



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Carrickfergus Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



20 December 2015

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sundays - Cycle C    Weekdays - Cycle 2    Divine Office Week 4

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### PARISH PRIEST

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### MASS TIMES

#### Saint Nicholas

**Vigil Sat 6 pm**

**Sun 11.30 am**

**Tue 10.00 am**

**Thu 10.00 am**

Holy Days: As announced

#### Adoration

**Sat 10 am - 1 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**

### Requiescant in Pace



#### Anniversaries

James McCullough, Maisie Conlon,  
Robert McAuley, Jane Hamill,  
William Devine,  
Thomas Benignus Mullan

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

*I wish all parishioners and their  
families the Blessings of the Infant  
Jesus and his Holy Mother for this  
Christmas and the coming year.*



*Fr Peter*



### Christmas Flowers

#### St Nicholas' & Our Lady of Lourdes

If you would like to contribute  
to the Christmas floral displays,  
please leave your donation in the box  
provided in the church porch.  
Thank you

#### Parish Advent Service

Sunday 20th December at 6pm in  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead.  
Followed by Christmas refreshments and crafts for  
the children in the school.

### Eucharistic Adoration for the Year of Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in  
St Nicholas' on Saturdays from  
10.00am to 5.00pm

Thank you to all of those who have committed  
to spending 1 hour with the  
Blessed Sacrament every Saturday.

### St Louise's Comprehensive College Open Night

**Thursday 7th January 2016**

All P6 and P7 welcome to our all-ability Centre of  
Excellence and any student who would like to join  
our highly successful Sixth Form.  
Principal's Address - 4.30pm and 6.30pm  
Email: info@stlouises.belfast.ni.sch.uk  
Website: www.stlouises.org.uk

### Little Flower Girls' School Open Night

You are warmly invited you to our Open Evening on  
**Thursday 14th January 2016 6.45pm-9pm.**

There will be an address by the Principal at 6.45pm

The Open Evening will offer parents and pupils the  
opportunity to experience and learn more about our  
school, which has been part of the community for  
over 55 years.

During the Open Evening there will be competitions  
to win iPad minis.

**THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE  
FOR  
SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2016**

### A Prayer For the Jubilee of Mercy by Pope Francis

**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly  
Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from  
being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness  
only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words  
that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
'If you knew the gift of God!'

**You are the visible face of the invisible Father,**  
Of the God who manifests his power above all by  
forgiveness and mercy:  
Let the Church be your visible face in the world,  
its' Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in  
weakness  
In order that you may feel compassion for those in  
ignorance and error:  
Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,  
loved, and forgiven by God.

**Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with  
its anointing,**  
So that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from  
the Lord,  
And your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring  
good news to the poor,  
Proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
And restore sight to the blind.

**We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the  
intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;**  
And who live and reign with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit for ever and ever.  
Amen

### Offerings

**Weekly Offering    £**  
*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Advent and Christmas Services

**SUNDAY 20 Dec**    Advent Service    W/Head 6.00pm (see notice)

**MONDAY 21 Dec**    7.30pm - Penitential Service St Nicholas', C/Fergus  
**TUESDAY 22 Dec**    7.30pm - Penitential Service St Bernard's, Glengormley  
**WEDNESDAY 23 Dec**    7.30pm - Penitential Service St Gerard's, Antrim Road

**CHRISTMAS EVE**    No 10.00am Mass in C/fergus  
**VIGIL MASS W/Head 6.30pm C/Fergus 8.30pm**  
**CHRISTMAS MORNING**    Nativity Mass W/Head 9.30pm C/Fergus 11.30am  
**SATURDAY 26 Dec**    Mass Holy Family C/Fergus 6.00pm  
**SUNDAY 27 Dec**    Mass W/Head 9.30pm C/Fergus 11.30pm

***Mon 28 Dec - Thurs 31 Dec    There will be no 10.00am Mass***

**FRIDAY 1 Jan**    Mass C/Fergus 12.00 noon  
**SATURDAY 2 Jan**    Mass C/Fergus 6.00pm  
**SUNDAY 3 Jan**    Mass W/Head 9.30am C/Fergus 11.30am  
**MONDAY 4 Jan**    Mass W/Head 10.00am  
**TUESDAY 5 Jan**    NO 10.00 am MASS IN C/FERGUS  
Vigil Mass C/Fergus 7.00pm  
**WEDNESDAY 6 Jan**    Mass Epiphany W/Head 10.00am

**NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER**