**Recent Anniversaries:** Eamon Farrelly, Brendan Mullan, Martin Reid, Bridie Mullin, Marie McCormick, Bernard Tolan, alexander Carmichael, Joseph McGuigan, Hugh Barrett, Patricia Gearon,
**Months Mind:** Sally Magee, Mary Mathers, Anne McKenna,
**Recently Deceased:** Jane McCandless, Joseph Arthurs, Edgar Saycon, Mary Ellen Wilson.

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**Baptism Lines, Marriage Lines etc;** will be copied from our register once a week and collected the following Monday. Identification is needed for all Certificates.
**Funerals:** If you would like your loved one's funeral recorded, please let us know when we are taking the details or let the undertaker know. We need to know beforehand if it has to be recorded.
**Marriages:** If you want your Marriage to be recorded please inform us when booking the wedding. Although it is live on the day, it's not automatically recorded.
**Music Sunday:** 7pm Vigil Tanya and Anne, 10am Mass Betty & James, 12 noon Mass Organist Mark P. Laverty & Holy Cross Choir. 7pm folk Group.
**Readers:** David Wasson, Brian Lundy, Kathleen Osbourne, Arthur Kealey. Lavina Emejula, Chris McMullan, Paul Currie, Michael Stevenson, James Baker, Michelle McCullogh, John McParland, Wilma Lynch, Kate Lynch, Jinno Carlloe, Daniel, Rose Kilmartin, Sr. Kathleen Savage.

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**Feast Days this Week:** 13th St. Martin, 18th St. Laserian.
**Do this in Memory:** Sunday 19th April 12noon HCB.

**Baptisms March:** Saoirse Colette Quinn McCann, Rhea Rose McAllister, Conláoch Séamus McKenna, Eoglen Copeland, Faith May Murphy, Fadhla Lily Fitzsimmons Murray, Elsie May Keenan
**Marriages March:** Eadaoin Armstrong & Eoin McComb.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY Sunday, 12th April 2026:** St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (2:30pm); and Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast (2:15pm)
*(Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Holy Mass)*


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**Office Hours: Weekdays 9am – 5pm**
**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur 6 – 8 Houben**
**CLOSED 1-2, SUNDAYS 9.30AM -1.30.**
**6-8 PM, SICK CALLS 24/7**

## Sunday 12th April 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday

**Passionists Community:** Fr. Charles Cross CP Superior & Parish Priest, Fr. Aidan Troy CP. 00353833715115 (24/7) Assistant, Fr. Godfried CP, Bro. Conor Quinn CP
**Weekday Masses:** Monday – Saturday 10am.
**Weekend Masses:** Sat. Vigil 7pm, Sun. 10, 12, & 7pm, Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows Monday 7pm, First Friday: Healing Mass of St. Charles & Penance Service 7pm.
**Confessions:** 40 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.
**Sick Calls:** are normally covered by the Priest on duty Tel: 90748231 pastoral care of sick in hospital is covered by The Hospital Chaplain.
**Baptisms:** 2nd and the last Sunday of the Month 1pm. 5 Baptisms each day. Baptism Meeting first Sunday of the month 1pm.
**Funerals:** are celebrated at 10am mass (unless there is more than one funeral or because of time due at the cemetery).
**Wedding Bookings:** Please contact Parish office 028 90748231.
**Pre Marriage-Courses:** Wilma 07791148340 after 6pm.
City Hall forms www.groni.gov.uk.
**Relic of St. Charles:** available at Chapel of Passionist saints.
**Requests for Home Blessings:** Can be made with any of the priests. Please phone Parish office 028 90748231.
**Children's liturgy:** Sunday 12noon.

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Divine Mercy Sunday was instituted by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000 to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. He described Divine Mercy Sunday as *"a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ Crucified."*

Those beautiful words need to become alive and active in those who have been called by Jesus to be His followers. That is, in you and me. Never before has there been more need for mercy and forgiveness. Our prayer and our works of mercy are urgently needed in so many places today. There are great numbers of children who are starving with broken-hearted parents who have nothing with which to feed them. Families are told that it is not safe to continue living in their homes, but they have nowhere to go. People are killed by bomb explosions in wars that they did not start and are powerless to stop.

Our actions show that we do care and have concern for people who are suffering. Your great generosity to the Lenten Trocaire collection and other groups who help people is a beacon of light. Week in and week out you give to our St Vincent de Paul society.

Jesus says to us every bit as truly as He did to His first followers, *'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'* You are a missionary of mercy. Jesus has breathed on you and said to you by name, *'Receive the Holy Spirit.'* You are, and always will be, a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Never were you more needed than today in our war-torn world. We are co-workers with Jesus in saving our world.

Let Holy Cross continue to be a community from whose own suffering, reaches out to others in their suffering. Mercy Sunday asks us to engage in both the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. You are making a difference. Jesus says to us, "*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."* (Gospel of Matthew 5,7)

***Aidan Troy, C.P.***

**S.V.D.P: Meeting Wednesday night at 7pm in the Houben Centre.**
**Holy Cross Choir: 7:30pm Wednesday. In the Houben Centre**
**AA: Wednesday 7pm – 8:00, Saturday 11 – 1pm Houben Centre**
**NA: Sunday 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Houben Centre**
**Prayer Group: 8pm Sunday in the Houben Centre**
**Legion of Mary: 7pm Thursday in the Houben Centre.**
**First Friday Film: 8pm in The Houben Centre.**
**Old School Café: 9am – 2pm.Monday – Friday. We welcome Volunteers. Please make enquiries at the Parish office in The Houben Centre.**
**Weekly Bingo each Tuesday: 7 -8:30pm**

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**Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership:**

**Monday: Gentle Exercise & Relaxation 10:30 – 11:30am**
**Tuesday: Dancing Sessions/Tea & coffee 10:30 – 12noon**
**Wednesday: Sewing 10:30 – 12:30, Relaxation Stress Management -2-3pm. Thursday: Art/Painting class 12:30 – 2:30pm.**
**Friday: Crochet/knitting class 10am – 12noon. Tel: 028 90756638.**

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**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 For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org**

**Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 18 April.**

**CARETAKER / MAINTENANCE ROLE (Part-Time) A part-time caretaker/maintenance person is required for a Dominican convent community in West Belfast. Hours: 16–18 hours per week Rate: £14.85 per hour (or commensurate with experience) For further information or to request an application, please contact: Caitríona Smyth caitrionaionahouse@gmail.com**

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**Additional Masses during Lent:** **Monday Novena Mass as usual 7pm, Wednesday 7pm.**
**Confessions:** **15 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.**
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