



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



11 Sep 2016

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle C

Weekdays - Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

### 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**

### Ministers of the Word Whitehead

If you would like to be a reader at Sunday Mass in Whitehead, for the coming year, commencing in October, please contact Paddy Stewart or add your name to the list at rear of church, by **Sun 18 Sep**. Thank You

### *Requiescant in Pace*



#### Anniversaries

Christopher Clarke, Seamus Stewart,  
Hilda Butler, Sammy McFerran,  
Sue McFerran, Veronica Walker,  
Agnes Duffin

#### Recently Deceased

Venerable Archdeacon Kevin Donnelly,  
George Doherty (Rodger's Quay, Carrick)

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

### Eucharistic Adoration for the Year of Mercy

**Saturdays 10.00 am - 5.00 pm**

St Nicholas' Church, Minorca Place

#### Theme for September

*For all those taking on a new path in life, be  
that a new school, university, job or challenge.*

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**

#### Adorers

*Did you know, you are part of 50,000 hours of  
Adoration that take place in Ireland every week!*

#### Parish Cell Meetings

Welcome back to our Parish Cell meetings. They recommence on Wednesday, 7th September. Thinking of joining or coming to see a Cell meeting? Please contact Tommy Mone, tel. **02893362511**

**September meeting: 14<sup>th</sup>**

**October meetings: 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

### Preparation Classes

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin

**Sun 18 Sep 11 am**

We welcome children from local primary schools, with the exception of St Nicholas' PS and Acorn PS, who already follow the programme.

### Cemetery Sunday

**Sun 25 Sep Minorca** after 11.30 am Mass

**Victoria** 3.00 pm

**Prospect** 3.45 pm

**Sun 2 Oct Islandmagee** 3.00 pm

### Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Volunteers are required to assist with the Children's Liturgy on Sundays. If you would be willing to give of your time, it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Ruth Bates on **9337 8958**, for further information. Thank You

### "Do This in Memory of Me"

Volunteer parents of P4 children are required to assist with this year's 'Do this in Memory of Me' Programme. Your assistance would be required one Sunday each month for the current school year. We also need a new 'Leader' to coordinate the programme, assist parents and liaise with the various primary schools. This role is open to anyone and full guidance will be given.

For further information, please contact Ruth Bates on Tel: **9337 8958**

### Trócaire

**Trócaire is now recruiting new volunteers. For more details and information on how to apply go to [www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer) or freephone 0800 912 1200**

### Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass

The Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass will be celebrated  
**Mon 19 Sep 7 pm**

St Luke's Church, Twinbrook, Dunmurry  
Light refreshments afterwards.

Anyone wishing to receive Gold, Silver, 10 Year, Adult or Young Pioneer emblems/certificates please contact Pat 9262 9959, Ian 9061 6601, Josephine 9061 7116. All Pioneers, family, friends welcome.

### PATHWAYS

#### Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis

*Enrol now for 2016-2018*

Pathways is a broad-based adult faith development course which explores spirituality, theology and prayer. Pathways is geared towards those who want to reflect about life, faith and relationships with God and others. The course takes place in the beautiful surroundings of Drumalis in Larne. No academic qualifications are necessary and no coursework attached.

This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October to June each year and will be held on nine Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. Further information and booking form, contact Drumalis - **028 2827 2196/2827 6455** (during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm) email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) or see the Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

### Faith & Life Convention

The diocese will host the third Faith & Life Convention on **Sat 24 Sep**

The Convention is a forum for people from across the diocese, and beyond, to gather together and to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to every area of our lives.

This year we will focus on the theme "Faith in a world in need of Mercy". Keynote speaker will be Sarah Teather, Director of Jesuit Refugee Service and former MP. We have a selection of 23 workshops available in the afternoon. A crèche facility will be available for children (0-4) and there are free passes for young people (16 - 21).

Online Booking is now available [www.faihandlifeconvention.org](http://www.faihandlifeconvention.org); book early and avail of our early bird rate of £20 (£25 after 15<sup>th</sup> August) and to select your workshops which are booked on a first come first served basis.

### Women's Resource and Development Agency (WRDA)

WRDA is currently recruiting women for their 2016/7 Community Facilitator Programme, which will be delivered in the Carrickfergus and Craigavon areas.

The award winning programme provides an opportunity for local women to develop leadership and Facilitation Skills and complete a Level 3 Certificate in Training and Development. The training is delivered by highly qualified and experienced staff and will comprise both contact and non-contact training hours, practical tasks and observations.

It will be delivered on a part-time basis October 2016 - April 2016. On completion women will have the opportunity to register for employment opportunities delivering WRDA's training programmes.

Information events for the programme will be held:

**Tue 13 Sep 10.30 am - 12.30 pm**

Brownlow Community Hub, 7 Brownlow Rd

**Thu 15 Sep 10.30 am - 12.30 pm**

Merville House Merville Garden Village

## T H E F T

**Last Sunday morning the  
Whitehead Offertory  
Promise collection and  
Monthly Stipend were stolen  
from the sacristy of the  
Church of Our Lady of  
Lourdes, after the**

**9.30 am Mass. The PSNI are  
investigating the incident.**

**All parishioners are urged to  
be vigilant during the coming  
weeks.**

### 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**.

**A key has been found in St Nicholas car  
park - If you have lost a key, contact the  
parish office.**