

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

Saint Nicholas'

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14th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 2

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> Bulletin Notices to be submitted to the parish email address by 12 noon Wed

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Rose Duffy, Michael Mulholland (Sydney Australia)

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

Mass on the Parish Website

Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for **14th Sunday of the Year from St. Nicholas' Church.**

Church opening times for private individual prayer

Carrickfergus & Whitehead Every Sundays from 4pm to 6pm

All visitors <u>must strictly observe</u> the social distancing regulations and good hygienic practices outlined at the Church entrances.

Anyone who is unwell; exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 or who are at increased risk from the virus, and/or have been advised to shield, should remain at home.

Members of the Pastoral Council will be present to provide direction and ensure compliance with the required arrangements.

- There is a one-way system in operation with appropriate signage.
- Visitors will be asked to use an antibacterial wipe to clean their seat, before sitting and upon leaving.
- To minimise the risk to visitors and cleaners, toilet facilities will not be accessible while the church is open.

The Parish Youth recently took part in a Holy Hour in St. Nicholas' Church.



The theme was

"The Earth Our Common Home"



This is now available, to view on the Parish Website.

COVID 19 Support Team

Last Tuesday evening, Fr. Peter met with ten parishioners in St. Nicholas' Church, to outline how the Parish would need to adapt, to facilitate a safe return to the Public Celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. Over the coming weeks, this team will organise preparations and oversee the implementation. As social distancing regulations will be in place, there will be a limit to the number of parishioners who will be able to attend Mass. The safety and well being of our parishioners is paramount, when we reopen.

This week, the Pastoral Council will be meeting, to ascertain, how we can invite parishioners back to Mass. Parishioners will be kept up to date on these developments.

Provisionally, we will not have Mass until the first week of August.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Mass Cards Pre-signed Mass Cards can be obtained from Patrick Quinn and Siobhan Gilmore (Carrickfergus) and Paddy & Gerardine Stewart and Mary McCormack (Whitehead).

They will record the intention requested and communicate it to me as soon as possible. Once we return to more 'normal' circumstances, these cards will be withdrawn immediately. *Father Peter*

Abiding Memories: Mary Magdalene Apostle to the Apostles Short Course by Zoom with Sr Pam Thimmes OSC Hosted by Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre over 2 sessions

Saturday, 1 August & Saturday, 8 August from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

About the course: Apart from Mary the mother of Jesus, no other woman in the New Testament receives as much attention as Mary Magdalene. She is found in each of the four canonical gospels, but nowhere else in the New Testament. In addition, she is a character in 11 Gnostic/non-canonical works, where sometimes she is a major character. In the Gospel of John she is the first witness to Jesus' resurrection and is commissioned as the *apostle to the apostles*. This is a journey to rediscover who this woman is, how she was remembered by these early communities, and how later traditions chose to obscure and impugn her character. Today we are able to recover her powerful – and dangerous - memories and the faith expressed in these diverse communities.

About the Facilitator: Sr Pam is a Poor Clare sister living at the Poor Clare Monastery in Faughart, Co Louth. She teaches Scripture in each of the Drumalis Adult Faith Development programmes and in the Permanent Diaconate programmes for several

dioceses. Sr Pam is also an experienced and popular spiritual director and retreat leader, as well as a working photographer.

The cost of the two Zoom sessions is £25 per person or £40 per household. If you would like to book a place(s), please email drumalis@btconnect.com



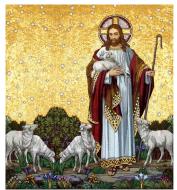
Liverpool takes title, but for Klopp, Jesus is still top.

The Red Army may have been crowned Premiere League champions last weekend, but Liverpool manager **Jurgen Klopp**, says his faith has helped him to deal with both success and failure on and off the pitch.

In a recent magazine interview, he said, "Jesus Christ is the most important person in history. For me, this is an easy answer."

Mr Klopp said that his Christian faith gives him a strong sense that everything will work out for the good. He said, "When I look at me and my life; and I take time for that every day; then I feel I am in sensationally good hands".

The manager said, he wished that more people could discover that God has a plan for their life.



PPC Appeal

The Covid-19 pandemic is the biggest challenge the Parish has faced in a generation. As we go through this together we, would like to record your experiences. If you have any photos or video clips of the last few weeks, we would love you to send them to us for a visual archive, please send to Carrickfergus@downandconnor.org Thank you.

Contact Details for various Helplines can be found on the Parish Website.

This Coming Week
6th-12th July

Mon

St. Maria Goretti

Tues

St. Maelruain

Wed

St. Killian

Thurs

Ss. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

Sat

St. Benedict, Patron of Europe

Sun

15th Sunday of the Year

Mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/webcam/

Mass at St. Bernard's, Glengormley https://www.churchservices.tv/glengormley/