



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

22nd September 2019

25th Sunday of the Year

Sunday Cycle C

Weekdays 1

Divine Office Week 1

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 £1,177

Autumn Offering £818

Many thanks for your generosity

Children's Liturgy

Volunteers

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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Morag Jones (nee Muir)

Anniversaries

Benny Brankin, Jim McKnight,
Celine Connolly, Patrick Donaghy,
William Poland, Neil O'Kane,
Winifred McCusker (Dundalk).

*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 Carrickfergus
on Thurs 26 Sept.**

Chatty Crafters

Our Craft/Social night resumes
**Thurs 26th Sept at 7pm
in Lourdes Pastoral Centre.**
Everyone welcome,
whether crafty or not.

Do This in Memory Programme

There will be a meeting on
**Tues 24th September at 6.30pm,
in St Nicholas' PS**
for the parents of all children making
their First Holy Communion this year

September on Lough Derg

Special Living with Suicide Day Retreat, Sat
28 Sept. Advance booking is essential for any
of these dates. **Tel 071 9861518 or
email info@loughderg.org**

Parish Bethany Support Group

Tel: **07598825187**
to contact any member of the group.



Carrickfergus & Whitehead

CARING & SERVING TOGETHER

The Parish Assembly will take place on
Wed 25th Sept. at 7.30pm in
St. Nicholas' Primary School Hall.
All are very welcome to attend.



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>

Human Life International

A day in Honour of Our Lady - "Calling all Families".
Consecrate your families to Our Lady on
**Saturday, 6th October in Knock Shrine at the
3pm Pilgrimage Mass.**

Followed by testimony, food and music in the Rest and Care Centre and concludes with a Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops and their Dioceses. To book your seat on the subsidised Bus from Glengall Street, Belfast at 7am, (Donations Welcome, Booking Essential) please contact Human Life International in Knock on 094 9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie

NI Blood Transfusion Services

The next blood donation sessions will be held in
Town Hall, Joymount, C'fergus
Mon 23 Sept 1.30pm - 4pm & 5.15pm - 8pm
& Tues 24 Sept 1.30pm - 4pm & 5.15pm - 8pm

Extraordinary Mission Month [EMM] October 2019 Theme - "Baptised and Sent"

This October through an Extraordinary Mission Month declared by Pope Francis, the Diocese invites us to embrace the vision of a Missionary Church by celebrating the contribution of our Diocese to the missions abroad.

To mark EMM2019 we will be holding 3 major events in October –

• **Friday 11 October** 4.30pm - 7.30pm Missionary Young People and Children's Day - Braid Parish to include climbing Slemish, Prayer Service and BBQ (bus leaving from QUB Chaplaincy at 3.00pm)

• **Saturday 19 October** 9.30am - 4.30pm A Conference and Celebration of D&C Missionaries Abroad and at Home in St Mary's University College, Falls Rd, Belfast

• **Sunday 20 October** - 2.30pm Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission - St Patrick's Church, Chapel Hill, Lisburn.

Throughout the coming year, we plan to acknowledge and celebrate the work of the many hundreds of Missionaries who left their homes and parishes to engage in Missionary endeavour around the world. If you have a relative or friend who is currently a Missionary abroad or during their lifetime has served as a Missionary, we would really appreciate if you would please give their details including Name, Religious Order, Dates etc. to your Parish Office or email [missions@downandconnor.org] before 23rd September 2019.

My Guide - Guide Dogs NI

Can you help someone with sight loss in your local community?

In your local area there are people with a visual impairment who really need your support to get out and about, try new things and engage again with their local community. Guide Dogs NI are recruiting volunteers to help improve the confidence and independence of people with a visual impairment. Some of those hoping for a volunteer have been waiting for several months, so getting involved could really help change someone's life.

The My Guide service matches blind and partially sighted people with a trained volunteer to spend a few hours a week, to get out and about, trying new things and getting involved again in the local community.

If you have a few hours to spare and really want to make a massive difference to someone living with sight loss in your local area then become a My Guide volunteer. For more information contact: **Paula.mclarnon@guidedogs.org.uk** or phone **07766 526873**

Irish Catholic Doctors Learning Network - 5th Annual Conference

Power & Powerlessness - Responding to the
Challenges of Modern Healthcare

Sat 5 Oct 9.00am - 5.00pm

Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Dublin

Open to all interested healthcare

professionals

Booking through our website: icdln.ie

Family Care Adoption Services (1969 – 2019) Celebrating 50 years of adoption

Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 2 years and older; and brothers and sisters.

To find out more information please contact us at: **Family Care Adoption Services:**

Telephone: 028 71 368592 or 028 90 691133

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Email:

anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org

Website: www.familycaresociety.co.uk

SMA Retreat & Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry.

Days of Prayer / Workshops

9.30am – 5.00pm (with lunch)

Sat. 28th Sept. **'Lectio Divina'**

led by Fr. Joseph Ralph OP - £25

Sat. 19th Oct. **'The Green Platform'**

led by Mr Declan Coyle - £45

Sat. 9th Nov. **'Finding God in the Mess'**

Fr.B.Mc Manus SJ & Jim Deeds £30

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

Beginning Experience

Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? A support group for widowed, separated and divorced people meets every Wed evening from 8pm to 10pm, commencing Wed 25th Sept, in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast.

All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669