



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



22nd December 2019

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday Cycle A

Divine Office Week 4

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 £1,532
Many thanks for your generosity

Eucharistic Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is a promise
and foretaste of heaven and a
fulfilment of that love, which is the
greatest love our hearts will
ever know.

Intention for December

We pray for the sick and the lonely,
that they may experience the great
love that God has for them, through
the love and care of us, their fellow
parishioners.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Fred Kemp,
Edda Sophia McKenzie.

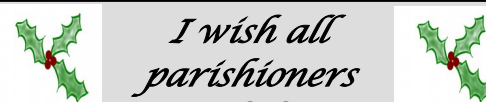
Month's Mind

Ricky Waterman

Anniversaries

Roisin McMahon (1st),
Robert McAuley, Grant Elliott,
Mary Mulvenna, Sara Booth,
Annie Millar, Thomas Mullan,
James Daly, Hugh Daly,
Maisie Conlon, Alex Sturgenor,
John Carton, Sarah McVeigh.

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



*I wish all
parishioners
and their
families and visitors to our
Parish, the Blessings of the
Infant Jesus and his Holy
Mother for this Christmas
and the coming year.
Fr Peter.*

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.

**THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE ON
SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2020.**

Liturgical Rota for Christmas and the New Year

Sunday 22nd December - Carol Service **TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. in Whitehead
Monday 23rd December - No 10.00am Mass in Whitehead
Tuesday 24th December - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in Whitehead
(Christmas Eve) - Vigil Mass at 8.00pm in Carrickfergus
Wednesday 25th December - Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead
(Christmas Day) - Mass at 11.00am in Carrickfergus
Thursday 26th December - No Mass
Saturday 28th December - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in Carrickfergus
Sunday 29th December - Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead
- Mass at 11.30am in Carrickfergus

Monday 30th December - Friday 3rd January - No Masses except funerals
Saturday 4th January - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in Carrickfergus
Sunday 5th January - Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead
- Mass at 11.30am in Carrickfergus

Monday 6th January - Mass at 10.00am in Whitehead
(The Epiphany of the Lord) - Mass at 7.00pm in Carrickfergus

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER

Christmas Gifts

Children's Advent Calendars,
Cards, Gifts and Candles,
11 piece Nativity sets
with stable, Calendars &
Catholic Diaries
are available in the Parish Repository

Trocaire Gifts



If you would like to purchase
a Trocaire Christmas Gift
Card, please contact Patrick
Quinn at any of the weekend Masses, or
call into the Repository.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2020

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

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.

The Live Crib at St. Mary's

Visit The Live Crib at St. Mary's Grotto,
Chapel Lane Belfast, open to Tue 24 Dec and
from Sat 28th Dec to Mon 6 Jan '20 from
10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on 19th and 23rd Dec
to 8 p.m. Come along and meet Mary, Joseph
and Baby Jesus, the shepherds and the animals.
The three wise men will arrive on 6th January.
Animals featuring this year are donkeys: Obie,
Denis, Pablo, Daisy, Pongo and friends kindly
provided by the Irish Donkey Society, Holly
the sheep and Tinsel and Archie the goats.
Carols at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Proceeds to
Tuesday's Child Following Yonder Star
Christmas Appeal for children in Gaza, Syria,
Kenya and Sudan. Prayers at the crib each day
for peace for every child, born and unborn.
Contact 07545-452362.

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

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

St Mary's University College, Belfast

St Mary's is at present accepting applications for
courses beginning in September 2020. On offer are
places on undergraduate courses for the BEd (Hons)
Primary teaching degree, the BEd (Hons) Post-
Primary teaching degree, and the BA (Hons) Liberal
Arts. The closing date for applications for these
undergraduate courses is Monday, 13 January 2020.
Also on offer are places on a postgraduate course for
the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Irish-
medium Education) Primary. The closing date for
this postgraduate course is Friday, 28 February 2020.
For further details contact the College on +44(0) 28
90268320 or visit the College website at
www.smucb.ac.uk.

Children's Liturgy-Development Day

he Living Church Office will host the second of
three Development Days for leaders of Children's
Liturgy of the Word on, Saturday 25th of January,
here in our offices at, 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast
BT14 6LA. The day will commence at 9.30am and
finish at 3.30pm. Development Days are designed to
nourish, support, and resource, all those involved in
leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in their
parish. Due to the popularity of these days, early
registration is advised. As usual, there will be time
for prayer, input, discussion and activities. There is
no charge for the day and lunch and all necessary
resources will be provided. To book your place,
please contact Caren at
c.collins@downandconnor.org or ring the Living
Church Office on 02890690920

HEALTHCARE VISITOR TRAINING.

Are you a lay person who might be interested in
healthcare visitation either within your local parish
context or within a chaplaincy context? Are you a
lay person who visits healthcare facilities as part of
your church responsibilities? Do you sometimes feel
unsure what to do, what to say or how to react to the
different pastoral situations you meet or could meet
in a healthcare setting? Please consider
attending training for healthcare visitors: Venue:
Edgehill House, 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast BT9 5BY;
Dates: Thursday 23rd to Thursday 19th March 2020,
7-9pm. Fee: £75. Contact Parish Office for details.

St Louise's Comprehensive College

Open Night

Thursday 9th January 2020
Principal's Address at 4.30pm and 6.30pm
Primary 6 and 7 boys and girls are welcome
to attend

The Rosary

Each Saturday evening at 5:30pm, the Rosary will
be prayed in Blessed Sacrament Chapel before
Vigil Mass. Please come along.