



*Saint Nicholas'*

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**5th July 2020**

**14th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 2**

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## 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**

**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*

**All visitors must strictly observe 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>