



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday Cycle A

Divine Office Week 1

## OUR PARISH

### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Peter Owens PP**

Parochial House, 8 Minorca Place,  
Mount St. Nicholas, C/fergus  
Co. Antrim, BT38 8AU

Tel: **028 9336 3269**

Email:

carrickfergus@downandconnor.org

Web: www.carrickparish.org

## 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 £1,607  
*Many thanks for your generosity*

## Mass for the Bereaved

All parishioners are invited to our  
Annual Mass for the Bereaved in  
St Nicholas' Church on  
**Wednesday 11th Dec at 7.30 pm.**  
We will remember in a special way  
those parishioners who have died this  
year by placing a candle on the front  
of the altar.

After the Mass there will be light  
refreshments in St Nicholas' School.

Please join us. All are most welcome.

## Requiescant in Pace



## Recently Deceased

Richard Waterman,  
James Coogan.

## Month's Mind

Bernadette Fitzsimons.

## Anniversaries

Christopher Curran, Peter Quinn,  
James & Agnes McGowan,  
Mary Short, Patsy Herdman,  
Mary Best, Elizabeth McGowan.

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

**THERE WILL BE NO  
WEEKDAY MASSES,  
APART FROM FUNERALS,  
NEXT WEEK.**

## Chatty Crafters

The craft group will be meeting on  
**Thurs 5th Dec from 7.00 - 9.00 pm**  
in the Pastoral Centre.

If you're not crafty, why not come along  
anyway for a mince pie and a chat!

## 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.**

## St Nicholas' Primary School Open Day

Mr Austin, staff and pupils of  
St Nicholas' PS proudly invite you to visit  
and experience the unique family  
atmosphere on **Tues 3rd Dec at 10.30am.**  
For prospective P1 Parents starting in 2020.  
Please feel free to arrange an alternative  
appointment with Mr Austin if this date  
does not suit.

**Contact Tel: 02893351149**

**E: info@stnicholasps.carrickfergus.ni.sch**

## St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal

SVP will be launching their annual  
Christmas appeal **TODAY  
Sun 1st December**

All funds raised will help families in  
poverty. We will also be launching our  
Giving Tree, asking for gifts for our children  
this Christmas.

Thank you in advance of your support.

## 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.

## Food Bank Christmas Appeal Whitehead

Christmas items like mince pies, tins of  
ham, Christmas puddings and Shloer, as  
well as regular donations like coffee,  
sugar, jam, tins of desserts and biscuits,  
would be greatly appreciated and can be  
left in the grub tub in the church porch.

Please note that pasta, pasta sauce, tea,  
soup, beans and cereals are not needed  
at this point. **Thank you.**

## DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST VACANCY PRINCIPAL SAFEGUARDING PRACTITIONER

We are looking to recruit a knowledgeable safeguarding professional, to take on the role and challenges as Principal Practitioner within the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Safeguarding Team. As part of our responsive service, you must be able to problem solve, prioritise quickly, identify risk, be able to build professional relationships, know and apply legislation and work with others to achieve the best possible outcome. You must demonstrate enthusiasm, dedication and the ability to think on your feet. The post holder will report to the Director for Safeguarding and will adopt the role of Designated Liaison Person for safeguarding children and young people, and the Adult Safeguarding Champion in relation to adult safeguarding. The role will extend to having a safeguarding oversight within the parishes, Diocesan Commissions and Committees across the Diocese of Down and Connor. The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 37.5 hours attendance each week. Out of hours availability will be a requirement from time to time. Salary and other relative terms are available within the application pack.

If interested in making application for this post, please download an application form from the Diocese of Down and Connor website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies> where details of the role are also available by way of an Application Form, Role Profile and Person Specification.

Closing date for applications will be **12 noon on Monday 2nd December 2019.**

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

## Parish Advent Services

Please come along and join in the following services taking place during Advent, as we prepare as a Parish Family for Christmas.

Sunday 1st December - Prayers Around the Crib at 7:00 p.m. in Carrickergus  
This will be led by Patsy Bell and will include prayer and reflection using scripture.  
(Please use the back entrance to the church for this service.)  
Wednesday 11th December - Annual Mass for the Bereaved at 7:30 p.m. in Carrickfergus  
Monday 16th December - Penitential Service at 7:00 p.m. in Carrickfergus  
Sunday 22nd December - Carol Service at 3:00 p.m. in Whitehead  
If anyone needs a lift to any of the Advent Services, please contact Gerardine Stewart  
on **028 93353700** and it will be arranged.

## 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.

## Carrickfergus Church Forum Advent Service

**Tues 3rd December at 7.30pm**  
Theme: 'Jesus Light of the World'  
Mount St Nicholas' Catholic Church  
Minorca Place  
All most welcome

## Mount St Nicholas Preschool Playgroup

### OPEN DAY

on **Tuesday 3rd December**  
between 12.30pm and 1:30pm  
Everyone very 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



## A Celtic Christmas by Candlelight

Join the award-winning St Agnes' Choral Society  
for a Celtic Christmas on  
**Friday 13th December at 7.45pm in St. Peter's  
Cathedral, Belfast.**  
With donations in aid of Belfast City Hospital's  
Renal Unit, the company will take you on a  
journey with some beautiful Christmas music,  
thoughts and reflections. They are delighted to be  
joined by South Down Choral Society and Schola  
Cantorum. Tickets are £12 (£6 chn) and are  
available from St. Peter's Cathedral, online at  
**www.tinyurl.com/agneschristmas** or by  
calling **07786837198.**