

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



10 December 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sundays - Cycle B

Divine Office Week 2

OUR PARISH

PARISH PRIEST

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MASS TIMES

Saint Nicholas'

<u>Vigil</u> Sat 6 pm 🕻 11.30 am **L** Sun 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

| 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 — Thu 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 Monthly Offering £1,290 £922

Many thanks for your generosity

Parish Repository

Christmas Gifts and cards are available from the Parish Repository. If you would like to order a Diocesan Directory or a Diary (which includes the order of mass) for 2018 please contact

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Fr Charles Mulholland. Paul Gordon, Elizabeth Haveron, Julia Ann Degnan, Patrick Neeson, George Simms

Month's Mind

Sarah Haveron

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

Fr Owens will visit the Sick & Housebound this week Mon 11 Dec - Whitehead -am Thur 14 Dec - Carrickfergus -

am & pm

THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN WHITEHEAD ON WED 13 DEC



Parish Advent Service



Our service this year will be held in **Our Lady of Lourdes** TODAY, Sun 10th Dec at 6pm,

followed by refreshments and crafts for the children in

the Pastoral Centre, where we hope to be joined by a very special visitor! Hope you can join us!

Trocaire

Trocaire Christmas Gifts are now available. Please contact Patrick Quinn in Carrick or Gerardine Stewart in Whitehead.

Advent and Christmas Liturgies

6.00pm Carol Service - W'head Sun 10 Dec 10.00am Mass - W'head Mon 18 Dec

7.00pm Penitential Service - C'fergus

Tues 19 Dec 10.00am Mass - C'fergus

7.00pm Penitential Service - St Bernard's, G'gormley

Wed 20 Dec 10.00am Mass - W'head

7.00pm Penitential Service - St Gerard's, Antrim Rd

Thurs 21 Dec 10.00am Mass - C'fergus Sat 23 Dec 6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus Sun 24 Dec 9.30am Mass - W'head (Christmas Eve) 11.30am Mass - C'fergus 6.30pm Vigil Mass - W'head 8.30pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Mon 25 Dec 9.30am Mass - W'head (Christmas Day) 11.30am Mass - C'fergus Tue 26 - Fri 29 Dec - No Masses

Sat 30 Dec 6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus 9.30am Mass - W'Head Sun 31 Dec 11.30am Mass - C'Fergus

Mon 1 Jan 12.00 Noon Mass - C'fergus Tues 2 Jan - Thurs 4 Jan - No Masses

7.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus Fri 5 Jan 10.00am Mass - W'head Sat 6 Jan (Epiphany) 6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

1st prize - £300 2nd Prize - £200 3rd Prize - £100

Tickets £1 each or Book of 11 - £10

Ballot tickets are now available in the Church porches after Mass or from any committee member, or contact Teresa Connor on 07811971051

Christmas Flowers - Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards dressing the church in Whitehead with flowers for Christmas, please see Margaret O'Neill or put your offering in the box in the church porch. Thank you

Parish Bethany Support Group

Tel: 07598825187 to contact any member of the group.

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Annual Mass for the Bereaved Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm in St Nicholas'

All very welcome especially those who have been bereaved this year.

St Nicholas' P.T.A.

St Nicholas' P.T.A. will be selling ballot tickets for their Annual Christmas Draw, at all Masses this weekend. 9th/10th Dec. The Draw will take place on Fri 15th Dec.

Thank you for your continual support.

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, 21 December from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome voluntary donation.

Confirmations 2018

Since the transfer of Bishop Donal McKeown to Derry and the retirements of Bishop Patrick Walsh and Bishop Anthony Farquhar, consideration has been given to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation within our Diocese.

It is now proposed that each year the bishops, on a rotational basis, will celebrate Confirmation in some of the parishes of each Pastoral Community and the Vicars Forane/Pastoral Community Leaders or their Deputies will celebrate the Sacrament in the other

It is hoped that this plan will allow the bishop(s) to celebrate Confirmation in each of the parishes hosting Confirmation at least once every three years. I thank you in advance for your support. Bishop Noel Treanor.

Trinity College - Open Evenings

Trinity College warmly invites you to our Open Evenings on

Wednesday 10th Jan & Thursday 11th Jan 2018.

There will be an address by the Principal at 7pm. The Opening Evening will be a great opportunity to come and experience life in Trinity and see all we have to offer. P7 boy and girls will have the chance to win many prizes including mini ipads. Please come along and be part of our exciting evenings.

Living Youth **World Meeting of Families Volunteering**

Living Youth is leading a Youth Group from the Diocese of Down & Connor to Dublin this coming summer to volunteer at the World Meeting of Families Congress and to attend the Papal Mass. The rip will be from 22nd – 26th August 2018 and will be for those aged 16 - 25. The trip will cost £100 per person.

We expect places to fill quickly so to register your interest please email Living Youth @ info@livingyouthni.org with your name, contact number, parish and D.O.B. or contact us directly on 02890 232 432.

The Emerald Ball at Titanic, Belfast -A Perfect Gift for Christmas

The Emerald Ball will take place at Titanic, Belfast on St Patrick's Day, 17th March 2018. The evening will commence with drinks at 7pm, followed by a superb four course dinner at 8pm. There will be a high-end luxury ballot and dancing to a live band. Dress is formal and monies raised will support the D and C Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. Tickets are £60

each and available from the pilgrimage secretary, Sinead on 02890646040 or the Drumbo Parish office on 02890812238. The Emerald Ball would the perfect Christmas gift and promises to be a highlight of the social calendar so be sure to reserve your tickets early.