



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



6 March 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 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

**There will be NO Mass
in St Nicholas' on:**

Tuesday 8 March

**Fr Owens will visit the
sick and housebound**

Whitehead

Mon 7 Mar am

Carrickfergus

Tue 15 Mar am and pm

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Daniel, Bridget and Gerry McGivern,
Patrick Mone, Terry Maginn,
Hugh Hamill, Donard Haveron,
Tommy Maginn, Christopher Quinn,
Kathleen O'Toole, Owen O'Toole

Recently Deceased

John McShane

Month's Mind

Noelle O'Loughlin

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

The Way of the Cross

Follow the path Jesus walked on his
way to Calvary, each
Monday evening during Lent at 7.30 pm.

Mon 7 Mar 7.30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

Mon 14 Mar 7.30 pm

St Nicholas' Church

Lectio Divina

Tuesdays after 10 am Mass

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Young Adults' Conference

A one-day conference for Young Adults (18 to 40) will take place on:

Sat 12 Mar 10 am - 5 pm

Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy, Elmwood Ave

Registration begins at 9 am. There will be talks, workshops, Mass, Adoration and Confession. The £10 cost includes lunch and refreshments. For more details: **0775 3379 110**; email: **cyaconference16@gmail.com**

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:

(Penance Services in March during Holy Week to be announced)

Fri 29 Apr 12 noon - 9 pm

St Gerard's, Newtownabbey

Fri 27 May 12 noon - 9 pm

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Your Story for

The Connection

The Parish Communications Committee will be publishing the Easter edition of "The Connection", the parish's quarterly newsletter.

If you have a story or event that has taken place in the past few months which you think may be of interest to our parish community, please let us know as soon as you can. We particularly need pictures.

Please contact Bill Webb on 07860 331297.

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 March

"The Bereaved"

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

Newsletter Sponsorship Required

The 2nd edition of the parish newsletter, "The Connection" will be published at Easter and in order to fund this quarterly publication, we are seeking sponsorship from businesses or individuals.

In return, we will provide a tasteful advertisement for your business.

Or, as an individual, you may want to sponsor a publication *"In Memory of"*

If you would like to offer your support, please contact Bill Webb on 07860 331297.

Lent Devotions

We'll be praying the Stations of the Cross with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the **Sundays of Lent at 4.30 pm at St Mary's on the Hill, Carnmoney Rd, Glengormley.** Continuing from **Sun 6 Mar**

Dates for your Diary

Fri 22 Apr

Confirmation

Sat 4 Jun

First Holy Communion

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.

Easter Chicks

There will be a social evening in the former school of Our Lady of Lourdes, Whitehead

Thu 10 Mar 7.30 pm

Everyone is welcome, all age groups, male or female, no knitting experience required, to come along and have a go at making an Easter chick or just have a cup of tea and enjoy the fun.

All materials will or provided on the night or bring your own if you prefer.

Envelope Boxes

If you are new to the parish; if your details have changed; or, if you have not previously been using envelopes but now wish to do so, then please fill in an "Envelope Registration Form" available at the back of the church.

Completed forms should be returned to the parish office or left in the sacristy. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on **9336 3269**

St Patrick' Day & Easter

Cards & gifts for St Patrick' Day and Easter are now available from the Parish Repository

Easter Prize Draw

The Parish of Carrickfergus Entertainment and Community Development Committee are holding an Easter Prize Draw. Ballot tickets are available after Mass in both Churches, from Committee members and from the Parish Office. Tickets £1 each, book of 11 -£10. First prize £500. Draw will take place on **Sat 26 Mar.** For queries please contact Teresa Connor on **0781 1971 051**