



# SACRED HEART PARISH

**Sunday 26th April 2026**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
**(Vocation Sunday)**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**



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**Parish Webpage:** <https://www.sacredheartparishbelfast.com>

**Webcam** [sacredheartparishbelfast.com/Webcam](https://www.sacredheartparishbelfast.com/Webcam)

### ~Mass Times~

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b> 6.00pm: Vigil	Frank Lyons, Anniversary Mass
<b>Sunday Masses:</b> 9:30am:	Noel Goodall, Month's Mind Mass
11:30am:	Robert McAleenan, 1st Anniversary Mass
<b>Weekday Masses:</b> Tuesday 7:00pm: Novena	Nora & Denis Snr McMullan, Anniversary Mass
Wednesday 10.00am:	Kay, Kathleen & Dan O'Reilly, Anniversary Mass

**Confessions & Adoration:** Saturday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

**Divine Mercy:** Friday 2:15pm, Exposition, Prayer and Confessions

### ~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~

**25th April**  
St Mark

**29th April**  
St Catherine of Siena

**30th April**  
St Pius V

### ~Recently Deceased~



John Webb  
Dominic Hopkins  
Andrew Petticrew  
Dennis Morrison  
George (Gerry) McFarlane  
Billy Stewart  
Patrick McStravick  
Caitriona O'Neill

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

### ~Sanctuary Candles~

Una Smith  
Ann Huston  
Edmund Burns Snr

*A Donation of £5 per candle is greatly appreciated*



### ~Weekly Collection~

£1161.26

### ~Building Fund~

£242.73

The Parish Thanks You  
For Your Kindness And Generosity

### ~Anniversaries~

Edmund Burns Snr

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### ~Baptisms~

Welcome into our community

Leo Matthew Hood  
Ruaidhrí McVicker  
Anthony Sean Baker

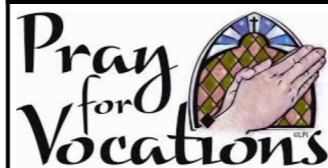


### ~A Spiritual Communion~

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



### **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 call.

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**

### **Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for 2026**

#### **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**

**Annual Parish Census 2026.** A count of attendance will take place at all Masses across the Diocese the weekend of **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 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. We look forward to seeing you at Mass that weekend and thank you for your co-operation and patience.

**Belfast Jesuit Centre, Faith & Film: A Hidden Life.** Join us on Thursday 30th April, 7.00pm, for a screening of Terrence Malick's *A Hidden Life*, the true story of Franz Jägerstätter's courageous witness of conscience. There will be a short Ignatian introduction before the film and group conversation will follow. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small donation suggested.

**First Saturday Devotions** will take place in Holy Family Church, Limestone Rd, 2nd May 2026. 10am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Act of Consecration, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. 11am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All are very welcome.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Collection.** Thank you to everyone that attended our Divine Mercy Mass.  
Your generosity raised £431.40 for the Parish.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**1-DAY RETREAT**

**TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT**

**CENTRE**

**CROSSGAR**

**SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

**10.00 AM – 4.00 PM**

**LET GO, LET GOD**

**"SURRENDER TO JESUS"**

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH NEWSLETTER  
OVER THE COMING WEEKS  
RE BOOKING PROCESS AND COST

**Parish Safeguarding Committee.** Anyone interested in joining the Parish Safeguarding Committee, please leave your name and contact phone number with the office.

**Road Closures. The Belfast City Marathon** will take place on Sunday 3rd May 2026. As in previous years, Oldpark Road from Crumlin Road to Cliftonville Road will be closed North Bound and Cliftonville Road down to Linden Gardens will be closed South Bound from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Access to the Church will be limited for those who drive, so please leave extra time for your journey to mass as you may have to walk part of the way. More information can be found at: <https://belfastcitymarathon.com/events/2026-phoenix-energy-belfast-marathon>

**Milltown Cemetery** - Blessing of the Graves at Milltown Cemetery will take place on Sunday 10th May at 3:00 pm.



**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**