



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



30 Oct 2016

## 31st Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle C

Weekdays - Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

### 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 - 5 pm**

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

**Sun 9.30 am**

**Mon & Wed 10 am**

Holy Days: As announced

#### Adoration

**after Mass 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 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

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#### Feast of All Saints

**Mon 31st Oct**

W'Head Vigil Mass - 7.00pm

**Tues 1st Nov**

Carrickfergus - 10.00am

#### Altar Servers

There will be altar server training

**TODAY 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.

### Requiescant in Pace



#### Anniversaries

May and Bob McKeown, Winnie Kay  
and deceased members of the McKeown  
family, Gertie McAllister

#### Recently Deceased

Joan Degnan, Eileen Gribben

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

*May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Fr Owens will visit the sick and  
housebound this week**

**Mon 31st - W'Head am**

**Tues 1st - C'Fergus am & pm**

#### 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.

#### 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**

#### 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:

*'Stay with me and listen. This is my house and you  
are welcome. I want you so much, I long that you  
experience my love. My love is like a fire  
consuming all hatred, pride, sin etc. '*

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.

#### A Knit, Natter, Nails and Nuts Ideas Evening

will take place next Thursday 3rd November in the  
Lourdes Pastoral Centre in Whitehead between 7:00  
p.m. and 9:00 p.m. We are looking for Christmas  
themed suggestions to sell on a stall at the  
Christmas Fair on 2nd December. The ladies can  
knit and chat while the men get creative with their  
ideas around nails and nuts! As the proceeds from  
the stall will go to charity, this is another  
opportunity to do something more before the end of  
the Year of Mercy. Everyone welcome. Contact  
Gerardine Stewart if you need a lift.

#### The Annual Mass for Deceased Pioneers

of the Belfast Region will be celebrated in Good  
Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast on  
Wednesday, 9 November 2016 at 7.30pm.  
Everyone is welcome.  
NB. Requests for Pioneer Christmas cards,  
calendars, diaries, please contact Ian 9061 6601 or  
Roisin 9064 6957.

#### World Missions Ireland

would like to thank most sincerely all in  
the parish for the very generous  
contributions to last week's Mission  
Sunday collection. Monies raised will be  
an invaluable resource for the continuing  
work of missionaries throughout the  
world. We are asked to continue to pray  
for our missionary brothers and sisters as  
they bear witness to God's  
message ;offering hope to the hopeless  
and a voice to the voiceless . World  
Missions Ireland is the primary supporter  
of our missionaries abroad , both  
spiritually and financially. For more on its  
work please go to [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie)

#### The Annual Mass for Deceased

##### Past Pupils and Staff of St

##### Malachy's College

will be held on in the College Chapel

**7th Nov at 7.30 pm**

The Celebrant will be Bishop  
Anthony Farquhar and all are  
welcome to attend.

#### Age NI Consultative Forum

formed in 2010, the purpose of the forum is to  
identify the needs and concerns of older  
people and communicate these to Age NI.  
The work of the forum covers the whole of  
Northern Ireland and focuses on issues  
affecting people over the age of 50.  
**Consultative Forum members do?**  
-Talk to us about issues affecting older people  
-Comment on the work of Age NI  
-Listen and talk to older people  
-Ensure that the voices of older people from  
all sections of the community are heard  
-Use your knowledge to affect the lives of  
older people  
-Get involved in exciting projects.  
**For more information, or to apply to join  
please contact Maura McClean on 028 9024  
5729 or use this link [http://  
www.ageuk.org.uk/northern-ireland/get-  
involved/volunteer/consultative-forum/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/northern-ireland/get-involved/volunteer/consultative-forum/)**

#### Offerings

**Weekly Offering £1,468**  
**Propagation of the Faith £654**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

#### 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

#### NI Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation sessions will be  
held in

**Town Hall, Joymount, Carrickfergus**

**Wed 9 Nov & Thurs 10th Nov**

**1.30pm - 4.00pm & 5.15pm - 8.00pm**

#### Lourdes Shrine at Mount St Nicholas

Some years ago a group of parishioners  
proposed the erection of a Lourdes shrine in the  
grounds of St Nicholas' Church. To this end  
money was collected in the parish. Recently  
that money was presented to the parish. The  
Parish Finance Committee have decided not to  
proceed with this project as the money donated  
falls far short of prospective costs. If anyone  
who donated money for this purpose wishes to  
be reimbursed, please contact Fr Peter. Any  
money remaining will be donated to the  
Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage to fund the costs  
of a disabled child.

#### NOVEMBER - Month of the Holy Souls

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the  
month of November and offer this sacrifice up for  
their deceased loved ones. YOU CAN DO  
LIKEWISE. Take the Short Term Pledge for  
November.  
Pledge Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink  
during November".

#### 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.