



*Saint Nicholas'*

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**3rd May 2020**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Cycle A Week 4**

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## Our Parish and COVID-19: What Now?

Given the unprecedented situation with the Coronavirus Pandemic, the parish has been following the advice issued from Government departments, and implementing the latest Down and Connor directives.

**Documents can be viewed on the Parish Website.**

## Mass on the Parish Website

Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for the

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)

from Our Lady of Lourdes

This will be available to watch on the Parish Website.

Please check the Website on the day.

## This Week

### Sun

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Vocations Sunday

### Mon

The English Martyrs  
St. Conleth, Ireland  
St. Richard Reynolds

### Tues

St. Asaph, Wales  
Blessed Edmund Rice,  
Ireland

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

## A Holy Hour for Eastertime

Exposition & Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament,  
in the church of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Whitehead, facilitated by the Pastoral Council,  
will be put on the Parish Website this Sunday.  
We hope to present more such devotions in the  
months to come.

**Requiescant in Pace**



## Anniversaries

May Muir,  
Bridget Murray,  
Ronald & Elfrida Walk  
(Birmingham),  
Margaret & Jackie Butler,  
John Logue (Larne)

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

## Donations to India

On 20th April, Carrickfergus & Whitehead Parish Cell Groups,  
along with the Bethany Group, made donations of £100 to both  
Fr Martin Cushnan and Fr Chadran for their work in India.

**Cell Chat** To access the group chat forum on WhatsApp, please text  
Jim Mullan on 07841 428436, leaving your phone number and name.

## Courage

The word courage comes from *coeur*, the French for 'heart'. The essence  
of courage is being willing to feel our heart, to be present to the moment  
and to be open to the other, even when things are difficult or painful.  
But it is not enough to be open. We must also be willing to extend  
ourselves, to face up squarely to experience and let it affect us,  
to wake up and confront what is actually happening,  
rather than just go along with old stories. This is true courage.

## Family Notices

We would like to inaugurate the family notices in the Bulletin with remembering an eminent senior parishioner who has sadly died recently.

**Celine Arkins** was born 16<sup>th</sup> March 1924, eldest daughter of Henry Vincent and Jane Cushnan. From her early years at St. Nicholas' Primary School her life revolved around the practices of the Catholic faith and our parish in particular. Celine first played the organ in our church aged 17 and continued for almost 70 years. She was a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, founder member of the Charismatic Renewal Movement, enthusiastic member of the Cell Groups as well as serving on the Pastoral Council and Board of Governors of the primary school.

Celine passed away peacefully on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. She was predeceased by her husband Michael, son John, brother Vincent and sister Eleanor. Celine leaves her children, Michael, Mary (Boylan), Gerard, Peter, Tom, Celine (Murray), Martin, Vincent, Patrick and Paul; 36 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, her sisters Imelda and Christine and brother Fr. Martin.

**May she Rest in Peace.**

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

The coronavirus pandemic has caused major disruption to our daily lives, hampering the ability to go about our everyday lives, going to work, school and celebrating public Mass. But losses also fall into little things that we often take for granted – meeting a friend for coffee or shaking a stranger's hand.

This week, we share with you the poem written by the Catholic author, Laura Kelly Fanucci that went viral. The poem is about all those ordinary things that we miss right now, inspiring each of us to come out of this as a better person.

### *WHEN THIS IS OVER*

*WHEN THIS IS OVER, MAY WE NEVER AGAIN TAKE FOR GRANTED, A HANDSHAKE  
WITH A STRANGER, FULL SHELVES AT THE STORE, CONVERSATIONS WITH  
NEIGHBOURS, A CROWDED THEATRE, FRIDAY NIGHT OUT, THE TASTE OF  
COMMUNION, A ROUTINE CHECK-UP, THE SCHOOL RUSH EACH MORNING, COFFEE  
WITH A FRIEND, THE STADIUM ROARING, EACH DEEP BREATH,  
A BORING TUESDAY, LIFE ITSELF.*

*WHEN THIS ENDS, MAY WE FIND THAT WE HAVE BECOME MORE LIKE THE PEOPLE  
WE WANTED TO BE, WE WERE CALLED TO BE AND MAY WE STAY THAT WAY –  
BETTER FOR EACH OTHER, BECAUSE OF THE WORST.*

*LAURA KELLY FANUCCI*

## PPC Appeal

"Hi all, the Covid-19 pandemic is the biggest challenge the Parish has faced in a generation. As we go through this together we, your PPC, 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. Whether they show Parishioners resting, laughing or crying, we want you to share them with us.

"To all those people who are finding it difficult at the moment," he said, addressing a British public who have seen life turned upside down by coronavirus. "The sun will shine on you again, and the clouds will go away." Inspiration from Capt Tom Moore, 100 years young.

If you have anything please send by email to.. [Carrickfergus@downandconnor.org](mailto:Carrickfergus@downandconnor.org) Thank you "