



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

21 May 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

Sundays - Cycle A

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 - 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 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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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Peter Owens (President)

Mary McCormack (Chair)

Paul Smith (Vice-Chair)

Ann Woods (Secretary)

Claire Bagshaw

Patrick Quinn

Martin Dempster

David Gorman

Siobhan Gilmore

Bob Sweeney

Gerardine Stewart

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,446

Many thanks for your generosity

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Dominic O'Donnell, Kathleen Wilson,
Ella & Felix Magill, James Brady,
James O'Neill, Pat Murray,
Bernard Shaw, Eileen McConnell,
Charlie Robinson

Recently Deceased

Jimmy McFerran

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

Confirmation

I would like to thank all those parishioners who helped to make our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation such a beautiful and memorable occasion: those who cleaned the church, arranged the floral displays, prepared the grounds, supervised the sacristy, served the Mass, staffed the repository, marshalled the traffic, acted as ushers, provided and arranged the refreshments - to one and all, a heartfelt and sincere thank you. A particular word of acknowledgement to Mr Kieran Austin and all his staff in St Nicholas' Primary School for coordinating the practices and the ceremony, and to Acorn and Whitehead Primary Schools. Bishop Treanor was very impressed and I was very proud!

Fr Peter

Gifts & Cards for
First Holy Communion including; Rosary
beads, Prayer books, Photo frames, Pens, etc.,
are now
available
from the Parish
Repository.



Called and Gifted

Friday 26th May 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday 27th May 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
St Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus

A Called and Gifted course, presented by Fr. Damian McCaughan (Glengormley) and The Living Church Office, allows participants to explore how we are "Called" by God and "Gifted" for this call. By examining different charisms of the Holy Spirit (God given gifts which enable us to be powerful channels of God's love) participants can begin to discern which charisms they have been gifted with. One month later, those interested are invited back to a 1 hour meeting with one of the leaders.

This great opportunity has been offered to parishioners at no charge since the Living Church Office and the parish will sponsor it. Light refreshments will be provided on Friday evening on arrival and participants are asked to bring a packed lunch on Saturday with light refreshments again being provided throughout the day.

If you are interested in taking part in this great opportunity please give your name to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council by 21st May at the latest. PPC members will be at the back of the church after Mass today. If you prefer, telephone Mary Mc Cormack on 07712451551 and leave a message or contact the Parish Office on 02893363269 or email: pp_carrickparish@live.co.uk

Eucharistic Adoration Theme for May

**"For all the young people who were
confirmed this month and all those who
are sitting exams"**

If you would like to commit one hour to the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration on a Saturday between 10am and 5pm in St Nicholas' Carrickfergus, please contact Tommy Mone 07713849471 or

Parish Cell Meetings

The next meetings will take place on
May 24th & June 7th

For more information, please contact Tommy Mone (Chair): **02893 362511** or **07713849471**
Maria Flanagan (V Chair): **07803297129**
Ruth Bates (W'Head): **07876420867**

Parish Retreat For All

**Drumalis: Sat 2 Sept 5.00pm -
Sun 3 Sept 5.00pm**

Theme: The Sabbath Rest

To reserve a place or for more information, please contact

C'fergus - Ruth Bates Tel: 93378958

W'Head - Maureen Holmes Tel: 93378916

Price: Sat overnight to Sun - £70.00 (all meals included)

Date for your Diary

**Sat 3 June at 11.00am -
First Holy Communion**

Annual Diocesan Collection for our Student Priests - Sunday 21st May

There are currently eight young men in training for priesthood for the diocese, one of whom, Manuelito is a deacon. The other students are Tony, Christopher, Stiofan, David, Christopher, John, Kevin. Please remember them in your prayers.

The second collection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter is the yearly collection for the education of our student priests. Thank you for your support of this collection last year. Your continued support of this annual church collection **TODAY Sunday 21st May** is again requested. Your financial contribution is another concrete way of supporting our students as they journey towards priesthood for service in our parishes.

Little Flower Celebrate 58 Years of Excellence

Little Flower Girls' School will finally close its doors in August 2017. On **Sunday 4th June** there will be a Mass of Celebration in St. Thérèse of Lisieux at 2pm, followed by a Trip Down Memory Lane in Little Flower. Full details of events available on www.littleflowerschool.co.uk

D and C Living Church

Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg
Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th June 2017

Transport to be confirmed

Cost: £60

Please contact Geraldine Mullan

Tel: 028 90690920

Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Diocesan (one day) Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Bishop Noel Treanor, will take place on Sun, 11th June. Buses will be leaving from various parishes throughout the Diocese. For further information please contact Fr Vincent Cushnahan, the Pilgrimage Director, at: cush25@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events at Tobar Mhuire

Annual Summer Institute - July 5th - 6th

The Cross –The Call to Mercy and Compassion Speakers: Rev John Dunlop (former Moderator Presbyterian Church in Ireland), Rev Trevor Williams (former Church of Ireland Bishop of Limerick) , Pat Coyle (Director of Communications for the Irish Jesuits).

**Resting at the Well - 6 Day Retreat.
25th June - 1st July.**

Director: Brian McKee. This retreat will have a mixture of silence; talks; meditation and communal prayer. In the stillness of the sacred grounds of Tobar Mhuire, our spirits are nourished and we open ourselves to hear the quiet voice of God. Both events open for Residents and non-residents. For further information: Email secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com or telephone: 02844830242

Afternoon Event Drumalis Retreat Centre , Larne

Theme: Returning To The Public Square:
Developing Public Theology and Practice.

Date & Time: Sunday 28 May

2.30- 5.30pm

Facilitated by: Johnston McMaster

There is no charge for this event but prior booking is essential.

Cemetery Sunday

City Cemetery - Sun 21 May at 3.00pm

Hannahstown - Sun 28 May at 3.00pm