate (Long version) is required prior to Baptism date.

On the day, please bring a Baptism candle & a White Shawl / Blanket.

Notices for the parish bulletin need to be with the parish office by Wednesday 12noon.

Anniversary notices can be left in the anniversary boxes in either church,

(Boxes beside the candle shrines), sent by email, or rang into the office.

24 Hours of Prayer for Priestly Vocations, taking place on the Feast of St John Vianney.

The time of prayer will begin with Mass at 7.00 pm on Monday 3 August and conclude with Mass at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4 August.

Please encourage parish groups and parishioners to come along at any stage during the 24 hours to pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. Hospitality will be available throughout.

Our seminarians will be in attendance, along with some of our newly ordained priests. We would especially encourage any young man who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood to come and spend some time in prayer and meet those already discerning or living this vocation.

I would also be grateful if any priests who are available to assist with Confessions during the 24 hours could please let me know - c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

Man and Woman, He Created Them

The Priory Institute one week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 10 August. The course includes four recorded presentations and one online zoom discussion and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register

prioryinstitute.com

🎵 **Fuaimlaoi in Concert** 🎵 📅 **Thursday 6th August** 🕒 **7:00pm** 📍 **St Peter's Cathedral**
 Experience the soul of Ireland with **Fuaimlaoi**—a captivating ensemble that blends ancient Irish tradition with powerful sacred music by renowned Irish liturgical composer **Ronan McDonagh**. Their rich harmonies, lyrical beauty and authentic spirit create a deeply moving concert experience, connecting audiences with Ireland's heritage, faith and timeless song. 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.

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BE STRONG IN THE LORD!

HLI IRELAND MISSION NIGHT

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FEAST OF CHRIST
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HOLY FACE OF JESUS**








"FOR AN IRELAND WHERE GOD IS FIRST, LIFE IS SACRED & THE FAMILY IS CHERISHED"
NEWRY CONFERENCE AND BANQUETING CENTRE, CO. DOWN!
39-41 THE MALL, NEWRY, BT34 1AT
WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 7PM

Human Life International (Ireland), Guadalupe Centre, Main Street, Knock, Co. Mayo, F12 K709, Ireland.
 Tel. No.: 094 937 5993 Mob. No.: 085 860 8835 Web: www.humanlife.ie Email: mail@humanlife.ie
 Charity Reg. No.: 20029814 Charity No.: CHY 11138 Company Reg. No.: 214375

Burren Outdoor Retreat, Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

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.



SACRED HEART PARISH

Sunday 12th April 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday



Deacon: Joe Baxter		
Parish Office: 1B Glenview Street, Belfast, BT14 7DP Email: sacredheart@downandconnor.org Phone: 028 9075 1543 Hours open: 9am-2pm , Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri Parish Secretary: Cathy Carroll Sacristan: Collette Delaney Acolyte: Thomas Liddy Parish Webpage: https://www.sacredheartparishbelfast.com Webcam sacredheartparishbelfast.com/Webcam		
~Mass Times~ Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm: Vigil Kathleen & Geordie Adams, Colette Donaldson, Anniversary Mass Sunday Masses: 9:30am: Hugh Larkin, Anniversary Mass 11:30am: The Curran Family, Anniversary Mass 2:00pm: DIVINE MERCY Weekday Masses: Tuesday 7:00pm: Novena Nan & Hugh Saunders, Anniversary Mass Wednesday 10.00am: Patsy & Eileen Haughen		
Confessions & Adoration: Saturday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.		
~Sacrament of Baptism~ Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month, at 12.30pm. Please contact the parish office to arrange a baptism.		
~Sacrament of Marriage~ Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.		
~Upcoming Feast Days~ 12th April St Teresa of the Andes 13th April St Martin I 16th April St Bernadette Soubirous	~Recently Deceased~ Billy Stewart Patrick McStravick Noel Goodall Louise McCullough Caitriona O'Neill William Mallaghan Bridget Mulvenna Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord	~Anniversaries~ Nuala McCartney (nee Marks) Danny McCartan Irene McIlroy Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
~Weekly Collection~ £2138.88 ~Easter Offering~ £482.65 ~Catholics in the Holyland~ £283.50 The Parish Thanks You For Your Kindness And Generosity	~Baptisms~ Welcome into our community Rossa Jody McDonnell Antóin Patrick McCavana	~Sanctuary Candles~ Danny McCartan The MacQuillan Family The McFarlane Family A Donation of £5 per candle is greatly appreciated
~A Spiritual Communion~ Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.		
The Lord asks of you only this, that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>O God of infinite mercy, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we come before You with humble hearts, trusting in Your boundless love. Through the passion, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have opened the floodgates of mercy for all humanity.</i> <i>We pray with the words You gave to St. Faustina: "JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU." Grant us the grace to accept Your mercy, to share it with others, and to live as instruments of Your peace. Forgive our sins, heal our wounds, and draw us closer to Your Sacred Heart.</i> <i>Bless the world with Your compassion, especially those who suffer, those who doubt, and those who have strayed. May Your Divine Mercy renew the earth and lead all souls to the joy of Your eternal kingdom.</i> <i>We offer this prayer through Christ our Lord, in union with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.</i> Amen!	
<u>Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for 2026</u> April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and care. Amen	Eucharistic Adoration. Calling All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in Down & Connor Diocese. A National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock is planned for Sunday 19th April (weekend after Divine Mercy). Details can be found on www.eucharisticadoration.ie. Phone Patrick on 07963581543 (for bus leaving Belfast).
Encounter Weekend Donegal. Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at https://encounterschoolofministrydonegalregfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.	
Good Shepherd Sunday. As we move towards Good Shepherd Sunday (Vocations Sunday) on 26th April, we are encouraged to keep vocations to the diocesan priesthood in our prayers in these coming days. The Diocesan Vocations Novena, a 9 day journey of prayer will begin on 18th April until 26th April. Join us on line or in your Parish, asking the Lord to bless our diocese vocations to the priesthood. To join on line visit: Instagram: downandconnor_vocations, Facebook: Down and Connor – Vocations.	
Chatty Café. Open Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join us for a cuppa & a chat.	
AA Meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre every Monday & Friday, 6.30pm-7.30pm, and Thursday at 7pm. (Ladies Group)	
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre on Wednesday's at 7pm-8pm.	
Cocaine Anonymous (CA) meet every Tuesday at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Centre.	
The Spred Group meet every second Monday in the Parish Hall at 7pm.	
The Stitch and Crocheting Group meet Thursday evenings, 7pm in the Parish centre. Come along and learn a new skill.	
Lifeline-24hr 7 days a week 0808 808 8000 Samaritans anytime night or day 116 123 St Vincent De Paul 028 90351561 Cancer Lifeline 028 90 351999 AA 02890351222	AI-Anon Family Groups 028 9068 2368 PIPS 0800 088 6042 Youth Education Health Advise 02890 757 809 Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Philip O'Hara 07534 992 124
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee	



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Ballymena: <https://ballymenaparish.org/bulletin-and-parish-documents/>

Bangor: <https://www.bangorparish.com>

Bright: <https://parishofbright.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Bulletin-5-04-2026.pdf>

Carrickfergus: <https://www.carrickparish.org>

Christ the Redeemer: <https://www.christtheredeemer.co.uk/parish-bulletin>

Corpus Christi Belfast: <https://www.corpuschristiparishbelfast.com/news>

Derriaghy: <https://derriaghycatholicparish.com>

Drumbo and Carryduff: <https://www.drumbocarryduff.ie/#sbp-bulletin>

Dunsford and Ardglass: https://www.dunsfordandardglassparish.com/?page_id=623

Glenariffe: <https://glenariffeparish.org/whats-on>

Hannahstown: <https://www.parishofhannahstown.com/weekly-bulletins>

Holy Cross Belfast: <http://www.holycrossparishbelfast.com/parishnews.html>

Holy Family: <https://www.holy-familyparish.com/bulletin/>

Holy Rosary Belfast: <https://www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net/weekly-bulletin>

Holy Trinity Belfast: <https://holyltrinityparishbelfast.com/newsletters/>

Kilmore and Killyleagh: <https://www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com>

Lisburn: <https://parishoflisburn.org/about/>

Maghera: <https://www.parishofmaghera.com/>

Nativity: <https://www.nativityparish.com/news>

Our Lady Queen of Peace: <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeacekilwee.com/bulletins>

Port Glenone (St Mary's Portglenone): https://stmarysportglenone.org/?page_id=40

Portstewart: <http://portstewartparish.website/bulletins/>

Saint Annes: <https://www.saintannesparish.net/bulletins/>

Saint Anthony: <https://saintanthonys.uk/parish-bulletin/>

Saint Malachy's: <https://www.saintmalachysparish.com/>

Saul and Ballee: <https://www.saulandballeeparish.com/>

St Agnes Belfast: <https://www.stagnesbelfast.com/>

St Bernadettes:

<https://www.stbernadettesparish.org/bulletin/uploaded/Parish%20Bulletin%2012th%20April%202026.pdf>

St Brigids Belfast: <https://stbrigidsparishbelfast.org>

St Colmcilles: <https://st-colmcilles.net/weekly-bulletins/past-weeks-bulletins/>

St Gerards: <https://stgerardsparish.org/parish-news-events/>

St Luke's Belfast: <https://www.stlukesparishbelfast.com/news>

St MacNissi Randalstown: <https://www.stmacnissirandalstown.com/bulletin>

St Mary's Belfast: <https://www.stmarysbelfast.org/news>

St Mary's on the Hill: <https://www.stmarysonthehill.online/>

St Matthew's: <https://www.stmatthewsparish.com/news>

St Michael the Archangel: <https://saintmichaelthearchangel.godaddysites.com/>

St Oliver Plunkett: <https://stoliverplunkettparish.ie/bulletins/>

St Patrick's Downpatrick: <https://stpatricksdwnpatrick.com/parish-bulletins/>

St Patricks Belfast: <https://www.stpatricksbelfast.org/category/weekly-bulletins/>

St Teresas: <https://stteresasparrish.church/parish-news/>

St Vincent de Paul Belfast: <https://www.stvincentdepaulparishbelfast.com/news>