



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



9th February 2020

5th Sunday of the Year

Sunday Cycle A

Weekdays 2

Divine Office Week 1

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

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
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 , VF
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Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,131
Monthly Offering £981

Many thanks for your generosity

Eucharistic Adoration

O Divine Jesus, neglected in so many
tabernacles of the world, I offer you my
heart, that its every beat be a prayer of
love to You.

Intention for February

We pray for all the young people of our
Parish who were confirmed recently.
May they always be guided by the
Holy Spirit and develop a deep
friendship with Jesus.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2020

First Confession -
Tues 3rd March at 11.00am
First Holy Communion -
Sat 30th May at 11.00am.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Lilla Waterman (1st),
Fr Hugh Crossin, Brian O'Neill,
Reeves and Bob Mulholland.

*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 C'fergus
on Thurs 13th Feb.

Lent 2020

If you would like to order a copy of the
"Walk with Me Lent 2020" book,
please contact Patrick Quinn at any
weekend Mass. a.s.a.p
Price £1.00

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at 8:00 p.m.

This year's World Day of Prayer will be
hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes church in
Whitehead, as it is our turn on the rota of
churches in the area who host it every year.
Please keep the date free and come along to
this International ecumenical initiative,
celebrated annually in over 170 countries.
If you are able to help with preparing light
refreshments for the service, setting up the
Pastoral Centre, serving the supper or washing
up afterwards, please contact
Gerardine Stewart on 07747 114419 or
Eileen Vance on 07942 921654.
Fruit loaves, scones, tray-bakes, buns or cakes
will all be gratefully received. Thank you.

Lourdes Pastoral Centre

The centre is available for Children's Parties
and Family Events. For further information or
to make a booking, please speak with any
member of the committee: Ann Woods, Eileen
Vance, Gavin Pollard, Paddy Stewart or
Colin Boylan.

Carrickfergus Church Forum

Faith and Friendship Meeting
Theme: 'Hope for the Future'
(Romans 15:13)

Tues 11th February at 7-30pm
St Nicholas' Catholic Church
Minorca Place
All most welcome.

Living Youth

'Stay Awake for Homelessness'

Fundraising event @ Living Youth,
28th February, 8pm to 6am,
Aged 17-25.

Living Youth, along with other organisations
across Ireland, are running 'Stay Awake for
Homelessness' to raise awareness and raise vital
funds for homelessness, by staying awake all
night. All proceeds go towards St Patrick's Mercy
Door Soup Kitchen and Morning Star House.
If interested, please email
s.mullan@downandconnor.org or
Tel: 028 90 232432

Living Youth

Summer Pilgrimage 2020 – Youth Festival at Medjugorje

The LIVING YOUTH Summer Pilgrimage 2020
will be to Medjugorje. We will join more than
50,000 other young people from around the world
to celebrate our Catholic Faith. Staying at the
Medjugorje Palace Hotel we will take part in the
youth festival and also visit the Waterfalls of
Kravice, the capital Mostar and the Shrine of
Vepric at Makarska, all while journeying with
other young people from across our Diocese.
Pilgrimage Dates: 29th July – 7th August 2020,
for those aged 17 – 25 Cost £799
(plenty of opportunities for fundraising).
For an Application Form and more information
go to www.livingyouthni.org or contact us on
02890 232 432 or info@livingyouthni.org.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Full board in hotel: 7 nights (7-14 July) for
£725 or 5 nights (8-13 July) for £650.
Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with
medical and nursing care in Accueil
Notre-Dame: 5 nights (8-13 July) for £550.
Youth Team (5-14 July) £590.
All flights from Belfast International Airport.
Application forms now available from the
Parish Office or for further information
contact the Pilgrimage Office on
02890770162 or
email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org or visit
www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes.

Harbour Faith Community Meditation Group

Warmly invites St Nicholas' Parishioners to
join us on **TODAY, Sun 9th Feb at 7.00pm.**
We are having a service dedicated to St Brigid.
The theme is 'An Invitation to Recklessness'.
Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be
served following the service.

HERE 2 HELP ROADSHOW

Following a number of tragic events over the
past number of months MEA Council have
developed this Roadshow to raise awareness of
Support Services available for those affected by
Mental Health and Wellbeing issues and Drugs
and Alcohol concerns.

The event is FREE to attend on
Wed 12th Feb at 10.00am

Ballymena North Business and
Recreation Centre.

For more information visit
www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk where you can
download the **HERE 2 HELP app** to get quick
access to free and confidential support.

The Art of Lent

Drumalis Retreat Centre in Larne is hosting
three mornings of reflection, exploring Lent
using art, music, and scripture. Take time to
reflect on the Sunday gospel drawing insight
from great masterpieces. Only £5 per morning:
Thursday 5th & 19th March, and 2nd April
from 10:30-12:00 (including refreshments).
To book, please email
drumalis@btconnect.com or
telephone 028 28276455.

SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine

'Introduction to Focusing'

led by Fr. Adrian Farrelly OP
Sat. 15th Feb. 9.30am – 5.00pm
inc. Lunch - £30

Lenten Days of Recollection

'Lord, open my heart as wide as it can open'

led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA
Sat. 14th March 9.30am – 5.00pm
inc. Lunch - £25

'Remember – you're worth it!'

led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA
Sat. 28th March 9.30am – 5.00pm
inc. Lunch - £25

Clare Lodge

Mother's Day Treat

3 Nights Stay—Fri 20th -Mon 23rd March
Please contact Clare Lodge on 02843722849
or email clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk for
further information

Lent at Tobar Mhuire.

Ash Wednesday. A conversation on forgiveness
between Alan McBride and Jude Whyte, two
people who been faced with the challenge of
forgiving those who perpetrated awful deeds
upon their loved ones. Session begins at
7.30pm. Voluntary donation towards
Belfast Welcome Centre.

Lenten Scripture Course with Fr. Oliver
Treanor. A four week series on the Wednesdays
of Lent, in which Fr. Oliver Treanor invites us
to see the meaning of the Cross in God's plan
and as a way of achieving the fullness of life.
Begins at 7.30pm and concludes at 9.00pm
sharp. Voluntary Donation.

Take Off Your Shoes – You are Standing on
Holy Ground! A three week course, March 1st;
March 8th; March 15th, to explore the beauty of
Eucharistic Adoration and ways of developing
best practice in our personal lives and in our
parishes. Led by: Fr Tom Scanlon CP.
Time: 3.00pm – 5.30pm each day.
Voluntary Donation.

ACCORD

Accord provides a counselling service for any
couple who may be experiencing difficulties or
challenges in their relationship.
The Ballymena Centre is situated in All Saints
Parish Centre, 9 Cushendall Road, Ballymena
Tel No-02890339944.
Email-ballymena@accordni.com

Hope for the Planet

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

NI Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation sessions will be
held in Town Hall, Joymount, C'fergus

Wed 19 February

1.30pm-4.00pm & 5.15pm-8.00pm

Thurs 20 February

1.30pm-4.00pm & 5.15pm-8.00pm