



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



19th January 2020

2nd Sunday of the Year

Sunday Cycle A

Weekdays 2

Divine Office Week 2

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 £1,489
Many thanks for your generosity

Gifts & Cards for
Confirmation, including; Rosary
beads, Prayer
books, Photo
frames, Pens, etc.
are now available
from the Parish
Repository.



Candlemas Day

Sun 2nd Feb.

If you would like to purchase candles to
be blessed, please contact Anne in the
Parish Repository.
Candles will be blessed at all the
weekend Masses on the above date.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Mary Woodhouse.

Anniversaries

Aaron O'Kane, Samuel Barry,
Patricia McLaughlin,
Edward (Ted) Gerring.

*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 TUESDAY 21st JAN IN
CARRICKFERGUS.**

SVDP Thank You

St Nicholas' St Vincent De Paul Conference
would like to thank all those who very kindly
gave toys, vouchers or made donations to the
2019 Christmas Appeal.
As a result we were able to provide Christmas
presents to 58 local children.
We are extremely grateful for your continued
support.

We are currently looking for new members. If
you are interested and want to find out more
please talk to any of our members who will be
happy provide you with some information on
the work of St Vincent De Paul.

New Year New Broom!

Cleaners are required to support the small
team in cleaning St Nicholas' Church each
month. We meet on the second Monday each
month at 6.30 pm for approximately an hour.
If you can spare that hour please contact
Elaine Hillen on 07767155649.
Thank you.

Parish Food Bank

All donations of non-perishable, in-date
food gratefully received. Please leave your
donations in the containers provided at the
back of St Nicholas' Church.
Thank You.

Lourdes Pastoral Centre

Basic Country Jive Lessons

With Thomas and Rachelle
Starting Thursday 30th January 2020
8.30pm to 9.30pm
6 week course costs £25 and is limited to 40
places. For further details and to book a place,
please contact: Ann woods, Eileen Vance,
Paddy Stewart, Gavin Pollard or Colin Boylan.

Cell Group Meeting

There will be a cluster meeting of the
Parish Cell Group on
Wed 22nd Jan at 7.30pm,
in the back chapel of St Nicholas' Church.
New members are welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration

All praise and thanksgiving be to you, Jesus,
in the Holy Eucharist, for what we see with
the eyes of faith is really You, Jesus, truly
present in this most Blessed Sacrament.

Intention for January

We pray for the lonely, the depressed and all
those with psychological difficulties, that they
will find comfort and solace in this New Year.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is
traditionally observed from **18th to 25th January**
— the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year
the theme is: 'Unusual Kindness' (Acts 28: 2).
The week will be marked in our Diocese by a
Service in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on
Tuesday, 21st January at 7 pm and the speaker
on the occasion will be Fr Tony Currer who is in
charge of relations with Anglicans and Methodists
at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian
Unity.
Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity can be downloaded at the following link:
<https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2020/>

Carrickfergus Church Forum

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Event
St. Colman's Church of Ireland, Larne Road
Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm
with new rector of St Colman's,
Rev. Nigel Kirkpatrick
All welcome.

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.

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust

Vacancy – Part-time Housekeeper – Larne Parish

A vacancy has arisen for a Part-time Housekeeper within Larne Parish, 51, Victoria Road, Larne, Co Antrim BT40 1LY.
The post holder will be required to provide confidential, efficient housekeeping and catering services to the Parish Priest, whilst ensuring a pleasant, safe, welcoming and clean Presbytery is provided to other presbytery workers, volunteers and parish visitors.
The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 12 -15 hours attendance each week, work pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest. Flexibility will be required in relation to attendance and hours worked, from time to time.
Rate of Pay - £8.50 gross per hour.
Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at:
<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from Larne Parish Office.
We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.
Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 31st January 2020.
Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Mount St Nicholas Pre-school Playgroup.

September 2020 Pre-school places.

The Citizen portal is now open for online
applications; please use this link
<https://www.cani.org.uk/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place>
Please call in for a visit: we are in the YMCA
building or contact us on **07729583134.**

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

4 Corners Festival Belfast

This inter-denominational arts festival aimed at
promoting reconciliation runs from Jan 31 to Feb 9.
You are invited to attend as many as possible of nearly
20 events throughout Belfast, including a talk by
Fr Peter McVerry SJ, the famous champion of the
homeless. The theme this year is "Building a City of
Grace" and the intention is to promote through music,
drama and prayer discussion about the need we share
for the gift of grace in our divided society.
The Festival was co-founded in 2012 by Falls Road
priest, Fr Martin Magill and Presbyterian minister, Rev
Steve Stockman.
The events are free and further details can be found at
the website **4cornersfestival.com**

Public Lecture – The Global Persecution of Christians

Dr Michael Kinsella from Aid to the Church
in Need will address the issue of the global
persecution of Christians in a public lecture
at Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy,
28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast
on **Tuesday 21 January at 7pm.**
Everyone is welcome.

Beginning Experience

Are you suffering the pain of loss of a
partner? Looking for help and
understanding? Beginning Experience
(a support group for widowed, separated and
divorced people) meets every Wednesday
evening from 8pm to 10pm, commencing
Wednesday 22nd January 2020, in St Bride's
Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Malone Rd., Belfast.
All welcome. For details please contact
Phil Tel: 028 90 207645
or Marie Tel: 07896119669

Retrouvaille –

A Lifeline for Married Couples.

Do you want to improve the communication
with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or
bored in your marriage? Are you hurt,
frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does
talking about it only make it worse? The
Retrouvaille programme can help marriages
at all stages. Next programme starts 7th – 9th
February 2020. For information contact Tony
& Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01)
450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or
email info@retrouvaille.ie or
visit www.retrouvaille.ie.