



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



24 April 2016

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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**

### Holy Ghost Fathers

#### Mission Appeal

Next Sunday, 1st May, Fr Vincent McKay, a missionary priest with the Holy Ghost Fathers, will be preaching at all the masses. Envelopes will be left at the back of the church for anyone wishing to make a donation.

### Offerings

Weekly Offering **£1,427**  
*Many thanks for your generosity*

## *Requiescant in Pace*



### Anniversaries

Maureen Callaghan, Mary O'Brien

### Recently Deceased

Fr Patrick McVeigh

(retired Parish Priest of Lower Mourne)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,*

### 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 April

**""The young people of the Parish, especially those just recently confirmed."**

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**

We thank Bishop Farquhar for coming to our Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday, and congratulate all the boys and girls who received the sacrament and thank their parents and sponsors. Thanks also to all those who prepared the Church so beautifully for this special Parish celebration.

**A set of keys was found near the  
Parochial House last weekend.  
Please contact the Parish Office  
Tel: 93363269.**

### New Members for Communications

#### Committee

We have now published 2 editions of "The Connection" and we are working on other creative ways of ministering to ALL members of our parish.

We are seeking additional members to join our small team. We particularly need someone who has an interest in photography. Experience is not necessary. If you have a particular skill, or an interest in serving your parish in this area, please contact **Bill Webb on 07860 331297.**

**Enthusiastic students are encouraged to apply.**

### 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 Apr 12 noon - 9 pm**

St Gerard's, Newtownabbey

**Fri 27 May 12 noon - 9 pm**

St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

### 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 Course which begins in September 2016 and will take place in the Good Shepherd Centre, please contact Claire Dowds, Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS

**Tel: 07557882183**

or email: [bethanybereavementni@gmail.com](mailto:bethanybereavementni@gmail.com)

### Date for your Diary

**Sat 4 Jun**

**First Holy Communion**

### Precious Life

Make May 29th April a RED LETTER DAY for life! – Before you vote in the Assembly elections on 5th May, we are calling on you to make 29th April a RED LETTER DAY for unborn children. We need you, your family and friends to contact candidates by phone, email, facebook, twitter or just call into their offices, and ask them one question: If elected, will you defend the right to life of all unborn children?

For more information on individual candidates, please visit our website [www.preciouslife.com](http://www.preciouslife.com) or phone Precious Life on 028 9027 8484

#### Hope House

is for adult people diagnosed with cancer who would feel in need of a few days break in our apartment located in Whitehead. This is also open to their carers/partners or for people travelling long distances for treatment. It is self-catering and sleeps two adults but a third can be added. Hope House is a free service which depends on fund-raising and people's generosity. Locally, a Café in Eden at the Community Centre have a table where they are selling second-hand books with all proceeds going to Hope House. If anyone has any books they would like to donate, they would be very much appreciated. Other donations can be made by monthly sponsorship or through the Just Giving page. For further information or to make a booking please visit the web page <http://www.hopehouseireland.org/> or email to [info@hopehouseireland.org](mailto:info@hopehouseireland.org) or connect on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/hopehouseireland](http://www.facebook.com/hopehouseireland).

#### 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, 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 observance of the Day of Mercy, a Diocesan Prayer Book has been published. This attractive and practical Prayer Book is available in the church.

### Lay Dominicans Celebrating

#### 800 Years

#### 1216-2016

We are asked to announce that Lay Dominicans in Down & Connor are celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order, the Order of Preachers, with a Jubilee Mass, with Bishop Noel Treanor presiding, on

**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 pm  
Chapel of Dominican College,  
38 Fortwilliam Park,**

This will be followed by refreshments, talks and prayer.

This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the great contribution of Dominicans in our Diocese and also to find out more about the Dominican Charism and about the apostolate of the Lay Dominicans in particular.

**All are welcome, especially  
Dominican past pupils and friends**

### The Annual Diocesan Liturgy Seminar

entitled '*The Liturgical Service of God's Mercy*' will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm - 4.30pm in St Brigid's Parish Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast BT9 6FP. It will be presented by Brother Pat Mullins O.Carm. The Seminar is open to all and the cost is £10 per person.

To book, please contact:  
Malachy McKeever, Tel: 07760 108 903 or e-mail: [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org)

#### Parish Retreat

This 'Year of Mercy' Parish Retreat will take place on

**Sat - Sun 3 – 4 Sep**  
Drumalis, Larne

Cost, including full board is **£65 or £45** for Sunday only, which includes meals. Please contact Ruth Bates Tel: **9337 8958** or Maureen O'Donoghue, Whitehead.

### Entertainment & Community Development Committee

**B I N G O 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.