



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



9th December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sundays Cycle C

Divine Office Week 2

OUR PARISH

PARISH PRIEST

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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

Tue & Thurs 10.30-10.45am

Sat 10 am - 1 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes'

Sun 9.30 am

Mon & Wed 10 am

Holy Days: As announced

Adoration

Mon & Wed 10.30 - 10.45am

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 Sun in the month
C/Fergus third Sun in the month.

WEDDINGS By Arrangement

Three months' notice is required

FUNERALS By Arrangement

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 028 93363269

Mon to Thurs 10.30am - 1.30pm

Bulletin Notices to be in the

Parochial House by

12 noon Wed

St Vincent de Paul

(028) 9035 1561

OUR PASTORAL COMMUNITY

Glengormley Parish

(St Mary's On The Hill;
St Bernard's; St Macnissi's)

Fr Patrick Sheehan, PP, VF
9083 2979

Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC
9084 1507

Fr Darren Brennan, 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 David Delargy, 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
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Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,226
Monthly Offering £890

Many thanks for your generosity

PLEASE NOTE

FROM JANUARY 2019,
BAPTISMS IN CARRICKFERGUS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH.

Parish Bethany Support Group
Tel: **07598825187**

to contact any member of the group.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Alan Kennedy (Kenny) Davidson

Anniversaries

Winifred & Thomas McKeown,
Mollie Gregory (nee Smith),
Julia Ann Degnan, Peter Quinn,
Gerard McAllister, Patsy Neeson.

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

Thank You

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Claire Bagshaw for preparing the beautiful Christmas cards and the members of the Craft Group for making the beautiful gifts which are being given to the sick and housebound of the parish this Christmas.

Fr Peter

Parish Carol Service

Please come along and join in this year's Carol Service, which will take place in
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
on Friday 21st December at 7:00 p.m.

It will be hosted by the Whitehead
Adult and Children's choirs.

Christmas Flowers – Carrickfergus & Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards dressing the churches with flowers for Christmas, please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or Margaret O'Neill in Whitehead or alternatively put your offering in the boxes provided in the church porches.



Thank you

Liturgical Rota for Christmas and the New Year

Sun 23 Dec

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.30am Mass - C'fergus

Mon 24 Dec
(Christmas Eve)

No Morning Mass in W'head

6.00pm Vigil Mass - W'head

8.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Tues 25 Dec
(Christmas Day)

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.00am Mass - C'fergus

Wed 26 - Fri 28 Dec - No Masses except funerals

Sat 29 Dec

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Sun 30 Dec

9.30am Mass - W'Head

(Holy Family)

11.30am Mass - C'Fergus

Mon 31 Dec - Fri 4 Jan - No Masses except funerals

Sat 5 Jan

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Sun 6 Jan

9.30am Mass - W'head

(Epiphany)

11.30am Mass - C'fergus

Mon 7 Jan NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES

Advent Services

Monday 10th December - Saint Nicholas' at 7:30 p.m.

Please come along and join in the second service taking place during Advent, as we prepare as a Parish Family for Christmas. This is an opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives for prayers and reflective quiet time, all centred on the Gospel Story of St John the Baptist in the wilderness and to hear that still, small voice of God. Songs accompanied, with grateful thanks, by the Folk Choir.

“Live in Whitehead and need a lift”

For those in WHITEHEAD who would like to attend the ADVENT SERVICE in Carrickfergus and need a lift, please phone Gerardine Stewart on **02893 353700**. There are volunteers ready to help.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

ANNUAL MASS for the BEREAVED

Tues 11th December at 7.30 pm

St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

All Parishioners and friends are most welcome to join us in our Eucharist.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is a promise and foretaste of heaven and a fulfilment of that love, which is the greatest love our hearts will ever know.

Intention for December

‘We pray for the sick and the lonely, that they are able to feel the great love that God has for them, through the love and care of us, their fellow parishioners.’

Advent Penitential Services

Within our Pastoral Community are as follows

Mon 17 Dec - 7.00pm - St Nicholas', Carrickfergus

Tues 18 Dec - 7.00pm - St Bernard's, Glengormley

Wed 19 Dec - 7.00pm - St Gerard's, Antrim Road

Dates for your Diary for 2019

Confirmation - 25th January at 11.00am

First Confessions - 5th March at 11.00am

First Holy Communion - 18th May at 11.00am

Christmas Cards & Gifts

available from the parish repository Christmas Cribes & Nativity sets, Boxed & Individual Cards, Church Art Calendars, 2019 Catholic Diary.



Open before and after weekend masses.

Christmas Carols with the Abbey Singers

“Thank You “

to everyone who came along and supported the event on 30th November. Everyone enjoyed the singing and the supper was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all the helpers who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it such a successful occasion. After expenses, a total of £500 profit was made, which will go towards Parish funds.

St Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 9th of December at 4.30 pm in St Peter's Cathedral
Special guests, the Winchester College Quiristers, and the evening is sure to be a very special treat for fans of Choral music. Entry is free with a collection in aid of the continued work of Schola and there will be festive refreshments served in the parish hall after the service. More information can be found on the St Peter's Schola Cantorum Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterscathedralscholocantorum/>
Thank you!

“Welcoming Christmas” at Drumalis

In preparation for Christmas, there will be a service of song and reflection for friends and families at Drumalis on
Thursday, 20 December from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
Light refreshments will be served afterwards.
Everyone welcome – voluntary donation.

Holy Trinity Church of Ireland, Carrickfergus

are planning to hold their traditional Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight on **Sunday 16th Dec at 6.30pm.** Everyone would be most welcome to come along and join with us in singing the carols and hearing the story of our Saviours birth through the words of the Readings from Scripture.