



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

22 Jan 2017

3rd Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle A    Weekdays - Cycle I    Divine Office Week

## 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 Sun in the month;

C/Fergus third Sun 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 12 noon Wed**

**St Vincent de Paul**

**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

**9336 3269**

### Liturgy Meeting

The meeting originally scheduled  
for Mon 30 Jan at 7.00pm will  
now take place on

**Mon 23 Jan at 7.00pm.**

### Candlemas Day

**Thurs 2nd Feb.**

Candles will be blessed at the 10am  
Mass.

If you would like to purchase candles  
to be blessed, please contact Anne.

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Maureen Edwards, Sheila Mulholland,  
Anne Cameron, Eric Cameron,  
Edward Donnelly, Don McBeath,  
Edward (Ted) Gerring,  
Patricia McLaughlin (nee O'Callaghan)

### Month's Mind

Angela Kerr

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

### Parish Christmas Draw

The Committee would like to thank all those  
who bought tickets for the Draw and all those  
in Whitehead and Carrickfergus who helped  
sell tickets. The total raised for the Parish was  
£383. Thank you very much.

**1st prize - Z Crandles (Greenisland)**

**2nd prize - T Mone (Carrickfergus)**

**3rd prize - M McLaughlin (Whitehead)**

### Christmas Fair

The Committee would like to thank all the  
stall holders and volunteers, all those who  
donated items to the Fair and all who attended  
the Fair. A total of **£406.26**, including  
donations, was raised for Parish funds.

**Thank you very much.**

### Offerings

**Weekly Offering £1,403**  
**Diocesan Youth Commission £628**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

## Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2017 in Our Parish

**29 Jan – 3 Feb**

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is **Catholic Schools: Learning  
with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home.**

It is hoped that this theme will help schools to gain an understanding of the  
Pope's encyclical letter Laudato Si'. This is Pope Francis' second encyclical. Its  
title means 'Praise to you' and it has the subtitle On Care for Our Common  
Home.

The Encyclical letter published on 24 May 2015, discusses the harm humankind  
has caused on earth and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make  
necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet.

Laudato Si' deals with many environmental issues including pollution, climate  
change, drought, loss of biodiversity and the decline in the quality of human life.  
Pope Francis is asking us to work together to create a better world for future  
generations and to take care of, respect and value our common home.

Pope Francis addresses his letter to 'every person living on this planet' in order to  
start an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.  
Pope Francis calls on the Church and humankind to acknowledge the current  
environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This  
encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future.  
As Catholic Schools, we can play an essential role in shaping the future of our  
planet by working together to care for our common home. Our world is a gift  
from God and we are called to act as both stewards and protectors during our  
time here. It is our responsibility to care for our world and make it a better place  
for the next generation. Through the encyclical letter Laudato Si', Pope Francis  
reminds us of the necessity and importance of caring for our common home.

### Parish Cell Meetings

The next meetings will take place on

**Wed 25 Jan**

**Wed 8 Feb**

**Cluster Meeting Wed 22nd Feb**

For more information, please contact  
Tommy Mone (Chair):

**02893 3625 11 or 0771 3849 471**

Maria Flanagan (Vice Chair):

**0780 3297 129**

### Trinity College Open Day

Trinity College warmly invites you to  
our Open Evenings on

**Wed 25 Jan and Thurs 26 Jan at  
7pm on the Somerton Road site.**

Primary 7 boys and girls will have the  
opportunity to vote on our new school  
uniform which will be on display.

### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Theme for January

**For the successful implementation of a  
Parish Visitation Team.**

*Christ Speaks:*

*"I am here in the Eucharist, in a unique and  
special way. Here are the very same hands that  
touched the dead man and gave him life, that  
blessed water and changed it into sparkling  
wine, that touched the eyes of the blind. Here am  
I with the same power to heal every human  
illness, to calm the raging storms in your life."*

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**

### Entertainment & Community Development Committee

#### BINGO

**Sundays 8 pm**

**Parish Youth Centre**

**Thursdays 7.30-9.30 pm**

Membership is open to all young people  
10 on the Parish from **P6 to 17 years' old.**

## Church, Community & Change

Carrickfergus Church Forum welcomes Mr Derek  
Poole, an experienced Church and Community  
facilitator to re-envision and re-energise the Churches  
sector into peace and reconciliation through 4  
interactive workshops.

**Venue: St ColGate church lounge,  
Grosvenor's Place  
at 7.30pm**

**Registration Cost £10.00 (waged), £5.00 (unwaged)  
Pay at door.**

**Following on from the success of previous weeks,  
the programme continues as follows**

**Week 3: Tues 24 Jan**

Addressing the legacy issues of the conflict in the  
context of a radically changing society.

**Week 4: Tues 31 Jan**

Role of the Church as an agent in peace, justice and  
reconciliation work, when identifying good relations  
needs in the Carrickfergus are.

## Viatore Christ (VC)

Always wanted to volunteer overseas? Looking  
for a course about global social injustice? Learn  
more at the Viatore Christ (VC) - Information  
& Recruitment Session in Belfast on

**Tues 31Jan at 7.30pm**

**in St John's Parochial House, Falls Road,  
Belfast BT12 6EN**

OR Tel. 0035318689986

apply@viatorechristi.com

www.viatorechristi.com for more info.

**ALL WELCOME!**

## OASIS

### Day of Prayer and reflection for Married Couples

Are you a busy married couple?

Do you find that most days there simply isn't enough  
time for 'us'?

Would you appreciate some time out to reflect on the  
gifts and strengths that enrich your life together?  
Then why not take some time out, in the company of  
other couples, to reflect on your marriage in a relaxed  
and prayerful atmosphere?

Treat yourselves -

Make this an early Valentine's Day gift to each other!  
Venue: St Mary's, Pastoral Centre, Chapel Lane,  
Belfast

Date: Saturday 4th February, 10am -3pm

Cost: £10:00 per couple and lunch will be included.

For more information contact

**Deirdre on 07980 898399**