



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



28 February 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

Sundays - Cycle C

Weekdays - Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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 12pmWed**

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Recently Deceased

Jimmy Donnelly

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*

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Bishop Treaor 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 the 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 Treaor 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

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 29 Feb 7.30 pm

St. Nicholas' Church

Mon 7 Mar 7.30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

Mon 14 Mar 7.30 pm

St Nicholas' Church

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 February

*Jesus reasons with God's logic, which is that of **sharing**. How many times do we turn away so as not to see our brothers and sisters in need! And this looking away is a polite way to say, "Sort it out for yourselves." This is not Jesus' way: this is selfishness. Had He sent away the crowds, many people would have been left with nothing to eat. Instead those few loaves and fish, shared and blessed by God, were enough for everyone. This is a sign: a sign that calls for faith in God, provident Father, who does not let us go without 'our daily bread', if we know how to share it as brothers and sisters.*

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

Lectio Divina

Tuesdays after 10 am Mass

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

St Patrick' Day & Easter

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

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**

Dates for your Diary

Tue 1 Mar

Fri 22 Apr

Sat 4 Jun

First Confessions

Confirmation

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.

Works of Mercy

As a response to Pope Francis' call to live our Faith more fully, a number of our parishioners have undertaken to knit small Easter chicks (which fit over a crème egg) which will then be distributed to the sick, house-bound and elderly within our parish.

Everyone is invited to join in this practical gesture to reach out to these members of our parish. A copy of the pattern is available at the back of each church. A social evening will be arranged to bring completed chicks along to and to knit a few more on the night - date to be announced.

New Children's Drama group

Calling all young parishioners, aged 5 - 12. New drama group starting. First session on:

Sun 28 Feb after Mass 12.30 pm-1.30 pm

St Nicholas' Church

Please contact Louise Mayne for more details on **0752 1982 825**

St Vincent de Paul

Unfortunately, due to other events taking place in the parish, we need to postpone the afternoon tea scheduled for this week. Details of new date will be available soon.

Easter Prize Draw

The Parish of Carrickfergus Entertainment and Community Development Committee are holding an Easter Prize Draw. Ballot tickets will be on sale from **Sun 21 Feb**. Tickets £1 each, book of 11 - £10. First prize £500. Draw will take place on **Sat 28 Mar**.

Blood Donation

Thu 3 and Fri 4 Mar

1.30 pm - 4 pm and 5.15 pm - 8 pm

Town Hall, Joymount, Carrickfergus