



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

24th November 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

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

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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 £1,451
Bishops Commission £620
Many thanks for your generosity

Christmas Cards & Gifts

Now available from the
parish repository.
Children's Advent Calendars,
Christmas Cribs & Nativity sets
Boxed & Individual Cards, Church
Art, Calendars, 2020 Catholic Diary.



Open before and
after weekend
Masses.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Fr Seamus McErlean.

Anniversaries

Harry McKee, Brid McCormac,
Christopher Curran, Brian Teague,
Pauline Lydon, Michael Lydon.

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

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS
ON MON 25TH &
TUES 26TH NOV.**

Mass for the Bereaved

All parishioners are invited to our Annual
Mass for the Bereaved in St Nicholas' Church
on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30 pm.

We will remember in a special way those
parishioners who have died this year by
placing a candle on the front of the altar.
After the Mass there will be light refreshments
in St Nicholas' School.

Please join us. All are most welcome.

Trocaire Christmas Gifts

If you would like to purchase a Trocaire
Christmas Gift Card for someone this
Christmas, please contact Patrick Quinn at
any of the weekend Masses.

Christmas Flowers – Carrickfergus & Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards dressing
the churches with flowers for Christmas, please
see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or Margaret
O'Neill in Whitehead or alternatively put your
offering in the boxes
provided in the church
porches.
Thank you



St Nicholas' Primary School Open Day

Mr Austin, staff and pupils of
St Nicholas' PS proudly invite you to visit
and experience the unique family
atmosphere on **Tues 3rd Dec at 10.30am.**
For prospective P1 Parents starting in 2020.
Please feel free to arrange an alternative
appointment with Mr Austin if this date
does not suit.

Contact Tel: 02893351149

E: info@stnicholasps.carrickfergus.ni.sch

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal

SVP will be launching their annual
Christmas appeal on **Sun 1st December**
All funds raised will help families in
poverty. We will also be launching our
Giving Tree, asking for gifts for our
children this Christmas.
Thank you in advance of your support.

Eucharistic Adoration

All glory and praise to You, Jesus, in this
most Blessed Sacrament. Enlighten my
mind that I may understand that the Blessed
Sacrament is not mere bread, but You in the
flesh.

Intention for November

We pray for all our deceased relatives and
friends and those who have no one to pray
for them. May they rest in peace.

Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious

There will be a Mass for Deceased Clergy
and Religious - for those who have died
and returned to God before us; in particular
we remember those who have died in this
past year (1st Nov 2018 - 31st Oct 2019).

The Mass will take place on

**Wed 27th Nov in St Peter's Cathedral
at 7:00 pm**

The Mass will also be broadcast online at:
[http://www.churchservices.tv/
stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

Parishioners, Clergy and Religious from
throughout the Diocese are invited to join
the families of the deceased to offer Mass
together with our Bishops. Light
refreshments will be available afterwards in
the Immaculata Youth Centre.

DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

VACANCY

PRINCIPAL SAFEGUARDING PRACTITIONER

We are looking to recruit a knowledgeable safeguarding professional, to take on the role and challenges
as Principal Practitioner within the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Safeguarding Team. As part of
our responsive service, you must be able to problem solve, prioritise quickly, identify risk, be able to
build professional relationships, know and apply legislation and work with others to achieve the best
possible outcome. You must demonstrate enthusiasm, dedication and the ability to think on your feet.
The post holder will report to the Director for Safeguarding and will adopt the role of Designated
Liaison Person for safeguarding children and young people, and the Adult Safeguarding Champion in
relation to adult safeguarding. The role will extend to having a safeguarding oversight within the
parishes, Diocesan Commissions and Committees across the Diocese of Down and Connor.
The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 37.5 hours attendance each week. Out of
hours availability will be a requirement from time to time. 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 the Diocese
of Down and Connor website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies> 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 noon on Monday 2nd December 2019.**

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Parish Advent Services

Please come along and join in the following services taking place during Advent, as we prepare as a
Parish Family for Christmas.

Sunday 1st December

- Prayers Around the Crib at 7:00 p.m. in Carrickfergus

Please use the back entrance to the church for this service.

Wednesday 11th December

- Annual Mass for the Bereaved at 7:30 p.m. in Carrickfergus

Monday 16th December

- Penitential Service at 7:00 p.m. in Carrickfergus

Sunday 22nd December

- Carol Service at 3:00 p.m. in Whitehead

If anyone needs a lift to any of the Advent Services, please contact

Gerardine Stewart on 028 93353700 and it will be arranged.

Advent Retreat: "A Sabbath for the Lord" with Fr Brian O'Leary SJ

Drumalis - Friday, 13 - Sunday, 15 December

These quiet days in the middle of Advent will offer
us the opportunity to leave aside the busyness of
our daily lives and rest, in silence, togetherness and
worship, as we await the coming of the Son of God
at Christmas.

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

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Reflect on the great 'O
Antiphons' used in Evening
Prayer and Mass during the
second part of Advent.
Watch an online talk each day
from December 16

Register Now!

enquiries@prioryinstitute.com
prioryinstitute.com
00353 1 404 8124



Fresh Frontiers Programme

LEDCom Ltd in Larne is running a PEACE IV
funded, cross community, youth development
project for 16 – 24 year olds who reside in the
Carrickfergus area. The project is called the Fresh
Frontiers Programme and will be made up of
personal development sessions, one to one
mentoring, practical involvement in a community
project voluntary work placements and a 3-day
cultural awareness trip to Donegal. The
programme is FREE and will commence in
January 2020, in Carrickfergus. It will be held one
evening per week. To find out more or to register
your interest, please contact Anne Taylor
Tel: 02828269973, Mobile: 07860951733
Email: annetaylor@ledcom.org

The Way Forward: Precious Life will be hosting an
information evening regarding the change of the law on
abortion here in the North, and on the upcoming
elections with advice on candidates and their stance on
abortion. It will take place on Mon 25th Nov @7:30pm
in The Lansdowne Hotel Antrim Rd Belfast. All
welcome. For more information contact Precious Life on
02890278484 or email info@preciouslife.com