



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



24 January 2016

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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

Sammy Barry, Patricia O'Callaghan,  
Cecilia and Edward Donnelly,  
Maureen Edwards, Sheila Mulholland,  
Martha Smith, Elsie Luney,  
Patricia McLaughlin, Edward (Ted) Gerring

### Month's Mind

Mary Mulvenna

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

### Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

**Tue 2 Feb – 10 am Mass**

St. Nicholas' Church

The Blessing of Candles at this Mass. If you would like to  
purchase a candle(s) for this occasion, please contact Anne  
Quinn or Gerardine Stewart on or before **Sun 31 Jan**

### 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 January

*People suffering from anxiety, depression and  
other forms of psychological pain; their families  
and all those who care for them.*

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**

### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

On 11th February the Church celebrates the feast of the  
patroness of our church in Whitehead.

To mark the occasion, Mass will be celebrated that day

**Mass Thu 11 Feb 10 am**

Our Lady of Lourdes

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7 pm - 9 pm**  
Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead

During this time of adoration we will offer our intentions  
for all those suffering from any form of illness, at home or  
in hospital and for all those who care for them, to mark the  
World Day of the Sick.

**Mass in St Nicholas' will be held:**

**Wed 10 Feb 10 am** (no Mass Carrick Thu 11 Feb)

### 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, beginning on*

*Friday 29 January and 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 this weekend.

### 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:

**Fri 29 Jan 12 noon - 9 pm**

St Bernard's    Glengormley

**Fri 26 Feb 12 noon - 9 pm**

St Mary Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

(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

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**Fri 28 Jan 7.30 pm**

Church of the Nativity Poleglass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the  
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Mass 8 pm**

### Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland ex Belfast 7 nights 19 May 2016

Spiritual Director Canon Sean Rogan P.E.  
Kilcoo

7 nights 4 star hotel-all breakfasts plus 5 dinners, all  
entrance fees. Shrine of Divine Mercy, Shrine Of  
Our Lady at Czestochowa, Birthplace of St John  
Paul II Auschwitz, Salt Mines and more.

£849 PP -single supp £200 DEPOSIT £250-  
Contact Marie or Paul Downe Travel tel  
**028 44 61 3288**

### Planning the Liturgical Calendar

There will be a meeting on:

**Mon 1 Feb 7.00 pm**

St Nicholas' Church

to plan the liturgical calendar between now and  
the end of June. All Co-ordinators of Minister  
of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir  
Leaders, Sacristans and all others involved in  
Liturgy and church maintenance are invited to  
attend

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group

is a parish based group ministry which aims to help those  
bereaved and grieving. Support is offered on an  
individual basis in the home, to groups in drop-in centres,  
by phone calls, by helping at funeral liturgies and  
remembrance services. For more information or to  
register interest in the next training session which begins  
in **February 2016** and will take place in St Patrick's  
Church, Downpatrick, please contact Claire Dowds, Good  
Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS  
07557882183, email:

**bethanybereavementni@gmail.com**

### 2016 CENTENARY OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Santiago de  
Compostela

**9/ 18 Aug 2016**

3 Nights H/B Los Abetos Hotel Santiago, 6 Nights  
F/B Hotel Avenida Fatima. Visiting Pontevedra,  
Tuy & Balasar.

Spiritual Directors Fr Gerry McCloskey &  
Fr Sean Gilmore.

Special Group Price £709 inclusive of tax &  
insurance.

**Full Religious Programme. For further  
details contact Joe Catney 90714001 or  
07776425631**

Early booking is advisable, deposit secures

### Caring for Our Common Home

with Professor John Sweeney and Nellie McLaughlin  
RSM

**Fri 5 – Sun 7 Feb**

Drumalis, Larne

The recent publication of the papal document "Laudato  
Si" has highlighted many of the issues regarding the  
future of the planet – our common home. This annual  
Spring Conference weekend will offer an opportunity to  
"enter into dialogue with all people about our common  
home". It is possible to attend either on a residential or  
non-residential basis, or for Saturday only. For further  
details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis - tel  
028 28272196/28276455 (Mon - Fri, 9am –  
5pm) Further details and booking forms are also  
available on the Drumalis website –

**<http://www.drumalis.co.uk>**

### FOUND

A sum of money has been found in the Gallery, Our Lady  
of Lourdes' on Sun 20 December  
Contact Gerardine or Paddy Stewart

### 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.