



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



15th December 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Cycle A

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 - 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 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 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
9336 3269

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,395
Many thanks for your generosity

Eucharistic Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is a promise
and foretaste of heaven and a
fulfilment of that love, which is the
greatest love our hearts will
ever know.

Intention for December

We pray for the sick and the lonely,
that they may experience the great
love that God has for them, through
the love and care of us, their fellow
parishioners.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Samuel Hall,
Jim Waugh.

Anniversaries

Patsy Neeson,
Barry Maxwell.

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

**DUE TO FR PETER'S SICK
LEAVE, THERE WILL BE NO
WEEKDAY MASSES THIS
WEEK. ALL EMERGENCY
CALLS WILL BE DEALT WITH
BY GLENGORMLEY.**

Light Refreshments

Will be available in Lourdes Pastoral
Centre after 9.30am Mass,
TODAY, 15th December.
Everyone welcome.

Christmas Flowers – Carrickfergus & Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards dressing
the churches with flowers for Christmas,
please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or
Margaret O'Neill in Whitehead or alternatively
put your offering in the
boxes provided in the
church porches.
Thank you



Carrickfergus Foodbank

Food Items required include non-perishable goods such as
UHT Milk Tinned Potatoes, large & small
Tinned meats (ham, corn beef, etc) Tinned Tomatoes
Rice (boil in the bag) Christmas Fayre
In addition, there is a great need for Toiletries (Toothpaste, Soap, Toothbrushes etc.)

Items can be donated to the Parish drop of point at the back of the Church.

Liturgical Rota for Christmas and the New Year

Monday 16th December
Tuesday 17th December
Wednesday 18th December
Sunday 22nd December
Monday 23rd December
Tuesday 24th December
(Christmas Eve)
Wednesday 25th December
(Christmas Day)
Thursday 26th December
Saturday 28th December
Sunday 29th December

- Penitential Service at 7:00 p.m. in Carrickfergus
- Penitential Service at 7.00pm in St Bernard's
- Penitential Service at 7.00pm in St Gerard's
- Carol Service at 3:00 p.m. in Whitehead
- No 10.00am Mass in Whitehead
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in Whitehead
- Vigil Mass at 8.00pm in Carrickfergus
- Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead
- Mass at 11.00am in Carrickfergus
- No Mass
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in Carrickfergus
- Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead
- Mass at 11.30am in Carrickfergus

Monday 30th December - Friday 3rd January - No Masses except funerals
Saturday 4th January
Sunday 5th January

Monday 6th January
(The Epiphany of the Lord)

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER

Christmas Gifts

Children's Advent Calendars,
Cards, Gifts and Candles,
11 piece Nativity sets
with stable, Calendars &
Catholic Diaries



are available in the Parish Repository

Trocaire Gifts

If you would like to purchase a Trocaire
Christmas Gift Card, please contact
Patrick Quinn at any of the weekend
Masses, or call into the Repository.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2020

Confirmation -
Thurs 20th January at 11.00am
First Confession -
Tues 3rd March at 11.00am
First Holy Communion -
Sat 30th May at 11.00am.

The Live Crib at St. Mary's

Visit The Live Crib at St. Mary's Grotto,
Chapel Lane Belfast, opening Fri 13th to Tue
24 Dec and from Sat 28th Dec to Mon 6 Jan
'20 from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on 19th and
23rd Dec to 8 p.m. Come along and meet
Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, the shepherds
and the animals. The three wise men will arrive
on 6th January. Animals featuring this year are
donkeys: Obie, Denis, Pablo, Daisy, Pongo and
friends kindly provided by the Irish Donkey
Society, Holly the sheep and Tinsel and Archie
the goats. Carols at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Schools
groups, choirs and carol singers welcome.
Proceeds to Tuesday's Child Following Yonder
Star Christmas Appeal for children in Gaza,
Syria, Kenya and Sudan. Prayers at the crib
each day for peace for every child, born and
unborn. **Contact 07545-452362.**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

are currently seeking volunteer
registered nurses to work on the
2020 Pilgrimage (8-13 July).
For more information or to register
your interest, please email
Lourdes@downandconnor.org

St Mary's University College, Belfast

St Mary's is at present accepting applications for
courses beginning in September 2020. On offer are
places on undergraduate courses for the BEd (Hons)
Primary teaching degree, the BEd (Hons) Post-
Primary teaching degree, and the BA (Hons) Liberal
Arts. The closing date for applications for these
undergraduate courses is Monday, 13 January 2020.
Also on offer are places on a postgraduate course for
the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Irish-
medium Education) Primary. The closing date for
this postgraduate course is Friday, 28 February 2020.
For further details contact the College on +44(0) 28
90268320 or visit the College website at
www.smucb.ac.uk.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Tues. 19th May to Sunday 24th May 2020
The price of £695 (with price reduction for Cancer
Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast
International Airport, operated by JWT License T.O.
052. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel
Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/
double/treble rooms. Travel insurance cover for
persons up to 85 years on date of return. The party
will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and
friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other
staff.
To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak
to a member of the committee on Tel: 07933938981.
Email: mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk or
contact: Mrs Jean Clarke, N. I. Cancer Pilgrimage, c/
o Drumbo & Cartyduff Parish,
546 Saintfield Road, Belfast, BT8 8DL.
Chairman:- Dr Gerard Walls, accompanied by
Dr Seamus McAleer and Spiritual Director.

Laganside Sinfonia presents

'Winter Dances' in aid of Belfast Lough Sailability
Join Laganside Sinfonia for an evening of dance
inspired music, including Saint Saëns' Danse
Macabre, on **Sunday 29th December at 7:30pm**
in the Parish Hall behind St. Bernard's Church,
Antrim Road. Free admission with retiring collection
in aid of Belfast Lough Sailability. Visit
www.lagansidesinfonia.co.uk for more information.

St Louise's Comprehensive College

Open Night

Thursday 9th January 2020

Principal's Address at 4.30pm and 6.30pm
Primary 6 and 7 boys and girls are welcome
to attend