



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

4 Dec 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sundays - Cycle A Weekdays - Cycle I Divine Office Week 2

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 12 noon 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

9336 3269

**Fr Owens will visit the sick
and housebound this week**

Mon 5 Dec W'Head - am

Tues 6 Dec C'Fergus -

am and pm

**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Thursday 8th Dec**

Wed 7th Vigil Mass W'Head 7pm

Thurs 8th C'fergus 10am

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Danny McGowan, George Simms

Recently Deceased

Sinead Killough

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

Tuesday 6th Dec

is the Feast of St Nicholas, one of our
Parish Patrons.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our dearly departed family and friends

Christ Speaks:

*"I long to fill your life with my Peace and my Joy.
Hera am I before you, imprisoned in my own house.
Take Me with you, into your heart. Take Me into
your home, into your school, into your office, into
your streets, into your dance hall. I need your feet,
your hands, your voice, your heart to carry my love
to a wounded world.*

Please take me into your heart."

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**

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,695

Many thanks for your generosity

Come Let Us Worship

The Parish Pastoral Council invites
everyone to a series of Advent Liturgies
celebrating "Family".

Each of the evenings will be presented by
3 different groups in the parish and will
include music, reflection, prayer and
Adoration.

Sacramental Preparation Team

Mon 5 Dec 7:00 pm

St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus
(followed by refreshments)

Ministry of Sacred Music

Mon 12 Dec 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead
(followed by refreshments)

Penitential Service

Mon 19 Dec 7:00 pm

St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

*This is an ideal opportunity for us to come
together as a parish to prepare for the
Celebration of Christmas -
the Coming of Christ.*

Annual Mass for the Bereaved

Tue 13 Dec 7.30 pm

All are very welcome, especially those who
have been bereaved this year. If your relative
died **outside of our parish** and you would
like a candle for the Mass, please fill in form
at rear of church no later than **Tue 6 Dec.**

Drama Group!

Our Liturgical Drama Group is preparing
something to do at the children's Advent Carol
Service on Sunday 18 Dec at 6 pm. Practices
will be in the church

every **Sunday 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm**

Old and new members welcome from P1 to P7
and beyond! Any YPC members and parents
who would like to help would be very welcome
too. Contact Louise **07521 982825** for details.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Lunch

The annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch will
take place

TODAY Sun 4 Dec 1.30 for 2pm

Loughshore Hotel

Advent Carol Service

Sun 18 Dec 6 pm

St Nicholas'
Church

Followed
by



refreshments in the Church Hall

Whitehead Food Appeal

Whitehead SVP will be working with
Whitehead Storehouse to deliver hampers
to families coming up to Christmas. Please
leave any non-perishable and Christmas
food donations in the Grub Tub in porch of
the church by **Sun 11 Dec** Thanks.

Whitehead - Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate towards
dressing the church in Whitehead with
flowers for Christmas, please see
Margaret O'Neill or put your offering
in the box in the church porch. Thank
you.

Christmas Prize Draw

The Parish of Carrickfergus Entertainment
and Community Development Committee
are holding a Christmas Prize Draw.
Tickets are now available in both Churches
and also from Committee members.

**Tickets £1 each, book of 11 - £10.
First prize £300.**

Draw will take place on **Fri 23 Dec**

Parish Walking Group

Due to commitments with Christmas
preparations, both domestically and
liturgically, the Walking Group has
been suspended until

Tuesday 3 Jan 2017.

Why not put those New Year
resolutions into practice and join us for
an hours gentle walk around
Carrickfergus and hopefully good
conversation and craic.

Leaving the Church car park at 7pm.

All Welcome

Advent Devotions

Today and on each of the Sundays of Advent
there will be Vespers & Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament at **4.30 pm** at St Mary's on
the Hill, Carnmoney Rd. This short service is
the traditional evening prayer of the church and
it's a quiet and reflective way to prepare for the
coming of the Saviour. All welcome!

Christmas at Tobar Mhuire

Christmas Craft Fair - 4th Dec from 1pm -
5pm. Fun for all with Craft Stalls, face painting,
tombola, plenty of food and refreshments, and of
course a visit with Santa.

Christmas Candlelight Dinner - Enjoy great food
and music at our 6 course Christmas Dinner on 10th
December with music by local singer Matthew
Campbell.

Advent Day of Reflection - A time for reflection
and solitude amongst the busy Christmas period with
guest speaker Sean Goan on Saturday 10th December
from 10am - 5pm

Gift Shop Christmas Shopping in our Gift Shop for
your religious Christmas items, from Christmas
cards to Nativity sets, Advent candles and gifts.

**For further information on pricing or bookings
call 02844 830242 or
email secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com**

Called & Gifted Seminar

*What is a Charism? Who has them? What are
my Charisms?*

The Called & Gifted workshop is a live
presentation, which includes, Church teaching on
the laity and lay apostleship, the nature of charisms,
call and vocation, and how to undertake the process
of discernment.

If this is something that interests you, consider
enrolling in the workshop that will take place in
Newry Conference Centre on Saturday 10th
December 10am - 8pm. It will be facilitated by
Called & Gifted teams from the dioceses of
Armagh, Down & Connor and Dromore.

**For more information or to book contact
Milanda Kelly at 00353 429336649 or email
information@parishandfamily.ie.**

An Evening of Festive Favourites at Drumalis Friday 16 Dec at 7:00 pm

The evening will include seasonal favourites, old
and new, performed by Voices Chamber Choir
under the direction of Loreto McAuley. On arrival,
there will be a festive reception with entertainment
commencing at 7:30 pm. A two-course supper will
be served during the interval.
The cost for the evening is £25 per person and
admission is by pre-paid ticket only. For further
information, please contact Drumalis during office
hours (Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm) - telephone
028 2827 2196/028 2827 6455