



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

21st June 2020

12th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 4

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Bulletin Notices to be submitted to the parish email address by 12 noon Wed

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Fr. John O'Sullivan

Anniversaries

Josephine McConnell,

Kathleen O'Connor,

Adrianna Kruk,

Ciaran Moran,

Josephine & Billy Pitt,

Roslyn Grady, Jimmy Grant,

Winifred McKay (month's mind)

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

Amen

CLONARD NOVENA

Online this year.

The Novena will begin on Fri.
June 19th and end on June 27th.

The Sessions from Clonard will
be at: 7am; 9.30am; 6.15pm;
and 8.00pm.

Mass on the Parish Website

Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for

12th Sunday of the Year from St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

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.

Church opening times for private individual prayer

Carrickfergus & Whitehead, are open on Sundays from 4pm - 6pm

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 themselves 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 seating and upon leaving.
- ◆ To minimise the risk to visitors and cleaners, toilet facilities will not be accessible while the church is open.

SUPPORT POPE FRANCIS' COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND

Your help is urgently needed to help overseas missionaries and vulnerable communities to defend themselves against COVID-19. In Africa, Asia and Latin America the Church is often on the frontline. Missionaries already face too many challenges; working in over-crowded communities with no running water. In shantytowns and refugee camps where social distancing is simply impossible, and where self-isolation could mean starvation. To help protect these fragile communities, Pope Francis has announced the COVID-19 Emergency Fund. If you can, please give so that our less-fortunate brothers and sisters have a fighting chance. Donate by going online www.wmi.ie/covid-fund or call Fiona on 00 353 1 497 2035.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

This week 15th -21st June marks Men's Health Week. The charity Aware-Ni are using this week as an opportunity to highlight Men's Mental Health Issues.

The safeguarding committee wish to acknowledge that mental health matters to all in our community. This is particularly relevant during these difficult times of the Covid 19 pandemic, where the very nature of the virus has left people feeling lonely, isolated and more anxious than ever.

We as a church community can help by continuing to support the vulnerable and signpost those who wish to access further help to number of charities which are supported by the public health agency.

Some links to these below.

<https://www.mindingyourhead.info/service/aware-ni>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

Donation of Masks

On behalf of myself and the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to thank Sarah Dixon for making a very large number of protective masks to be distributed free of charge among our parishioners. Members of the Pastoral Council have already begun delivering masks, and masks will also be available at both churches when they are open for private personal prayer on Sundays between 4.00pm - 6.00pm. Sarah, who is secretary of the Parish Safeguarding Committee, is in our debt for her kindness and generosity.

Fr. Peter

Mass for the Sacred Heart.

The Pioneer Association are pleased to inform you of
a special event to mark the

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 19th June.

This event will be celebrated from St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.

The celebrant will be the Most Reverend Bishop Alan McGuckian,
Diocese of Raphoe.

Mass will be broadcast at 10.30am on RTE News Now, also Saorview 21.
Sky 521 and Virgin Media 200.

This Week

Sun

12th Sunday of the Year

Mon

St. John Fisher, Bishop
St. Thomas More, Martyr

Tues

St. Etheldreda

Wed

Birth of St. John the
Baptist

Sat

St. Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop

Offertory Promise Envelopes.

These can be placed in the secure marked boxes located at the back of both our
churches and which will be accessible during the period of Private Individual
Prayer on Sunday afternoon 4pm - 6pm.

Congratulations to Hugh and Marion McHugh from Whitehead on celebrating
their 56th Wedding Anniversary. They were Married in Our Lady of Lourdes
Church on 11th June 1964. by Father McKenna.

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 Thank you.

The Diocese has issued
new guidelines in relation
to
Outdoor Marriages and
Funerals & Requiem
Masses.
The documents are now
available to view on the
parish website.

Contact Details for various Helplines can be found on the Parish Website.

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/>