



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



17 April 2016

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sundays - Cycle C

Weekdays - Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Peter Owens PP**

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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

**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 - 10.45**

## 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 12pmWed**

**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**

## There will be NO Mass in Carrickfergus on:

**Tuesday 1 April**

The Sacrament of Confirmation  
will be administered by  
Bishop Farquhar on  
Friday, 22nd April,  
in St Nicholas' at 11.00am.

**All Welcome**

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Frank McConnell, Angela Todd,  
Jim Boyle, Josephine Moore

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

## Eucharistic Adoration for the Year of Mercy

**Saturdays 10.00 am - 5.00 pm**

St Nicholas' Church, Minorca Place

Each month there will be a theme for our parish Eucharistic  
Adoration. If you have suggestions or requests, please speak  
to a member of the Pastoral Council.

### Theme for April

**"The young people of the Parish, especially those  
receiving the sacrament of Confirmation  
on 22nd April."**

There will be a sealed box in the foyer of St Nicholas'  
Church where parishioners can place requests/intentions  
they would like prayed for during Adoration. The box will  
then be placed in the back chapel during Adoration on  
Saturdays. (All requests will be dealt with in confidence,  
with Fr Owens having the key for the box.)

**Ongoing thanks to our parish Eucharistic Adorers**

## Eucharistic Adoration

There was a great response to our renewal of  
Eucharistic Adoration in November 2015. This led to  
the hours of adoration on a Saturday being extended  
to 5pm. However, whilst some of the hours in the  
morning may have as many as 12 regular adorers, the  
hours between 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5 have fewer attendees.

If you feel you could commit to one of these time  
slots, please get in touch with either

**Tommy Mone Tel: 07713849471  
or Ann Woods Tel 07859078151**

Or come along any time you find yourself with a free  
Saturday afternoon.

## New Members for Communications Committee

We have now published 2 editions of  
"The Connection" and we are working on other  
creative ways of ministering to ALL members of our  
parish.

We are seeking additional members to join our small  
team. We particularly need someone who has an  
interest in photography. Experience is not necessary.  
If you have a particular skill, or an interest in serving  
your parish in this area, please contact  
**Bill Webb on 07860 331297.**  
**Enthusiastic students are encouraged to apply.**

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

Bishop Treanor has arranged for the Sacrament of Penance  
and Reconciliation to be celebrated on designated "Days of  
Mercy" from **7 to 8 pm in St Patrick's Church, Donegal  
St, Belfast**, which hosts the 'Door of Mercy' - see leaflet in  
the church.

More locally here in our own Pastoral Area, the priests  
of Carrickfergus, Glengormley, St Gerard's and  
Loughshore Parishes have decided to make Confession  
available as follows:

**Fri 29 Apr 12 noon - 9 pm**

St Gerard's, Newtownabbey

**Fri 27 May 12 noon - 9 pm**

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

## Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Is a parish based group ministry which aims to  
help those bereaved and grieving. Support is  
offered on an individual basis in the home, to  
groups in drop-in centres, by phone calls, by  
helping at funeral liturgies and remembrance  
services.

For more information or to register interest in the  
next Training Course which begins in September  
2016 and will take place in the Good Shepherd  
Centre, please contact Claire Dowds, Good  
Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7  
3GS

**Tel: 07557882183**

**or email: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com**

## Date for your Diary

**Sat 4 Jun First Holy Communion**

## NI Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**Fri 27 May to Wed 1 Jun  
2016**

The price of **£599** (with price reduction for  
Cancer Patients) will include: Return  
flights from Belfast International Airport,  
Full board and accommodation at the Hotel  
Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on  
twin/double/treble rooms. Travel insurance  
cover for persons up to 85 years on date of  
return.

The party will consist of patients, ex-  
patients, relatives and friends accompanied  
by medical, nursing and other staff. To  
enquiries/booking, contact:- Mrs Jean  
Clarke, Hon. Secretary, c/o Drumbo &  
Carryduff Parish, 6 Knockbracken Drive,  
Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8EX, or speak to  
us on Tel. 07516759646, or e-mail at:-  
[mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk) Chairman-  
Dr Seamus McAleer, Spiritual Directors:  
Rev Dermot McCaughan, Fr Adrian  
Eastwood, Fr Andrew Black

## A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations

to the Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate  
and Religious Life will take place in St.  
Patrick's Church, Belfast on  
**Thursday 21 April from 7.30pm – 10pm.**

The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 9pm.  
In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope  
Francis said that, 'Each vocation in the  
Church has its origin in the compassionate  
gaze of Jesus.' May we take up this  
invitation to gaze upon the compassionate  
face of Jesus, imploring Him to bless us with  
vocations to the priesthood, the permanent  
diaconate and religious life.

## Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland

ex Belfast 7 nights **19 - 26 May 2016**  
Spiritual Director Canon Sean Rogan P.E.  
7 nights 4 star hotel-all breakfasts plus 5  
dinners, all entrance fees. Shrine of Divine  
Mercy, Shrine Of Our Lady at Czestochowa,  
Birthplace of St John Paul II Auschwitz, Salt  
Mines and more.  
£849 PP -single supp £200 DEPOSIT £250-  
Contact Marie or Paul Downe Travel  
Tel : **028 44 61 3288**

## Lay Dominicans Celebrating 800 Years 1216-2016

We are asked to announce that Lay  
Dominicans in Down & Connor are  
celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
founding of the Dominican Order, the  
Order of Preachers, with a Jubilee Mass,  
with Bishop Noel Treanor presiding, on

**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 pm**  
**Chapel of Dominican College,**  
**38 Fortwilliam Park,**  
**Antrim Road Belfast.**

This will be followed by refreshments,  
talks and prayer.

This is an excellent opportunity to  
celebrate the great contribution of  
Dominicans in our Diocese and also to  
find out more about the Dominican  
Charism and about the apostolate of the  
Lay Dominicans in particular.

**All are welcome, especially  
Dominican past pupils and friends**

## The Annual Diocesan Liturgy Seminar

entitled **'The Liturgical Service of  
God's Mercy'** will be held on Saturday  
7<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm - 4.30pm in St  
Brigid's Parish Hall, 38 Derryvolgie  
Avenue, Belfast BT9 6FP. It will be  
presented by Brother Pat Mullins  
O.Carm. The Seminar is open to all and  
the cost is £10 per person.  
To book, please contact:  
Malachy McKeever, Tel: 07760 108 903  
e-mail: [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org)

## Offerings

**Weekly Offering £1250**  
*Many thanks for your generosity*

## Entertainment & Community Development Committee

**B I N G O Sundays 8 pm**  
**Parish Youth Centre**

**Thursdays 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm**  
Membership is open to all young people  
in  
the Parish from P6 to 18 years' old.