



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



13 December 2015

Third Sunday in Advent

Sundays - Cycle C Weekdays - Cycle 2 Divine Office Week 3

PARISH INFORMATION

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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 12pmWed**

St Vincent de Paul

0751 7159 222

028 9035 1561

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Elizabeth Haveron,
Julia Ann Degnan

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Draw for Luxury Hamper

The PTA of St Nicholas's Primary School will be
selling ballot tickets at all of the Masses
this weekend 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.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will take place this week after 10.00am
Mass on **Tues 15 Dec**.
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.

Offerings

Weekly Offering
Monthly Offering
Many thanks for your generosity

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.

Open Night

Little Flower Girls' School warmly invites you to
our Open Evening on
Thursday 14th January 2016 6.45pm-9pm.

There will be an address by the Principal at 6.45pm

The Open Evening will offer parents and pupils the
opportunity to experience and learn more about our
school, which has been part of the community for
over 55 years.

During the Open Evening there will be competitions
to win iPad minis.

LIVING YOUTH – Come and join us for our third Monthly
Diocesan Youth Mass on Sunday 20th December 2015 at 5.00 pm
(Confessions and Music Practice from 4.30 pm) in Holy Family
Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast, BT15 3AP. Refreshments
after in the Church Gathering Space. All welcome.

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.

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

Entertainment & Community Development Committee

BINGO Sundays 8 pm
Parish Youth Centre
Thursdays 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Membership is open to all young people in
the Parish from P6 to 18 years' old.

Advent and Christmas Services

SUNDAY 20 Dec

Advent Service W/Head 6.00pm (see notice)

MONDAY 21 Dec

7.30pm - Penitential Service St Nicholas', C/Fergus

TUESDAY 22 Dec

7.30pm - Penitential Service St Bernard's, Glengormley

WEDNESDAY 23 Dec

7.30pm - Penitential Service St Gerard's, Antrim Road

CHRISTMAS EVE

No 10.00am Mass in C/fergus

VIGIL MASS W'Head 6.30pm C/Fergus 8.30pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Nativity Mass W/Head 9.30pm C/Fergus 11.30am

SATURDAY 26 Dec

Mass Holy Family C/Fergus 6.00pm

SUNDAY 27 Dec

Mass W/Head 9.30pm C/Fergus 11.30pm

Mon 28 Dec - Thurs 31 Dec There will be no 10.00am Mass

FRIDAY 1 Jan

Mass C/Fergus 12.00 noon

SATURDAY 2 Jan

Mass C/Fergus 6.00pm

SUNDAY 3 Jan

Mass W/Head 9.30am C/Fergus 11.30am

MONDAY 4 Jan

Mass W/Head 10.00am

TUESDAY 5 Jan

NO 10.00 am MASS IN C/FERGUS

Vigil Mass C/Fergus 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 6 Jan

Mass Epiphany W/Head 10.00am

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER