



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



11 Dec 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

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 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

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Annual Mass for the

Bereaved

Tue 13 Dec 7.30 pm

All are very welcome, especially
those who have been bereaved this
year.

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.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Peter Quinn, Charles Mulholland,
Elizabeth Haveron, Patsy Neeson,
David McGivern, Julia Degan

Recently Deceased

John Bailie

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

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**

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.

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,285

Monthly Offering £974

Many thanks for your generosity

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 31Dec

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

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

10.00am Mass - W'Head

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7.00pm Vigil Mass - C'Fergus

10.00am Mass - W'Head

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER

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.

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.*

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**

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.**

Baptisms

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

**W'Head - First Sunday of the
month at 1.00pm**

**C'Fergus - Third Sunday of the
month at 1.00pm**

Bookings can be made through the
Parish Office

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!

Precious Life

**STORMONT ROSARY VIGIL FOR
LIFE** - Please join us in a beautiful
candlelight Rosary Vigil for the protection
of Ireland's unborn babies at Parliament
Buildings, Stormont (Main Gates) Upper
Newtownards Road, Belfast at 7.30pm this
Monday 12th December, the Feast of Our
Lady of Guadeloupe. For more information
contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on 028
9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com