



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

26th January 2020

3rd Sunday of the Year

Sunday Cycle A

Weekdays 2

Divine Office Week 3

OUR PARISH

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

Tue & Thurs 10.30-10.45am
Sat 10 am - 1 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 second Sun in the month.

WEDDINGS By Arrangement
Three months' notice is required

FUNERALS By Arrangement

PARISH OFFICE
Tel: 028 93363269

Mon to Thurs 10.30am - 1.30pm

Bulletin Notices to be in the
Parochial House by
12 noon Wednesday

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
9083 2979

Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC
9084 1507

Fr Aidan Kerr, PE, 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

St Gerard's Parish

(St Gerard's, Antrim Road)
Fr Kevin Browne, 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 , VF
9336 3269

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,241
Diocesan Youth Commission £584

Many thanks for your generosity



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



Candlemas Day

Sun 2nd February

If you would like to purchase candles to
be blessed, please contact Anne in the
Parish Repository.

Candles will be blessed at all the
weekend Masses on the above date.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Sarah Smith (1st),
Cecilia & Edward Donnelly,
Maureen Edwards, Mary Degnan,
Sheila Mulholland, Hugh O'Hara,
David McGivern, May McGivern.

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

**There will be no 10.00am Mass
in C'fergus on Thurs 30 Jan,
due to Confirmation
taking place.**

Liturgy

There will be a meeting of the
Liturgy Committee **TOMORROW,**
Mon 27th Jan at 7.00pm
in the Committee Room in
St Nicholas' Church.
This will be followed by a
Liturgy Timetable Meeting at **7.30pm.**

New Year New Broom!

Cleaners are required to support the small
team in cleaning St Nicholas' Church
each month. We meet on the second
Monday each month at 6.30 pm for
approximately an hour. If you can spare
that hour please contact
Elaine Hillen on 07767155649.
Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration

All praise and thanksgiving be to you, Jesus,
in the Holy Eucharist, for what we see with
the eyes of faith is really You, Jesus, truly
present in this most Blessed Sacrament.

Intention for January

We pray for the lonely, the depressed and all
those with psychological difficulties, that they
will find comfort and solace in this New Year.

Catholic Schools Week

26th January — 2nd February

This year's theme is
'Living in Harmony With God's Creation'.

Lourdes Pastoral Centre

Basic Country Jive Lessons

With Thomas and Rachelle

Starting Thursday 30th January 2020
8.30pm to 9.30pm

6 week course costs £25 and is limited to 40
places. For further details and to book a place,
please contact: Ann woods, Eileen Vance,
Paddy Stewart, Gavin Pollard or Colin Boylan.

St Vincent de Paul

We are currently looking for new members. If you
are interested and want to find out more please talk
to any of our members who will be happy provide
you with some information on the work of
St Vincent De Paul.

Chatty Crafters—LPC

The group will be meeting next
Thursday, 30th Jan at 7.00pm
in the Pastoral Centre.

All are welcome, no experience necessary!

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at 8:00 p.m.

This year's World Day of Prayer will be hosted by
Our Lady of Lourdes church in Whitehead, as it is
our turn on the rota of churches in the area who
host it every year. Please keep the date free and
come along to this International ecumenical
initiative, celebrated annually in over 170
countries.

If you are able to help with preparing light
refreshments for the service, setting up the Pastoral
Centre, serving the supper or washing up
afterwards, please contact

Gerardine Stewart on 07747 114419 or
Eileen Vance on 07942 921654.

Fruit loaves, scones, tray-bakes, buns or cakes will
all be gratefully received. Thank you.

Mount St Nicholas Pre-school Playgroup.

September 2020 Pre-school places.

The Citizen portal is now open for online
applications; please use this link

**https://www.eani.org.uk/admissions/
applying-for-a-school-place**

Please call in for a visit: we are in the YMCA
building or contact us on **07729583134.**

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust

Vacancy – Part-time Housekeeper – Larne Parish

A vacancy has arisen for a Part-time Housekeeper within Larne Parish, 51, Victoria Road, Larne,
Co Antrim BT40 1LY.

The post holder will be required to provide confidential, efficient housekeeping and catering
services to the Parish Priest, whilst ensuring a pleasant, safe, welcoming and clean Presbytery is
provided to other presbytery workers, volunteers and parish visitors.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 12 -15 hours attendance each
week, work pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest. Flexibility will be required in relation to
attendance and hours worked, from time to time.

Rate of Pay - £8.50 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community
NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role
Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from Larne
Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in
playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 31st January 2020.

Vacancy – Part-time Secretary – St Gerard's Parish, Belfast

A vacancy has arisen for a Part-time Secretary within St Gerard's Parish, 722, Antrim Road,
Newtownabbey, Co Antrim BT36 7PG.

The post holder will be required to provide confidential, efficient and effective secretarial
support to the Parish Priest, and assistance to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact
with the Parish office.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 20 hours attendance each week,
Monday to Friday, work pattern to be agreed. Flexibility will be required in relation to
attendance and hours worked, from time to time.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community
NI and nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed
by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be
obtained from St Gerard's Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in
playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 7th February 2020.

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2020

given by
Baroness Nuala O'Loan,
"CHRISTIAN AND CITIZEN?"
In St. Brigid's Parish Centre
38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast,
On Thursday, 6th February at 7.30pm.
Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Liturgy Seminar

The Diocesan Liturgy Seminar 2020, entitled
'Word of God—Gift and Challenge'
will be held on **Saturday 25th Jan 2020** from
1.30pm—4.30pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre, 38
Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP.

Registration from 1pm.
It will be presented by Fr Albert McNally.
The Seminar is open to all and the cost is £10 per
person. To book please contact:
Malachy McKeever
Email: liturgy@downandconnor.org

NI Foster Care

You are warmly invited to join us as we
launch HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care on
Tuesday 25 February 9.30am-11.30am
at Girdwood Community HUB, BT14 6EG.
Throughout Northern Ireland there has been
an increase in the number of children
coming into the care system and there is an
increased demand for foster carers and
foster families.

This event will give an insight into different
types of fostering and will provide accurate
information about who can foster. Foster
carers and fostering colleagues will be on
hand to answer any questions. We will hear
first-hand from Foster Carer of the Year
2019 and we will hear from a young person
who has experienced foster care.

Kindly RSVP by Friday 31st January to
karen.carson@belfasttrust.hscni.net or
phone 028 9504 0302 for catering purposes.