

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter McBride, Carnmoney Road.

John (Sean) Devlin, Glendermere Heights

Christopher Robinson c/o Burneys Lane

Monica Braniff, Dermont Way

## MONTH'S MINDS

Nancy McLaughlin & Florence McWilliams.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jenny Gillespie, Sarah & Joseph Briers, Noel Parker,

Pat, Briege & Paul McLarnon, Josephine Coney,

Tommy Welsh, Billy Wilson, Emmett Russell,

Kathleen & Sean McManus, Francie Corr, Hannah Kelly,

Kevin Doherty, Rose Ann McKendry, Frances Greer,

Rita Magee.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Pat, Briege & Paul McLarnon & M/M Nancy McLaughlin
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Noel Parker 1st anniv
SMOTH	10am	Billy Wilson
	11am	Tommy Welsh & M/M Florence McWilliams
	12.30pm	Jenny Gillespie & 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv Kevin Doherty
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Emmett Russell
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	Josephine Coney
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Rose Ann McKendry
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	Rita Magee
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Sarah & Joseph Briers
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	



We welcome

**Avéayah McReynolds**

recently baptised in the parish.

## Congratulations St Mary's on the Hill School

"We are delighted to let parishioners know that St Mary's on the Hill P.S. has been awarded the 'Spirit of Catholic Education Award' for 2025. This is in recognition of their hard work on inclusive practice in teaching and learning, and for their strong emphasis on Gospel values. Well done to all!"

## BIBLE WEEK 2025

NEWTOWNABBEY CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP

### The Story of Jonah

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan at 7.30pm

Mossley Primary School Manse Rd

Free Event – Everyone Welcome

## ADORATION IN ST BERNARD'S

### GOD CALLING!

Have you got one hour in the week to spare?

Adoration renewal in the Parish

sign up at masses Sat/Sun 25/26 January

## St Brigid's Cross Making

### Developing World Group

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

in St Malachy's room 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Come and practise or learn this sacred tradition in preparation for St Brigid's day.

## GIVE BLOOD – SAVE LIVES

Where: Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church Hall, 560 Doagh Road

When: Thurs 20 Feb 2025 12.30-19.30pm

## Beginning Experience

is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (25th January; 22nd February and 29th March) Booking essential. To find out more, contact

Pauline [07519289185](tel:07519289185) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
**NEWTOWNABBEY CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP**  
**BIBLE WEEK**  
*2025*

**THE STORY OF JONAH:  
FAITHFUL  
STEADFASTNESS  
THROUGH  
TRYING TIMES**

**SPEAKER**  
**BISHOP  
ANDREW  
FORSTER**



**SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY - THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2025**

**7.30 PM EACH EVENING**

**TEACHING // WORSHIP // TESTIMONIES  
(JOINT NEWTOWNABBEY CHURCHES)**

**LOCATION:  
MOSSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
HAZELBURN ROAD, NEWTOWNABBEY, BT36 5NA**

**FREE EVENT // EVERYONE WELCOME**

# Welcoming Spring

*Day of reflection led by Breige O'Hare*

**WHEN: 11am – 4pm Saturday 1 February, 2025.**

**WHERE: Holy Rosary Parish Hall,  
503 Ormeau Road, Belfast.**

Join us for a day of story and song,  
scripture and prayer  
in the company of St Brigid and the Jesus she loved.

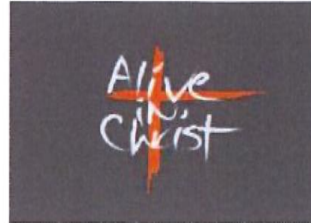
It's time to slow down ending with a beautiful  
liturgy with music by Mairéad Duffy.

Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

Booking essential: email [info@firststepwell.com](mailto:info@firststepwell.com)



## Catholic Schools' Week 2025 – Alive in Christ!



**Catholic Schools' Week will run from**

**~ Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 ~**

*“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive!” – Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, Section 1.*

Reflecting on the theme, Catholic schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. Sensitive to the age appropriateness of the various classes and years, the theme will explore how we exist for one another in Christ, building from the wellbeing of the individual, extending the notion of true wellbeing to others, to our families and communities, and to The Other, in God. The theme will mediate on hope, the true purpose and meaning of human life, and, in the more senior years, on true freedom.

As is usual, the theme will be connected at primary level with Grandparents' Day on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, and with the Family in post-primary.

**Note: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January is not being included in Catholic Schools' Week as it is the Sunday of the Word of God.**

# Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

3rd - 11th February 2025  
7pm

MONDAY

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I AM THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION

*Opening Mass with  
Fr. Conor McGrath*

TUESDAY

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MARY AS MODEL OF  
EVANGELISM

*Legion of Mary with  
testimony -  
Conor Mulholland*

WEDNESDAY

5

MARY AS MODEL OF  
PRAYER

*Bishop Donal McKeown*

THURSDAY

6

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE  
EXPERIENCE, CANDLELIT  
PROCESSION AND MASS

*Fr. Eddie McGee*

FRIDAY

7

YOUTH NIGHT

*Eucharistic Healing  
Prayers and Confession*

SATURDAY

8

PARISH VIGIL MASS

*Bishop Alan McGuckian*

SUNDAY

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MEDJUGORIE STYLE  
PRAYER NIGHT

*Rosary and Blessing  
with relics of St. Charbel*

MONDAY

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MARY AS OUR MOTHER

*Martina Purdy*

TUESDAY

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CLOSING MASS

*Fr. Damian McCaughan*

**Parish of Duneane**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Moneyglass**  
**106 Roguery Road, Toomebridge, BT41 3PT**

# GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local  
community blood donation  
session!

## VENUE

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian  
Church Hall, Glengormley

## DATE & TIME

Thursday 20 February 2025  
12:30– 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200  
blood donations per week.

That's 1 every 8 minutes.



Scan to book your  
appointment.



[www.NIBTS.org](http://www.NIBTS.org)

Northern Ireland  
Blood Transfusion Service





## DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 10 - 15 JULY 2025

We are seeking doctors, registered nurses and volunteers to care for pilgrims who need medical, nursing, personal care or assistance to make their pilgrimage to Lourdes possible.

This year we are especially seeking new brancardiers (adult men helpers) in addition to our medical, nursing and handmaidens teams. For more information please email your contact details to [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)



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