



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



8 May 2016 **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**



Sundays - Cycle C Weekdays - Cycle 2 Divine Office Week 3

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 12pm 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

Cemetery Sundays

Milltown	8 May	3 pm
City	15 May	3 pm
Hannahstown	29 May	3 pm
The Rock	5 Jun	3 pm

Date for your Diary

Sat 4 Jun

First Holy Communion

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Veronica Foley, Geraldine Foley,
Mary Maginn, Eileen McConnell,
Annie and Robert Kemp, James O'Neill

Recently Deceased

Mary O'Hare

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

**There will be NO Mass
on Thursday 12 May**

Parish Retreat

This 'Year of Mercy' Parish Retreat will take place on

Sat - Sun 3 – 4 Sep
Drumalis, Larne

Cost, including full board is **£65 or £45** for Sunday only,
which includes meals. Please contact Ruth Bates Tel: **9337 8958** or Maureen O'Donoghue, Whitehead.

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 May

For all mothers

(in this month of May, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary)

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

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Bishop Treanor wrote in his Pastoral Letter for the Jubilee of Mercy:

"I invite everyone in the Diocese to observe a special 'Day of Mercy' on the last Friday of every month, concluding on

Friday, 28 October 2016.

This should be a day of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; a day when we remember God's mercy for us and share that mercy with others."

To support parishioners in observance of the Day of Mercy, a Diocesan Prayer Book has been published. This attractive and practical Prayer Book is available in the church.

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, Donegall 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 27 May 12 noon - 9 pm

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Eucharistic Adoration also in the Chapel

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and spend some time with Our Lord on this special day in our Parish. If you can commit to one particular hour - or part of an hour - please complete the form available at the back of each church. This will enable our co-ordinators to ensure the host is accompanied at all times.

(There WILL BE adoration on Sat 28 May)

SMA Summer School

LIVING LAUDATO SI - its Theological,
Spiritual and Practical Application

Sat 25 - Mon 27 Jun

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre, Newry, Co. Down.

A programme of Lectures and Workshops delivered by ten expert speakers including: Dr Cathriona Russell, Dr Donal Dorr SPS, Dr Lorna Gold and Dr Sean McDonagh SSC.

For information and booking details contact laity@sma.ie or telephone **048 3082 1024**

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Thu 7 – Sun 10 Jul

Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see **www.youth2000.ie** or phone **01 6753690**

Recommissioning of Ministers of the Word

Father Peter is going to recommission all Ministers of the Word at the two Sunday Masses on **22 May**. We hope that all of you can attend.

If anyone has an interest in becoming a Minister of the Word, please contact Mary Muir on **028 9336 6817**.

Recommissioning of Ministers of the Eucharist

Father Peter is going to recommission all Ministers of the Eucharist at the two Sunday Masses on **29 May**. We hope that all of you can attend.

If anyone has an interest in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist, please contact: Bill Webb on **07860 331297**.

Liturgy Day

The PPC has organized a Liturgy Day for all Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharistic, Music Ministers and Sacristans.

The theme of the day is "Understanding the Mass" and the significance of each stage of the Mass, including the importance of each ministry.

Sat 18 Jun 11:30 am – 4:30 pm
St Nicholas' Church

Lunch will be provided.

Would you please confirm attendance with any member of the PPC or by calling Bill Webb on **07860 331297**.

"Right To Be Me"

Sat 4 June

Drumalis, Larne

One day confidence building workshop exploring practical steps towards changing what you want to change for the life you want to live. Develop your potential to bring about positive change and get the best out of yourself, increase energy levels, productivity and performance. with Marie McStay BA LGSM

Tel **028 2827 2196/2827 6455**

Fax **028 2827 7999**



Pilgrim Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

**Pilgrimage to the Cathedrals of Ireland
Celebrating 150 Years with the Redemptorists**

Follow the Icon

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL BELFAST

Thu 12 May

7.30 pm Mass of Welcome
celebrated by Bishop Treanor

9.00 pm Healing Service

10.30 pm Prayer around the Icon

Fri 13 May

10.00 am Mass

11.00 am Prayer Service for
Primary Schools

Sat 14 May

10.00 am Mass

11.00 am Procession to Clonard
Monastery

Solemn Novena

In Honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Mon 9 - Tue 17 May

St Gerard's, Antrim Road

Weekdays 7 am 9.30 am

6 pm 7.30 pm

Saturday 7 am, 9.30 am

3.30 pm 6.30 pm

Blessing of Children after all Masses on Saturday

Sunday 7 am, 9.30 am, 11.30 am

3.30 pm 7 pm

3.30 pm Mass for elderly and infirm on Sunday.

Those wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to be seated by 3.15 pm

Penitential Services after all Masses on 10 May
Confessions and consultations before and after all sessions each day.

National Icon will arrive on Wednesday for evening Novenas and leave for St Peter's Cathedral on Thursday after 9.30 am Novena.

St Vincent de Paul

The postponed SVP afternoon tea has been rescheduled for

Sun 15 May after 11.30 am Mass
in the Parish Hall

We thank you for your continued support