



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



6 Nov 2016

32nd Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle C

Weekdays - Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

OUR PARISH

PARISH PRIEST

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MASS TIMES

Saint Nicholas

Vigil Sat 6 pm

Sun 11.30 am

Tue & Thu 10.00 am

Holy Days: As announced

Adoration

Tue & Thurs 10.30-10.45am

Sat 10 am - 5 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sun 9.30 am

Mon & Wed 10 am

Holy Days: As announced

Adoration

after Mass **10.30 - 10.45am**

CONFESSIONS

Saint Nicholas' Church

Sat 5.30 pm — 5.50 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Sun - before Mass

BAPTISMS (one month's notice)

W/Head first Sat in the month;

C/Fergus third Sat in the month.

WEDDINGS By Arrangement

Three months' notice is required

FUNERALS By Arrangement

PARISH OFFICE

Mon — Thu 10.30am - 1.30pm

Bulletin Notices to be in the

Parochial House by 12pm Wed

St Vincent de Paul

0751 7159 222

028 9035 1561

OUR PASTORAL AREA

Glengormley Parish

(St Mary's On The Hill;
St Bernard's; St Macnissi's)

Fr John Forsythe, PP, VF

9083 2979

Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC

9084 1507

Fr Damian McCaughan, CC

9083 2488

Loughshore Parishes

(St Mary's, Greencastle;
St Mary's, Star of The Sea,
Whitehouse;

St James', Whiteabbey;
St Colman's, Greenisland)

Fr Anthony Alexander, PP

9037 0845

Fr Samuel Kerr, PE, CC

9036 5773

St Gerard's Parish

(St Gerard's, Antrim Road)

Fr Gerard Cassidy, CSsR, PP

9077 4833

Fr Patrick McLaughlin, CSsR, CC

9077 4833

Carrickfergus Parish

(St Nicholas', Carrickfergus,
Our Lady of Lourdes', Whitehead)

Fr Peter Owens, PP

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Year of Mercy Ideas

Evening

Earlier in the year Fr Tim Bartlett led the parish in a discussion on the Year of Mercy. We closed the evening with the question:

"How can we as a parish and as individuals respond to the call of mercy?"

The PPC is now inviting all parishioners to come together for an evening, to put forward concrete ideas as to how the parish can answer this call.

Mon 14 Nov 7:30 pm

Parish Hall, Carrickfergus

Everyone welcome. Please invite a friend.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Denis O'Mahony

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

Parish Cell Meetings

Thinking of joining or coming to visit a Cell meeting?

The next meetings will take place on

Wed 16 Nov & Wed 30 Nov

For more information, please contact

Tommy Mone (Chairperson):

02893 3625 11 or 0771 3849 471

Maria Flanagan (Vice Chairperson):

0780 3297 129

Christmas Fair

We are holding a Parish CHRISTMAS FAIR in St Nicholas hall in aid of Parish funds

Fri 2 Dec 7.30 pm

We would like to hear from you if you would be interested in taking a stall for your business, craft or hobby. Could you donate a prize for a raffle or tombola? Could you provide some baking for a cake stall? Would you be interested in helping at the fair? Thank you. Please contact Teresa Connor **07811 971051**

Parish Repository

Christmas gifts and cards are now available from the Parish Repository. If you would like to order a 2017 calendar, diocesan directory or a diary (which includes the Order of Mass) please contact Anne.

Offertory Procession Whitehead

If you would like to take up the Offertory gifts in Whitehead on a Sunday morning, please contact Gerardine Stewart or Joan Gorman.

Eucharistic Adoration Celebration

A Mass to celebrate 1 year since the renewal of Eucharistic Adoration will be offered on

Mon 7 Nov 7.00 pm
in St Nicholas' Church

This will also be an opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to the Adorers for their generosity and commitment during the past year, as well as holding all the needs of the whole parish in their prayers. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Everyone welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Theme for November

Our dearly departed family and friends
Christ Speaks:

'Stay with me and listen. This is my house and you are welcome. I want you so much, I long that you experience my love. My love is like a fire consuming all hatred, pride, sin etc. '

If you would like to commit one hour to the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration on a Saturday between 10 am and 5 pm in St Nicholas' Carrickfergus, please contact Tommy Mone **07713849471** or Gerardine Stewart **07747114419**

Permanent Diaconate

The Diocese initiated training for the Permanent Diaconate three years ago and twelve men have completed their Preparatory Year and are in their second year of formation. Preparations are underway to begin another Preparatory Year in 2017. Men, aged between 35 and 60 years of age who would like to consider the Permanent Diaconate should contact Fr Alan McGuckian at the Living Church Office for more information and an application form:

livingchurch@downandconnor.org
(028) 90690920.

Completed applications should be returned to the Living Church Office, Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GS.

NOVEMBER - Month of the Holy Souls

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. YOU CAN DO LIKEWISE. Take the Short Term Pledge for November.

Pledge Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during November".

Extraordinary Jubilee Year

Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year

Sun, 13 Nov 3 pm

St Patrick's Church, Belfast

The Annual Mass for Deceased Past Pupils and Staff of St Malachy's College

will be held on in the College Chapel
7th Nov at 7.30 pm
The Celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Farquhar and all are welcome to attend.

The Annual Mass for Deceased Pioneers

of the Belfast Region will be celebrated in Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast

Wed 9 Nov at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

NB. Requests for Pioneer Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, please contact Ian 9061 6601 or Roisin 9064 6957.

D & C Catholic Schools' Trustee Support Service

Mass For The Deceased Teachers Of Down and Connor

Mon 21 Nov at 7.30pm
in

Good Shepherd Church (Holy Rosary Parish), Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS
Refreshments afterwards in the adjacent Good Shepherd Centre
Relatives of the deceased, teachers and retired colleagues, pupils and parishioners are all invited.

The names of teachers who have died during the past 12 months should be forwarded for inclusion in the Mass by Fri 18 Nov 2016 to:
Very Rev Timothy Bartlett
Episcopal Vicar for Education
Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS
Tel: 028 90491886 Fax: 028 90491440
Email: dctrusteeservice@btconnect.com

Annual Mass for Deceased Staff Members of the Mater Hospital Belfast

Mass will be offered for the happy repose of the souls of deceased staff members of the Mater Hospital in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast on

Wed 16th November at 7pm.

Refreshments will be served in St Patrick's Old Schoolhouse directly afterwards. If you or a loved one has worked in the hospital or benefited from the care it provides, you are most welcome to join the hospital community for this special act of remembrance and thanksgiving.

Eucharistic Prayer Vigil

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life will take place in Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast on

Thursday 17th Nov from 7.30pm – 10pm.

The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 9pm.

In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis said that **'Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.'** May we take this up this invitation to come together as a diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life.

Reality Magazine

Reality magazine, published by Redemptorist Communications, will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. Fr Brendan McConvery, a Redemptorist and the Editor of Reality, will be celebrating Masses in the Parish next weekend, Sat 12th / Sun 13th Nov. Copies of Reality will be on sale at the back of the Church and Fr Brendan will be happy to receive any enquiries

NI Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation sessions will be held in

Town Hall, Joymount, Carrickfergus

Wed 9 Nov

1.30pm - 4.00pm & 5.15pm - 8.00pm

Thurs 10 Nov

10.00am - 1.00pm

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,521

Many thanks for your generosity