



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



29 November 2015

## First Sunday in Advent

Sundays - Cycle C    Weekdays - Cycle 2    Divine Office Week 1

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### PARISH PRIEST

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### MASS TIMES

#### Saint Nicholas

**Vigil Sat 6 pm**

**Sun 11.30 am**

**Tue 10.00 am**

**Thu 10.00 am**

Holy Days: As announced

#### Adoration

**Sat 10 am - 1 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 90351561**

### Requiescant in Pace



#### Anniversaries

Pauline Lydon, Joseph Morrison,  
Elizabeth McGowan, Anne Giles,  
James and Elizabeth McNicholl,  
Mary Best

#### Recently Deceased

Pauline Wood

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

### Communion in the Hand

*It is recommended that children should  
receive Holy Communion in the hand  
only after receiving the Sacrament of  
Confirmation, which represents full  
incorporation into the Church.*

### Year of Mercy

To launch the Year of Mercy as declared by Pope Francis,  
we are renewing **Eucharistic Adoration**.

*The Blessed Sacrament is the living  
fountain of life where we drink in the  
love of Christ who alone quenches our  
thirst to be loved.*

### Eucharistic Adoration

is

Awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus in the  
Blessèd Sacrament.

Appreciation of the gift of His total presence among  
us in the Blessèd Sacrament.

Affirmation of His personal love for us in the Blessèd  
Sacrament.

Acknowledgement of our total dependency upon Him  
who is the "Vine" and we the "branches", with an  
Attitude of centring our whole life in Him and His holy will.

### CANDLE-LIGHT ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join Precious Life in a beautiful candlelight service for  
the protection of Ireland's unborn babies on  
the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe.

**Sat 12 Dec 4 pm**

outside Marie Stopes Belfast

For more information contact [028 9027 8484](tel:02890278484) or  
[info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

### Carrickfergus Parish Cemetery Committee

As announced, we would invite volunteers to meet on

**Sat 5 Dec 1030 am**

St Nicholas' church

In order to start work on some of the older, neglected  
plots, in time for Christmas.

### Trócaire with Christian Aid

#### Ecumenical Service

**Sun 29 Nov 1.15 pm**

St Anne's Cathedral Belfast

People's climate rally **2 pm**  
Writer's Square, Belfast

Together we gather on the eve of the world leaders climate  
change talks in Paris. People from all walks of life will come  
together to show their support for climate action and a future  
free from poverty.

### LIVING YOUTH

The December Monthly Diocesan Youth Gathering  
will take place on **Sunday 20 Dec**  
Holy Family Church

### St Nicholas' Primary School

*Inspiring Achievement,  
Fulfilling Potential*

### Open Day

**Wed 2 Dec 1.30 pm**

Mr Austin, staff and pupils *proudly* invite you  
to visit and experience our unique family  
atmosphere. Come along and view our state-of-  
-the-art facilities and sample daily school life.

Please feel free to arrange an alternative  
appointment with Mr Austin if this date does  
not suit.

### St Vincent de Paul

The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas lunch  
will this year take place on

**Sun 6 Dec 1 pm for 1.30 pm**

Loughshore Hotel

(suggested donation of £5.00).

If you would like to join us, please give your name to  
any of our members or place it in the red box.

### Lectio Divina

Beginning on 24 November, and running for five weeks,

after **10.00 am Mass** **Tue 1 Dec**  
St. Nicholas's Church

"Lectio Divina Reading" will take place in the function  
rooms at the back of the Church.

Tea will be available immediately after Mass for all  
those attending. Everyone is welcome

Lectio Divina is one of the oldest and simplest types of  
Prayer that has been used from the beginning of  
Christianity.

### Advent

There are still some Children's Advent Calendars  
available from the Parish Repository.

Advent Blue Books are now also available

*A gift wrapped in a black bag. has been found in  
church; it may be collected at the parochial house.*

### Carrickfergus Parish Entertainment and Community Development Committee

### THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Fri 4 Dec 7.30 pm**

St Nicholas' Hall

Jewellery, Craft, slate art, Christmas Cards, cakes,  
Refreshments, Face painting, Santa and more.  
We would be grateful for donations for our cake stall,  
prizes for the raffle/ tombola and books in good condition  
that you no longer need! Please contact Teresa Connor-  
**0781 1971 051** for more details or to arrange collection/  
delivery of donations.

All proceeds go to Parish funds

### Youth 2000

Invitation to all young adults (16-35) to a Catholic weekend  
retreat:

**18 - 20 Dec**

Newbridge College, Co Kildare

This will be an exciting weekend, attracting over 600  
young people from all over the country. What to expect:  
Good fun; excellent speakers; inspiring talks and  
workshops; prayer; fantastic live music; group activities;  
Youth Masses; Adoration; a Healing Service; games; lots  
of time to chill out and meet new people.

The weekend is being organised by young people for young  
people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18.  
All meals are provided and accommodation is on site!  
Don't let money be an obstacle; just bring a donation and a  
sleeping bag. Newcomers are very welcome! There will  
be free buses picking up from various areas throughout the  
country. Booking is essential. More info:

[www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook  
page or telephone **00353 (0) 1 6753 690**

### Lourdes 2016

We are currently seeking doctors (post foundation  
training) and nurses (on the NMC live register) to  
join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage  
**11-16 July 2016**. For more information please  
email us at [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

### MOUNT ST NICHOLAS PLAYGROUP - OPEN DAY

**Tue 1 Dec 12:30 pm - 1:30pm**

YMCA, 30-34 Irish Quarter South

If your child is aged 3 on or before July 1st 2016 you can apply  
for a Dept of Education funded place. If your child is aged 3 after  
July 1st 2016 you can apply for a Fee-paying place  
Everyone welcome!! Enquiries can be made by contacting

Hilda Boyd on 07729583134  
or emailing: [mountstnicholasplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:mountstnicholasplaygroup@hotmail.com)