



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

23 Oct 2016

## Mission Sunday (30th Sunday of the Year)

Sundays - Cycle C Weekdays - Cycle 2 Divine Office Week 2

### 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

Thinking of joining or coming to  
visit a Cell meeting? For more  
information, please contact  
Tommy Mone (Chairperson):  
**02893 3625 11 or 0771 3849 471**  
Maria Flanagan (Vice  
Chairperson): **0780 3297 129**

### Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Sarah Devenny, Alfie Wilson

*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**

### Eucharistic Adoration

**PLEASE NOTE**, Eucharistic Adoration will be  
from 10.00 am – 11.00am on **Sat 29 Oct**, due to the  
Parish Pilgrimage to The Door of Mercy.

### 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.

### Youth Initiatives Young Men's Faith

#### Development Internship

(based in West Belfast)

If you have the desire to see young people connect to the  
Christian faith, are enthusiastic, creative and passionate  
about working with young people and want to be part of  
an excellent youth work organisation, consider applying  
for Youth Initiatives Faith Development Young Men's  
Internship. To apply send email to  
siobhan@youthinitiatives.com for an application pack.  
Application by **Fri 28 Oct**

### Eucharistic Adoration Celebration

A Mass to celebrate 1 year since the renewal of  
Eucharistic Adoration will be offered on

**Mon 7 Nov 7.00 pm**

St Nicholas

This will also be an opportunity to express our  
thanks and gratitude to the Adorers for their  
generosity and commitment during the past year,  
as well as holding all the needs of the whole parish  
in their prayers. Light refreshments will be served  
after the Mass. Everyone welcome.

### 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**

### 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.

### Parish Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy

Parish Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy at St. Patrick's  
Church, Belfast **Sat 29 Oct**

**PLEASE NOTE** bus will now leave from the **car park  
of The Loughshore Hotel, Carrick** at **12.00 noon**  
promptly, returning at approximately **3.30 - 4.00 pm**.

The pilgrimage will include tour, Exposition, and Mass,  
followed by a meal at Loughshore Hotel on our return.

### Extraordinary Jubilee Year

Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the  
closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee  
Year

**Sun, 13 Nov 3 pm**

St Patrick's Church, Belfast

### 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.

### Fr Martin Cushnan 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  
Cushnan 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 TODAY –  
**Mission Sunday.**

### Mission Sunday

Today is Mission Sunday It is the one  
day when we are specifically asked to dig  
into our hearts and minds and assist our  
Church's universal mission.

Our theme for this year's Mission Sunday  
is *'Every Christian is a Missionary'*. We  
all have the privilege of sharing God's  
love and words with those who have not  
yet heard Him.

Pope Francis is an enthusiastic 'promoter'  
of this theme and is seeking to lead all of  
us in a joyful expression of our individual  
and unique missionary charism.

In his message for Mission Sunday the  
Pope says "As they travel through the  
streets of the world, the disciples of Jesus  
need to have a love without limits, the  
same measure of love that our Lord has  
for all people. We proclaim the most  
beautiful and greatest gifts that he has  
given us: his life and his love".

The Irish missionary disciples need our  
spiritual and financial help today. We  
have some 1,200 men and women  
working in all corners of the world, each  
playing his or her part on the missionary  
journey.

Your financial help today is crucial to  
their work. We can't do it without you.  
Large or small, it makes a huge difference  
and we thank you sincerely for your help.  
www.wmi.ie

### The Joy of Love

The Church's care for the family

**Wed 9 Nov 7:30 pm**

the Diocese will welcome Fr Nick Austin SJ,  
moral theologian, to St Brigid's Church,  
Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. The evening  
will be an opportunity to discuss Pope  
Francis's apostolic letter on the family.  
Everyone very welcome.

### Christmas Fair

We are holding 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

**Tue 25 Oct 7 pm**

leaving the church car park

A fairly gentle walk round Carrickfergus for  
about an hour and hopefully good conversation  
and craic. All welcome. Just wear good  
comfortable footwear; 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

**BINGO**  
**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**.