



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

29 Jan 2017

4th Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle A Weekdays - Cycle I Divine Office Week 4

OUR PARISH

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

Tue & Thurs 10.30-10.45am

Sat 10 am - 5 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes'

Sun 9.30 am

Mon & Wed 10 am

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Adoration

Mon & Wed 10.30 - 10.45am

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 Sun in the month
C/Fergus third Sun in the month.

WEDDINGS By Arrangement

Three months' notice is required

FUNERALS By Arrangement

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 028 93363269

Mon — Thu 10.30am - 1.30pm

**Bulletin Notices to be in the
Parochial House by 12 noon Wed**

St Vincent de Paul

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

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Candlemas Day

Thurs 2nd Feb.

Candles will be blessed at the 10am
Mass.

If you would like to purchase candles to
be blessed, please contact Anne.

Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a meeting of all
Eucharistic Ministers from
Carrickfergus and Whitehead on
Mon 6 Feb @ 7.00pm
in the Committee Room at
St Nicholas' Church

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Edie McAuley

Recently Deceased

May McGivern

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

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday 11th February 2017
World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Mass for the sick will be celebrated at 2pm
in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, W'head.

The sick of our parish will be anointed at the
Mass, and refreshments will be served in the
Church afterwards.

If anyone requires a lift please speak with any
member of the Pastoral Council who will be
in the porch today, after Mass.

Cells Promotion

On September 15th 2015 Pope Francis
addressed 5000 Cell members from all over the
world. There were 108 people there from
Ireland. Pope Francis said that "What you do
in your Parish Cells is similar to what the
Disciples of Jesus did at the beginning of our
Church". Pope Francis asks us to continue
being witnesses of the love God has for us.
We are promoting Cells this weekend and will
have people available at all Masses to speak to
anyone interested.

Remember, there is no commitment to join a
Cell. Why don't you come along and see.
You'll always be sure of a warm welcome, a
chat and a cuppa.

Grandparents' Day

As part of Catholic Schools Week, beginning
the 29th of Jan, St Nicholas' Primary School
will celebrate our annual 'Grandparents Day'
on Fri 3 Feb at 1.15pm in the school hall.
All welcome.

Diocesan Vocations Weekend

Are you being called to make Christ's presence real
in the world? Have you ever considered the
possibility that God is calling you to do so as a
priest in the Church? If so, take this opportunity to
gather with other men who are discerning a
vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create
the time and space to help you discern God's
calling in your life.

The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat
Centre, from **Fri 17th – Sun 19th February 2017.**
If you wish to attend this retreat or would like
further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien,
23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT
(02890614567)

Email: k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org.

St. Agnes' Choral Society

St Agnes' Choral Society is celebrating it's 60th
Anniversary in The Ulster Hall with a concert:
Music and Memories on **Sat 4 Feb at 7.30pm.**
Tickets can be purchased online
www.ulsterhall.co.uk or 028 9033 4455. The
Society's chosen charity this year is Alzheimers NI.

Pro-Life Information Meeting

Precious Life will be hosting an information evening
regarding the upcoming elections with advice on
candidates and their stance on abortion. This will take
place on Tues 1 Jan @7:30pm in The Holiday Inn, Hope
St, Belfast. All welcome. For more information contact
Precious Life on 02890278484 or email
info@preciouslife.com

Church, Community & Change

Venue: St ColGate church lounge, 7.30pm
Registration Cost £10.00 (waged), £5.00 (unwaged)
The programme continues as follows
Week 4: Tues 31 Jan

Role of the Church as an agent in peace, justice and
reconciliation work, when identifying good relations needs
in the Carrickfergus area.

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,692

Many thanks for your generosity

Statement by the Diocese of Down & Connor in Response to the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (HIAI) Report 20 January 2017

The Diocese of Down and Connor acknowledges, with a profound sense of shame, the
report prepared by the HIAI and commends the professionalism of Sir Anthony Hart and all
those who assisted him in conducting the investigations and preparing this report.
This report raises many important safeguarding matters and provides a comprehensive and
harrowing review and analysis of historical abuse across residential homes in Northern
Ireland over many decades.

The report concludes that there were indeed systemic failures that led to the abuse of
children within institutional care homes run by the state, voluntary organisations and
churches.

The Diocese of Down and Connor apologises wholeheartedly, unconditionally and
unreservedly to all those who have suffered abuse and carried the legacy of such appalling
experiences from childhood as a result of any failing on the part of a representative of this
diocese.

The Diocese deeply values the courage of the survivors and victims who bravely came
forward during this Inquiry and revisited a very difficult time in their lives in order to give
their evidence and in the hope that lessons will have been learnt.

The Diocese of Down and Connor will examine carefully and reflect upon the full report,
on its findings and conclusions, and will continue to work closely alongside religious
congregations and other state, voluntary and church providers of institutional care to assist
the Executive Office of the Northern Ireland Assembly in addressing the recommendations
of this report.

The Diocese of Down and Connor hopes that this report and the implementation of its
recommendations can aid the onward recovery of victims, survivors and their families as
they seek truth and justice.

The Diocese also hopes that this report will assist others who have been abused to find the
strength and courage to come forward and report that abuse to the statutory authorities or to
the appropriate safeguarding representatives. The Diocese of Down and Connor
Safeguarding Office can assist and can be contacted on 028 9049 2798.

Support for survivors of abuse: Towards Healing, the National Board for Safeguarding
Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland, and Towards Peace constitute the pastoral
service response to survivors of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in Ireland. Please
see their contact details below for your use:

Towards Healing Counselling & Support Services is available to survivors of Church,
Religious and Institutional abuse. The Towards Healing director is Mr Michael Lyons and
the service provides lay independent and fully accredited counsellors to support survivors.
Towards Healing may be contacted by:

- ☐ Freephone (UK & NI) 0800 096 3315 or (RoI) 1800 303 416
- ☐ Mobile number for Hearing Impaired Clients +353 (0) 85-8022859
- ☐ www.towardshealing.ie

The **National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland**
provides advice on all aspects of case management, including notification of allegations and
support for the complainant. It's chief executive is Ms Teresa Devlin. If you are concerned
about a child or young person or wish to report a child safeguarding suspicion, concern,
knowledge or allegation you should contact the statutory authorities. As the Catholic
Church in Ireland has a mandatory reporting policy you can also contact the NBSCCCI by:

- ☐ Telephone 00 353 (1) 505 3124
- ☐ admin@safeguarding.ie

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to survivors of physical emotional or
sexual abuse perpetrated by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. The director of Towards
Peace is Ms Una Allen who can be contacted by:

- ☐ Telephone: + 353 (0) 1 5053028 and on +353 (0) 86 7710533
- ☐ towardspeace@iecon.ie