

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 23rd March 2025

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

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Eithne Corbett, Belfast.

MONTH'S MIND

Gerry McGuinness, John McClean,

AnneMarie Mallon (nee Gillespie)

ANNIVERSARIES

Claire Blaney, Belle O'Reilly, Gerry O'Boyle,

Rita McCullagh, Dan McGrinder, Jason Holly, Olive O'Neill,

Ted & Theresa McCusker, Jim Conlon, Sean McManus,

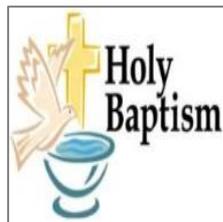
Maureen Montgomery, Patrick, Noreen & Pat Doherty,

May Johnston, Owen McElevy, Paddy & Ellen Jane O'Hara,

Mary McAuley.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 22 nd	6pm	Jason Holly & M/M John Ernest McClean
Sun 23 rd	9am	Maureen Montgomery & May Johnston (1st Anniv)
<i>SMOTH</i>	10am	Jim Conlon
	11am	Gerry O'Boyle & M/M Gerry McGuinness
	12.30pm	Olive O'Neill & 1 st Anniv Sean McManus
Mon 24 th	9.45am	Ted & Theresa McCusker
Tues 25 th	9.45am	Dan McGrinder
Wed 26 th	9.45am	Rita McCullagh
Thur 27 th	9.45am	Claire Baney
Fri 28 th	9.45am	Belle O'Reilly
Sat 29 th	9.45am	Patrick, Noreen & Pat Doherty



We welcome

Ellie Carlin

Conall McGrath

Jasper McAtamney

Clara McCarthy

recently baptised in the parish.

ANAM CARA

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh.

G.I.F.T. 1 – P7 PUPILS

Programme for **P7 children** who have received or are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Four Sunday evenings 23rd, 30th March & 6th, 13th April in the Pastoral Centre, 7pm to 8.30pm. Parents should register online on the parish website

<https://forms.office.com/e/jqYeGqpPTF>

or via the QR Code on the cards that will be available after all masses. **LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH GAMES & ACTIVITIES.**

First Saturday Devotions

will take place in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road, on 5th April

10.00a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

11.00 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025-2026 AVAILABLE NOW



The Offertory Envelopes are now available in St Bernard's for collection. **If you prefer to contribute by Standing Order it is not too late to contact the Parish Office** and they will send you a form.

Standing Orders help to reduce cost, administration and time spent on distribution - email stmarysoth@downandconnor.org. Please give your full name, address and current envelope number if applicable. We will then send you the relevant forms to action your standing order. **GIFT AID** If you pay income tax please complete gift aid card and return if into the parish office.

LENT

2025

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

A thought for each day of Lent. Booklets are available in the porchway of St Bernard's Church £1 for Adults. Also a Children's activity booklet £1.



MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Divine Office will be prayed on **Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays** before morning mass 9.35 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.

Confessions will also be heard during this time.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Fri. evening & Sat. mornings: *see details above*

PARISH LENTEN COURSE- Parish Centre

Wednesdays of Lent 7-8pm

12th, 19th, 26th March & 2nd, 9th April.

FORGIVING OTHERS, FORGIVING SELF

The Book of Jonah (OT) & St Luke's Passion (NT)

Led by Fr Pat Sheehan.

Bring along a bible, have a cup of tea, learn, discuss & pray together.

Register on the parish website and come along.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CALVARY



A Friday challenge for young and old!

Each Friday of Lent 6.30am (approx. 15/20mins) weather permitting, we will pray the Stations of the Cross **OUTSIDE at the Statue of Calvary** in St Bernard's grounds. If you have one bring a battery candle. In very poor weather we will gather in St Bernard's Church.

A DIGITAL THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Download these FREE Apps to your smartphone

For Adults



Lektion365 is an APP you can download to your smart phone which gives a biblical reflection and a morning and 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.

For Families



Lectio for Families is an APP designed for families to download and listen to, with children's voices reading the scriptural passages. Play it first thing in the morning (maybe over breakfast?), during the school run or in the evening.



JUBILEE LENTEN REFLECTIONS

By Fr Darren Brennan PP
St Paul's Parish, Belfast

“WITNESSES OF HOPE FROM THE SCRIPTURES”

1st SUNDAY OF LENT 9th MARCH 7pm
ABRAHAM AND SARAH: Pilgrims of Hope

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 16th MARCH 7pm
MOSES: A Pilgrim of Hope

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 23rd MARCH 7pm
MARY OF MAGDALA: A Pilgrim of Hope

4th SUNDAY OF LENT 30th MARCH 7pm
PETER: A Pilgrim of Hope

5th SUNDAY OF LENT 6th APRIL 7pm
PAUL: A Pilgrim of Hope

PALM SUNDAY 13th APRIL 7pm
MARY AT THE CROSS: A Pilgrim of Hope



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YOUTUBE



'Sing for Joy!'

A Day of Music and Ministry



Saturday 26 April 2025
on Lough Derg. Boat 9:30am.

**Open to Young People aged
18-35. Free to attend.**
Register via QR Code.

Organised by the Knights of St Columbanus.
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GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local
community blood donation
session!

VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian
Church Hall, Glengormley

DATE & TIME

Thursday 17 April 2025
12:30 - 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200
blood donations per week.

That's 1 every 8 minutes.



Scan to book your
appointment.

Help us in our search for the truth.

WE WISH TO HEAR FROM YOU

Have you or a family member been impacted by a Mother and Baby Institution, Magdalene Laundry, or Workhouse in Northern Ireland, or by their related pathways and practices, including the adoption and care system?

Have you worked, volunteered in or lived in close proximity to one of these institutions? Do you have any information, knowledge or memories of these institutions or their practices?

We would like to hear from you.



Truth Recovery Independent Panel
Seeking the Truth

CONTACT US



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(Open Monday – Friday 11am - 12pm and 3pm - 4pm or leave a voicemail on our secure answering service any time outside of these hours.)



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St. Malachy's College, Belfast
Music Department



Spring Concert

Tuesday 8th April 2025
College Hall 7:30PM

Admission Free
Retiring Collection

