



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

29th September 2019

26th Sunday of the Year

Sunday Cycle C

Weekdays 1

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 - 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

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## Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,533

*Many thanks for your generosity*

## Paper Bank Notes

£5 and £10 paper banknotes are to be  
withdrawn from circulation from shops  
and business on **30th September**.

They are replaced by the new polymer  
notes from the Bank of Ireland, Danske  
Bank and Ulster Bank.

These issuing banks will continue to  
accept and exchange old paper based  
notes.

### Parish Bethany Support Group

Tel: **07598825187**

to contact any member of the group.

## Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

The Most Rev Dr Seamus Hegarty

### Month's Mind

Margaret Hendry,  
Margaret (Margo) Crymble

### Anniversaries

Peggy Murphy, Mary Jefferies,  
Alex McAuley, Tommy McMullan,  
Billy Best, Winnie McGowan.

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

## Children's Liturgy Volunteer Appeal

### Our Lady of Lourdes

A volunteer leader is required for the  
Children's Liturgy Group in Whitehead during  
the 09:30 Sunday Mass. You would be  
expected to lead the group every 4 weeks  
during term time and training will be provided.  
If interested, please contact either Gerardine  
Stewart or Fr. Owens at your convenience.

### St Nicholas'

Volunteers are urgently required to assist with  
the Children's Liturgy Group during the  
11.30am Mass. If you feel that you could help  
out, please speak with either Fionnuala  
McAllister, the group leader, or Fr Owens.

**Thank You.**

## Lourdes Pastoral Centre

The centre is available for Children's  
Parties and Family Events. For further  
information or to make a booking,  
please speak with any member of the  
committee: Ann Woods, Eileen Vance,  
Gavin Pollard, Paddy Stewart  
or Colin Boylan.



## Glasses For India

Nina Bleakley a Renal Nurse from the Belfast City  
Hospital is going to India to help with medical  
camps in remote villages 1-12 November.

If you have any old pairs of glasses lying around, or  
know anyone who does, Nina would love if you  
could donate them. Reading glasses or long distance,  
all will benefit.

Place in box in Church Porch

Many Thanks ,

Paul Smith.

## Precious Life

If Stormont is not up and running by 21st Oct,  
then abortion will become legal in Northern  
Ireland. Precious Life have a number of  
upcoming events organised as part of their  
'Fight-Back Campaign' and they are also  
asking as many people as possible to sign  
'Not in Our Name' petition postcards.

These postcards are available in the  
Church porch after Mass

## Annual Legion of Mary Rosary Procession – Sunday, 6 October

On Sunday, 6 Oct, The Annual Legion of Mary  
Rosary Procession will take place. The procession  
leaves St John's Church, Falls Road at 3pm and will  
process to St Michael the Archangel Church where  
there will be a short service of Benediction.  
Refreshments will be available afterwards. Rosary  
beads and leaflets provided. All are welcome.  
**Please gather at Saint John's Church at 2.45pm.**

## School of Prayer

A School of Prayer will run on Saturday, 19 October  
from 10am - 4pm at Clonard Monastery, Belfast.  
Led by Fodhla, Marie and Johanna, three forms of  
prayer will be practised: imaginative Gospel  
contemplation, praying with icons, and a form of  
Biblical storytelling called Godly play.  
Register for a place in person at Clonard or by  
phoning Clonard reception on 02890 445950. Please  
ask for an information sheet which contains all the  
details of the day and what you'll need to bring.  
To allow us to offer this day free of charge, we ask  
everyone to bring some food that can be shared with  
everyone at lunch.  
Schools of Prayer were recommended by Pope  
Benedict XVI to help us expand and deepen our  
prayer lives.

## Children's Liturgy - Development Days

The Living Church Office will host the first of three Development Days for leaders of  
Children's Liturgy of the Word on, Saturday 19th of October, here in our offices at,  
120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. The day will commence at 9.30am and finish at  
3.30pm. Development Days are designed to nourish, support, and resource, all those involved  
in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish and the other dates in the series will be  
25th January 2020 and a Retreat Day on the 25th April 2020. Due to the popularity of these  
days, early registration is advised. On the first day, we will explore the Spirituality of the Child  
and there will be time for prayer, input, discussion and activities. There is no charge for the  
day, lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To book your place for any of the days  
in the series, please contact Caren at: c.collins@downandconnor.org or ring the Living Church  
Office on 02890690920

## PATHWAYS- Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis

Enrol now for 2019-2021 intake. Pathways is a broad-based adult faith development course  
which explores spirituality, theology and prayer. Now in its fourteenth year, Pathways is  
geared towards those who want to reflect about life, faith and relationships with God and  
others. The course takes place in the beautiful surroundings of Drumalis in Larne. No academic  
qualifications are necessary and there is no coursework attached.

This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October to  
June each year and will be held on nine Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. For further  
information and booking form, please contact Drumalis – **028 2827 2196/2827 6455** (during  
office hours, Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm),  
**email maura@drumalis.co.uk** or see the Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

## Fellowship Café - Holy Trinity Church, Prospect Rd, Carrick

The Fellowship Café is open every Thursday  
between 11.00am and 1.00pm. Visitors to the  
café can accept refreshments as a gift or they  
can make a donation, where all profits are  
given away to worthy causes.

**Next Thursday, 3rd Oct, is the only day in  
the year that the café is about making  
money. They will be fund raising for  
NI Pancreatic Cancer Research and your  
support would be very much appreciated.  
Thank You.**

## St Columbanus Debates

We aim to bring men together to explain  
and to defend the Catholic faith over good  
food and drink. Fr Damian Mc Caughan  
and Dr Brian Ó Caithnia will be arguing -  
' **Is the Catholic Church failing to  
catechise today.**'

This is a men only event, and you are  
encouraged to bring your sons and  
grandsons. 8:00pm on the 5th of October  
at the O'Neill centre, 28 York Lane,  
Belfast, BT1 2LY.

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbanusdebates/>

## SMA Retreat & Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry.

### Days of Prayer / Workshops

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 'The Green Platform'  
led by Mr Declan Coyle - £45  
Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 'Finding God in the Mess'  
Fr.B.Mc Manus SJ & Jim Deeds £30

## Service of Remembrance

For parents and families who have been  
bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death  
of a baby, child or young person in Daisy Hill  
Hospital or the wider community, will take  
place in Newry Town Hall on  
**Sun 3 Nov at 3pm.**

## Romero Award presentation & 'Making a Killing' launch.

Join Trócaire for the presentation of its Romero  
Award to Abelino Chub Caal, a Guatemalan  
land rights activist, and launch of its campaign  
demanding companies are held to account for  
human rights abuses. Mon 30th Sept, Riddel  
Hall, Stranmillis. Event begins at 11 am.  
Tea/Coffee from 10.30 am.

## Special Belfast Christmas Pilgrimage

to the Holy Land, €1,795. Taking in Bethlehem,  
Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho,  
River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact  
James Treacy 00353860572216 ex Dublin