



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Cycle A

Divine Office Week 2

## 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 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 £1,298

Monthly Offering £1022

*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

Neil McLaughlin

## Anniversaries

Fr Charles Mulholland,  
Kenny Davidson, Mary Short,  
Danny McGowan, Julia Degnan,  
Elizabeth Haveron, Mary Kell,  
Gerard McAllister.

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

**Fr Owens will visit the  
Sick & Housebound  
this week.**

**Wed 11 Dec - W'head - am  
Thurs 12 Dec - C'fergus - am & pm**

**This year the Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception is being  
observed on Monday 9th December.**

**THIS YEAR IT IS NOT A HOLY  
DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

**Mass will be celebrated as usual, in  
Whitehead at 10.00am.**

## 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.**

## 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.

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.

## St Nicholas' Primary School PTA

## Christmas Raffle

Prizes include Belfast Giants Tickets; Family Passes to Streamvale Farm, W5 and Dundonald  
Ice Bowl; M&S and Dunnes Stores Vouchers; Ownies, Little Wing and Whitehead Golf Club  
Vouchers; Luxury Hampers and many more

Tickets will be sold in church porch after Sunday masses in Carrickfergus and Whitehead

**TODAY 8<sup>th</sup> December** or available from school office.



Draws will take place after school Christmas shows on  
Thursday 12 December and Tuesday 17 December 2019



*Thank you for your support and good luck*

## 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.**

## Light Refreshments

Will be available in Lourdes Pastoral Centre after  
Mass next Sunday, **15th December.**  
Everyone welcome.

## 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.

## A Celtic Christmas by Candlelight

Join the award-winning St Agnes' Choral Society for a  
Celtic Christmas this coming  
**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.**

## 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



## 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](http://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](mailto: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.