



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



8 Jan 2017

## The Baptism of Our Lord

Sundays - Cycle A    Weekdays - Cycle I    Divine Office Week 3

### 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

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#### Parish Walking Group

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

Tuesday evenings, leaving the Church  
car park at 7pm.

**All Welcome**

#### 2017

**2017 Diocesan Directories  
(price £4)**

**&**

**2017 Calendars**

are available from the Parish  
Repository.

Please contact Anne.

### Requiescant in Pace



#### Anniversaries

Cecilia Donnelly, Sara Booth,  
Kathleen Nolan, Nora Nolan,  
Margaret McGowan, Thomas Best,  
William Devine, Baby Michael Davis

#### Recently Deceased

Christina McCoy (nee McConnell),  
Peter O'Connor (Dublin)

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

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

Mon 9 Jan W'head - am

Tues 10 Jan C'fergus - am & pm

#### Presentation of the Lord

**Thurs 2nd Feb – 10am Mass Carrickfergus  
Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)**

The Blessing of Candles will take place at this  
Mass. Candles are available to purchase from  
the Repository in Carrick, if required. Please  
ask Anne or Gerardine for further information.

#### Baptisms

Please Note that as from 1 Jan 2017, baptisms  
will take place as follows

**W'Head 1st Sun of the month at 1.00pm  
C'Fergus 3rd Sun of the month at 1.00pm**

Bookings can be made through the Parish  
Office

### Living Youth

Living Youth (the D&C Youth Commission) is now 4 years old and working  
with more young people than ever before and they need your help if they are to  
continue growing and reaching more children, young people and young adults.

The number of young people currently engaged with Living Youth is impressive  
and includes almost 2000 young people involved in the Pope John Paul II Award  
over the 4 years, more than 1500 11, 12 and 13 year olds on the Parish GIFT  
programme, more than 300 young people and adults involved in the Catholic  
Youth Alpha programme and the Light and Blue Touch Paper programme.  
There have been 369 participants in the international summer pilgrimages, their  
Habitat for Humanity teams and their national youth pilgrimage. All these  
programmes are supported by more than 400 volunteers across our diocese.

The Annual Envelope Collection for Living Youth takes place next weekend and  
I would encourage you to take a newsletter and to give generously. You can use  
your envelope or consider one of the other ways of giving outlined on the back of  
the newsletter, available at the back of the church today.

We all benefit from a thriving young church where young people are welcomed  
and respected in our parishes and in our diocese and encouraged and supported to  
play their part in living and celebrating their faith.

Living Youth are working to put in place a comprehensive programme of youth  
ministry for our children, young people and young adults between the ages of 11  
and 25. Progress to date and plans for the coming year are detailed in the  
newsletter, on their facebook page and on their website. Again I would  
encourage you to consider supporting our Youth Commission now and in the  
future as they accompany our children, young people and young adults on their  
individual faith journeys.

#### Caring Connexions in Whitehead

If you are a parent or carer who would  
like some support or access to resources,  
you can go along to a workshop in the  
Presbyterian Church hall on

**Friday 20th January from 6:30 p.m.**

Topics include Dementia Awareness and  
Teenagers. Details of the times for the  
workshops, as well as the groups and  
information stalls that will be available on  
the night, are on the notice board in the  
porch.

#### Offerings

**Weekly Offering £1,147**

**Monthly Offering £ 810**

**Christmas Offering £2267**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

#### Dominican College Fortwilliam: OPEN DAY

**takes place on Saturday 21 Jan 2017  
from 9.30am to 1.00pm.**

Primary 7 girls and their parents are most  
welcome, as are students wishing to  
transfer to Dominican College for A-  
level studies.  
Principal's Address: 9.30 and 11.00 am.

#### Entertainment & Community Development Committee

**BINGO  
Sundays 8 pm**

**Parish Youth Centre  
Thursdays 7.30-9.30 pm**

Membership is open to all young people  
iOn 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**

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

#### Programme

**Week 1: Tues 10 Jan**

What has been achieved but yet to be done. What does  
a long term integrated, intergenerational peace  
building programme look like.

**Week 2: Tues 17 Jan**

Complimenting Government peace building  
infrastructure by reinforcing positive cross community  
relationships and building mutual trust.

**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.

### NI Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation sessions will be held in  
Town Hall, Joymount, Carrickfergus

**Thur 19 Jan 1.30pm - 4pm & 5.15pm - 8pm**

**Fr 20 Jan 1.30pm - 4pm & 5.15pm - 8pm**

### FATIMA CENTENARY IN DRUMBO & CARRYDUFF

With the Fatima Centenary Year, The Church of  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff will be  
hosting a Novena on the 13th of every month,  
starting with Mass on **Fri 13th Jan at 6.30pm.**  
In subsequent months the novena will include the  
Fatima novena prayer, the rosary, a time for  
adoration and benediction. All are warmly invited  
to join us.

### Community (Part-Time) Firefighters

- Exciting work opportunity?  
- Want to help make Carrickfergus a safer community?  
- Are you available in Carrickfergus daytime, evenings,  
weekends?

If "Yes", we would like to hear from you!!

**www.nifrs.org**