



Saint Nicholas' Church

Carrickfergus Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

16 Oct 2016

29th Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle C

Weekdays - Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Peter Owens PP

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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 12pm Wed**

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

Parish Cell Meetings

Next meeting: Wed 19 Oct

Thinking of joining or coming to
visit a Cell meeting? For more
information, please contact Tommy
Mone (Chairperson):

02893 362511 or 0771 3849 471

Maria Flanagan (Vice Chairperson):

0780 3297 129

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Michael McNeice, John McCloskey,

Annita McAllister (nee Dempsey)

Roy Hamilton

Recently Deceased

Anthony Watterson

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

May they rest in peace. Amen

Confirmation Preparation

Preparation Classes are due to begin for those
children who wish to make the Sacrament of
Confirmation and who do not attend St Nicholas'
PS or Acorn PS.

If you wish your child to be enrolled in the class,
please speak to Fr Owens or contact
Mary Muir Tel: **9336 6817**

Altar Servers

There will be altar server training on

Sun 30 Oct after Mass

Full attendance is required from all of our
current servers, and any children who would
like to join the serving teams are invited to
attend also.

Year of Mercy Ideas Evening

Earlier in the year Fr Tim Bartlett led the parish in a
discussion on the Year of Mercy. We closed the
evening with the question:

*"How can we as a parish and as individuals
respond to the call of mercy?"*

The PPC is now inviting all parishioners to come
together for an evening, to put forward concrete
ideas as to how the parish can answer this call.

Mon 14 Nov 7:30 pm

Parish Hall, Carrickfergus

Everyone welcome. Please invite a friend.

"Come and See" Day

Have you ever considered a vocation to
the priesthood? Why not explore it further
and come along to the "Come and See"
day. This event will provide you with an
opportunity to visit our diocesan
seminary, to meet those young men who
are studying for the priesthood and to
spend time in prayer and reflection.

Sat 22 Oct 10 am – 4 pm

St. Malachy's Seminary, 120 Cliftonville Rd

If you're interested in coming to this event,
please contact Fr. Kevin McGuckien
(Vocations Director) – Email:
k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org or Tel:
02890614567.

Eucharistic Adoration

Theme for October

For single people who share their gifts and talents
with others in the service of family and friends,
Parish and community. Christ Speaks:

*"Come to Me. I know your name. When you
were being formed in the womb of your
mother, I was there. I saw you even before you
were born. I have and always have loved you.
Come to me, you who are burdened. I will
refresh you, I will give you rest."*

If you would like to commit one hour to the
Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration on a Saturday
between 10 am and 5 pm in St Nicholas'
Carrickfergus, please contact Tommy Mone
07713849471 or Gerardine Stewart **07747114419**

Parish Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy

Parish Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy at St.
Patrick's Church, Belfast

Sat 29 Oct

Bus will leave Whitehead at **12.00** noon and
Carrickfergus at **12.15** pm returning
approximately **4.00** pm

The pilgrimage will include the tour, Exposition,
and Mass, followed by a late lunch. More details to
follow.

If you're interested in going along, please contact

Gerardine Stewart or Bill Webb by **TODAY**

Sun 16 Oct, to allow time to firm up on
numbers for the bus.

Offertory Procession Whitehead

If you would like to take up the
Offertory gifts in Whitehead on a
Sunday morning, please contact
Gerardine Stewart or Joan Gorman.

Fr Martin Cushman CSsR

This weekend you will find brown
envelopes at the entrance to the Church.
If you would like to support the
missionary work of Fr Martin Cushman
in India, you are invited to take an
envelope home, enclose a donation and
place in the designated box at the back
of the Church next weekend or at your
earliest convenience. As most of you
know, Fr Martin is a native of
Carrickfergus and has been home with
us for the last two months, during which
time he has assisted with parish
liturgies. We wish him God's blessing
and protection as he prepares to leave us
on **Sun 23 Oct – Missionary Sunday**.

Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, the
annual worldwide Catholic
celebration of mission in its fullest
sense.

Pope Francis describes mission *"As a
passion for Jesus and a passion for
his people"*.

Our financial and spiritual help
enables missionaries to breathe faith,
hope and charity into the lives of
people who need it most. Sharing the
message and sharing financially with
those in developing countries is our
Christian duty.

Our prayers and financial offerings on
Mission Sunday go towards
supporting missionaries and their
mission projects where the Church is
new, young or poor.

A special collection will be taken up
next Sunday in aid of our brothers and
sisters currently on mission, allowing
them to continue their work.
See: **www.wmi.ie**

Meeting of Returned Volunteers and Lay Missionaries

Any returned lay missionaries and volunteers who
have worked overseas either in the recent or distant
past are asked to contact Jim Farrell who works in
the Irish Missionary Union in Dublin by email at
jim.farrell@amri.ie. If you know of anyone who
might be interested, please let them know. A
meeting for returned volunteers and lay missionaries
in the Diocese of Down & Connor will take place
on **Wed 26 Oct 7.30 pm** in Belfast - venue to

Christmas Fair

We are hoping to run a Parish CHRISTMAS
FAIR in St Nicholas hall in aid of Parish funds

Fri 2 Dec 7.30 pm

We would like to hear from you if you would
be interested in taking a stall for your business,
craft or hobby. Could you donate a prize for a
raffle or tombola? Could you provide some
baking for a cake stall? Would you be
interested in helping at the fair? Thank you.
Please contact Teresa Connor- **07811 971051**

Parish Walking Group

The new Parish Walking Group will continues
on **Tue 18 Oct 7 pm**
leaving the church car park

This is a fairly gentle walk around
Carrickfergus for about an hour and hopefully
good conversation and craic. All welcome. Just
wear good comfortable footwear and bring a
waterproof because rain will not stop us going.
People can come and go as they please.

Parish Repository

Christmas gifts and cards are now available
from the Parish Repository. If you would like
to order a 2017 calendar, diocesan directory or
a diary (which includes the Order of Mass)
please contact Anne.

Entertainment & Community Development Committee

B I N G O
Sundays 8 pm

Parish Youth Centre

Thursdays 7.30-9.30 pm

Membership is open to all young people
the Parish from **P6 to 17 years' old**.