



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



6 December 2015

Second Sunday in Advent

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

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 9035 1561

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Fr Charles Mulholland
Paul Gordon, Danny McGowan
Peter Quinn, Barry Maxwell,
George Simms, Mary Kell

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

Fr Owens will visit the sick and housebound this week

Carrickfergus - Mon 7 Dec am & pm
Whitehead - Wed 9 Dec am

Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception

Masses

Mon 7 Dec - 7.00pm - Whitehead

Tues 8 Dec - 10.00 am - Carrickfergus

(this mass will be attended by
St Nicholas' PS, whose patronal feast falls
on Sun 6 Dec)

Annual Mass for the Bereaved

Wed 9 Dec 7.30 pm

St Nicholas' Church

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

Light refreshments in the school afterwards

Christmas Penitential Services

Mon 14 Dec - St Nicholas' @ 7.30pm

Tues 15 Dec - St Bernard's @ 7.30pm

Wed 16 Dec - St Gerard's @ 7.30 pm

A Year Of Mercy

8 Dec 2015 - 20 Nov 2016

Announced by Pope Francis as
An Extraordinary Jubilee Year

Literature available at the entrances to
the churches today -
Bishop Noel Treanor speaks to the
Diocese

Eucharistic Adoration for the Year of Mercy

At all of the Masses last weekend, we asked
parishioners to commit to spending 1 hour of
Eucharistic Adoration every Saturday. This is
one of our parish initiatives for the Year of
Mercy as declared by Pope Francis.
If you did not complete a registration card,
would you please consider completing one this
weekend? Cards are available in the porch of
both churches.

Even if you already attend Eucharistic
Adoration on Saturday, would you please
complete a registration card.

Thank you to all of those who have committed
to spending 1 hour with the
Blessed Sacrament every Saturday.

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.*

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will take place this week after
10.00am Mass on **Tues 8 Dec** and next week,
Tues 15 Dec, at the same time.

Tea will be available 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.

Draw for Luxury Hamper

The PTA of St Nicholas's Primary School will be
selling ballot tickets at all of the weekend Masses on
12/13 December.

The draw for the **LUXURY HAMPER** will take
place at the School Show on 16 December. All
proceeds will be used for much needed school
resources.

Parish Advent Service

Sunday 20th December at 6pm in
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead.
Followed by Christmas refreshments and crafts
for the children in the school.

THE DOOR OF MERCY

On Tuesday 8th December 2015 Pope Francis will
open the Holy Door: the Door of Mercy in St Peter's
Basilica, Rome, inaugurating a Year of Mercy. He
hopes this will be "*a special time for the Church*": a
time to "*gaze more attentively on mercy so that we
may become a more effective sign of the Father's
action in our lives.*"

On Sunday 13th December Bishop Noel Treanor will
open the Door of Mercy for the Diocese in St
Patrick's Church, Donegall St., Belfast. This will
take place during 7pm evening mass and parishioners
from across the Diocese are invited to attend.

LIVING YOUTH

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

Church Forum

The next Carrickfergus Church Forum Fellowship
meeting will be held in St Nicholas' Church, on
Tues 8 Dec, with Fr Peter Owens.

Everyone is most welcome, particularly if you are
considering attending for the first time.
See website at
<http://www.carrickferguschurchforum.org/>
for more information.

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

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, 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

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

Offerings

Weekly Offering £

Many thanks for your generosity