



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



18 Dec 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

Sundays - Cycle A Weekdays - Cycle I 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 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

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.

St Nicholas' - Christmas

Flowers

Donations for Christmas Flowers for
St Nicholas' should be placed in the
box provided in the church porch.
Thank You.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Jane Hamill, Maisie Conlon,
Barry Maxwell, Margaret McGonigle,
James & Hugh Daly, John Carton

Recently Deceased

Pauline O'Brien, Joe Marsden,
Maurice McCloughan

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

Pastoral Council

I am delighted to report that the new
Chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Council
is Mary McCormack and Vice-Chairperson
is Paul Smith. Mary resides in Whitehead
and Paul in Carrickfergus, and both have
been hard working members of the Parish
Pastoral Council for some years. I very
much look forward to working with them
in pastoral leadership, and thank them for
their willingness to serve.

Fr Peter

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.

Baptisms

Please Note that as from 1 Jan 2017, baptisms
will take place as follows
W'Head 1st Sunday of the month at 1.00pm
C'Fergus 3rd Sunday of the month at 1.00pm
Bookings can be made through the Parish
Office

Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Sun 18 Dec

Mon 19 Dec

Tues 20 Dec

Wed 21 Dec

Thurs 22 Dec

Sat 24 Dec

(Christmas Eve)

Sun 25 Dec

(Christmas Day)

6.00pm Carol Service - C'Fergus

10.00am Mass - W'Head

7.00pm Penitential Service - C'Fergus

10.00am Mass - C'Fergus

7.00pm Penitential Service - St Bernard's, G'gormley

10.00am Mass - W'Head

7.00pm Penitential Service - St Gerard's, Antrim Rd

10.00am Mass - C'Fergus

6.30pm Vigil Mass - W'Head

8.30pm Vigil Mass - C'Fergus

9.30am Mass - W'Head

11.30am Mass - C'Fergus

Mon 26 - Fri 30 Dec - No Masses

Sat 31 Dec

Sun 1 Jan

(Mary, the Holy Mother of God) 11.30am Mass - C'Fergus

Mon 2 Jan

Tues 3 Jan

Wed 4 Jan

Thurs 5 Jan

Fri 6 Jan

(Epiphany)

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'Fergus

9.30am Mass - W'Head

10.00am Mass - W'Head

10.00am Mass - C'Fergus

10.00am Mass - W'Head

10.00am Mass - W'Head

7.00pm Vigil Mass - C'Fergus

10.00am Mass - W'Head

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER

Christmas Prize Draw

LAST CHANCE FOR CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets are available at Church entrances.

Tickets £1 each, book of 11 - £10.

First prize £300.

PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKET STUBS AND
ANY MONIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO
THE PARISH OFFICE/PAROCIAL HOUSE
BY WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER, or
alternatively ring Teresa on 07811971051.

Draw will take place on Friday 23 December.

Thank you

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.

Leaving the Church car park at 7pm.

Advent Devotions

There will be Vespers & Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament

TODAY 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!

Advent Carol Service

Sun 18 Dec 6 pm

St Nicholas'
Church

Followed by
refreshments
in the Church Hall

Trocaire Gifts

Trócaire is hoping for the usual terrific
support from parishioners for the
Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal.
The gifts make a huge difference to the
lives of families and communities in
some of the world's poorest countries
and start from as little as £4 for olive
trees for Palestinian families. To find
out more or make a donation log on to
trocaire.org or call 1850 408 408 (0800
912 1200 NI).

**If you wish to purchase a gift, please
speak to Patrick Quinn after Mass.**

Eucharistic Adoration

Theme for December

**For all those parishioners who find this
time of year difficult, that they may
experience the peace of the Holy Family.**

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**

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER

many people often spend christmas on their own,
whatever the reason for it, we believe no-one
should be alone this Christmas and want to share
this special day with you.

**CHRISTMAS DAY 1PM - 4PM
GREENISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB,**

103 GLENKEEN AVE

there will be food, music, chat and entertainment,
and the event is free! To register for this event,
please text 07835 989216 or email
greenislandbc@gmail.com with your name and
the number of guests and we will get back to you.

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,764

Many thanks for your generosity