



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



12th January 2020

The Baptism Of The Lord

Sunday Cycle A

Weekdays 2

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 Wednesday

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 £1,392
Monthly Offering £950
Christmas Offering £2854

Many thanks for your generosity



Gifts & Cards for
Confirmation,
including; Rosary
beads, Prayer books,
Photo frames, Pens,
etc. are now

available from the Parish Repository.

Candlemas Day Sun 2nd Feb.

If you would like to purchase candles to
be blessed, please contact Anne in the
Parish Repository.
Candles will be blessed at all the
weekend Masses on the above date.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Jim Magee, Michael Brady,
Mary Weatherhead, Molly Turley.

Month's Mind

Edda Sofia McKenzie.

Anniversaries

Bridie Murray, James Muir,
Kathleen Nolan, Nora Nolan,
Joseph Morrison, Annie Morrison,
Kate McManus, Moira Burke,
Anne & Eric Cameron.

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

Trocaire Christmas Gifts

A sincere thanks for all those parishioners who
purchased Trocaire Gift Cards to help fund
projects for children and families in Africa.
You have contributed £623.00 to this annual
Christmas appeal.

Thank you for your ongoing support for
Trocaire's projects.
Patrick Quinn

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to everyone who gave
donations towards the Christmas Flowers
in St. Nicholas' and
Our Lady of Lourdes Churches.
Anne Quinn and Margaret O'Neill.

Eucharistic Adoration

All praise and thanksgiving be to you,
Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist, for what we
see with the eyes of faith is really You,
Jesus, truly present in this most Blessed
Sacrament.

Intention for January

We pray for the lonely, the depressed and
all those with psychological difficulties,
that they will find comfort and solace in
this New Year.

Lourdes Pastoral Centre

Basic Country Jive Lessons

With Thomas and Rachelle

Starting Thursday 30th January 2020
8.30pm to 9.30pm

6 week course costs £25 and is limited to 40
places. For further details and to book a place,
please contact: Ann Woods, Eileen Vance,
Paddy Stewart, Gavin Pollard or Colin Boylan.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

are currently seeking volunteer registered nurses to
work on the 2020 Pilgrimage (8-13 July).
For more information or to register your interest,
please email Lourdes@downandconnor.org

Public Lecture –

The Global Persecution of Christians

Dr Michael Kinsella from Aid to the Church in
Need will address the issue of the global
persecution of Christians in a public lecture at
Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy,
28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast
on **Tuesday 21 January at 7pm.**
Everyone is welcome.

Diocesan Liturgy Seminar

The Diocesan Liturgy Seminar 2020, entitled
'Word of God—Gift and Challenge'
will be held on **Saturday 25th Jan 2020** from
1.30pm—4.30pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre, 38
Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP.
Registration from 1pm.
It will be presented by Fr Albert McNally.
The Seminar is open to all and the cost is £10 per
person. To book please contact:
Malachy McKeever
Email: liturgy@downandconnor.org

Blessed Trinity College

warmly invites you to our Open Evenings on
Tuesday 14th January and
Wednesday 15th January.
From 6.00pm -6.45pm, there will be a tour of
Sports and Technology Facilities on our Antrim
Road Site. There will be an address by the
Principal at 7pm followed by a tour of the
Somerton Road Site.
The Opening Evening will be a great opportunity
to come and experience life in Trinity and see all
we have to offer. Please come along and be part
of our journey.

Local Pilgrimage to Fatima Easter 2020

8th – 13th April. 5 nights Full Board Taking in all the
major sites also including day trips to Santerim where
Bleeding Host took place and trip to Lisbon to see Saint
Anthony's Church and Baptismal Font .ex Dublin
Contact James Treacy 0860572216

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust

VACANCY

DIRECTOR of MUSIC—SCHOLA CANTORUM, ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is seeking to recruit a talented and committed musician to play
a key role in the liturgical life of St Peter's Cathedral as Director of the Schola Cantorum. The
successful candidate will be a skilled musician and organist, experienced in choral direction and
development, with a knowledge and understanding of liturgical music, particularly in Catholic
Tradition. Responsible to the Cathedral Administrator, the Director's key role will be to rehearse
and conduct the boys' choir, building and developing the Schola's skills through musical
education. Building on the standards of excellence developed over the last 10years. The Director
will actively engage with local schools and parishes to maintain and enhance the schola's
membership.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 15 hours per week. Work pattern
required will be Tuesday and Friday from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm each day and from 9.30 am to
12.30 pm on a Sunday. 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 either
the Diocesan website at <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/or> alternatively on the
Community NI website, 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 12.00 noon on Friday 17th January 2020
Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Hope for the Planet

Re-inhabiting the Earth Spring Conference –
Drumalis, Larne, Fri, 14 – Sun, 16 February 2020

We are delighted to have Andy Lester, Head of
Conservation for Christian Charity A Rocha UK,
as the keynote speaker for this annual
environmental conference. It is possible to attend
on a residential or non-residential basis for the
full weekend and there is also the opportunity to
attend for the day only on Saturday. For further
details or to book a place, please contact
Drumalis - Tel **028 28272196/28276455**
(Mon- Fri, 9am – 5pm) Booking forms can also
be downloaded from <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Belfast Operatic Company

Present 'Songs from the Shows'

on Friday 17th January at 7-30pm in
Holywood Parish Church.
Tickets cost £12 and can be purchased on line at
www.hollywoodparishchurch.co.uk/songs
Or the parish office 71 Church Road,
Holywood ,BT18 9BX. Tel no 02890423622

4 Corners Festival Belfast

This inter-denominational arts festival aimed at
promoting reconciliation runs from Jan 31 to Feb 9.
You are invited to attend as many as possible of nearly
20 events throughout Belfast, including a talk by
Fr Peter McVerry SJ, the famous champion of the
homeless. The theme this year is "Building a City of
Grace" and the intention is to promote through music,
drama and prayer discussion about the need we share
for the gift of grace in our divided society.
The Festival was co-founded in 2012 by Falls Road
priest, Fr Martin Magill and Presbyterian minister, Rev
Steve Stockman.
The events are free and further details can be found at
the website 4cornersfestival.com

The Paris Peace Conference 1919

with Dr Johnston McMaster
Drumalis, Larne – commencing Wednesday,
15 January from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Taking place at Drumalis over three evenings
(Wed, 15 Jan, Thurs, 30 Jan and Thurs, 13
Feb), this short course remembering Paris
1919 will reflect critically on the history and
legacies still haunting us and take critical
stock of the European and global context of
now. Each session takes place from 7:00 pm
until 9:00 pm and costs £30 for the series,
including light refreshments.

For further information or to book a place,
please contact **028 28276455/28272196**
during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm)
or email drumalis@btconnect.com

The Joy of Love In Marriage

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers
married couples (of all ages) private time to
rekindle the joy of their love. The next
residential Weekend is **31 Jan - 2 Feb 2020**
in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.
For information and booking:
marriageencounter.ie
or call +44 770 281 2321

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter

A two day non-residential course will be held
in Castle Community Centre, Ballymoney on
21-22 March 2020. This weekend is a
positive way of preparing for Marriage where
you will discover how you can enrich your
future relationship. Information/Booking:
marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512