



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## 2nd February 2020 The Presentation Of The Lord

Sunday Cycle A

Weekdays 2

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**  
**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**  
**9336 3269**

### Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,421

*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



#### Month's Mind

Mary Weatherhead

#### Anniversaries

Therese Wady,  
Edie McAuley

*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 Masses on**  
**Mon 3rd Feb in W'head or**  
**on Thurs 6th Feb in C'fergus.**

**Fr Owens will visit the**  
**sick & housebound this week.**  
**Tues 4 Feb - C'fergus - am & pm**  
**Wed 5 Feb - W'head - am**

### Congratulations

to all the boys and girls confirmed by  
Fr Eugene O'Hagan on Thursday at  
Mount Saint Nicholas.  
Sincere thanks to the staff of  
Saint Nicholas' Primary School for  
coordinating all the preparations.

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2020

given by

Baroness Nuala O'Loan,  
"CHRISTIAN AND CITIZEN?"  
In St. Brigid's Parish Centre  
38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast,  
**On Thursday, 6th February at 7.30pm.**  
Everyone welcome.

### Hope for the Planet

Re-inhabiting the Earth Spring Conference –  
Drumalis, Larne, Fri, 14 – Sun, 16 February 2020

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>

### John Waters in Conversation

Journalist and commentator John Waters will  
give a talk on  
'Why I'm a lapsed agnostic in Ireland today'  
at Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood  
Avenue Belfast on **Tues 4 February at 7pm.**  
Everyone is welcome.

### Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter

A two day non-residential course will be held in  
Castle Community Centre, Ballymoney on 21-22  
March 2020. This weekend is a positive way of  
preparing for Marriage where you will discover  
how you can enrich your future relationship.  
Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or  
028276 38512

### Down and Connor Diocesan Trust

#### Vacancy – Part-time Secretary – St Gerard's Parish, Belfast

A vacancy has arisen for a Part-time Secretary within St Gerard's Parish, 722, Antrim Road,  
Newtownabbey, Co Antrim BT36 7PG.  
The post holder will be required to provide confidential, efficient and effective secretarial  
support to the Parish Priest, and assistance to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact  
with the Parish office.  
The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 20 hours attendance each week,  
Monday to Friday, work pattern to be agreed. Flexibility will be required in relation to  
attendance and hours worked, from time to time.  
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 and nijobs.com websites, 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 St Gerard's 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 7th February 2020**  
**Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer**

### Harbour Faith Community Meditation Group

Warmly invites St Nicholas' Parishioners to join  
us on Sunday 9th February 2020.  
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.midandeantrim.gov.uk](http://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk) where you can  
download the **HERE 2 HELP app** to get quick  
access to free and confidential support.

### 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](http://4cornersfestival.com)

### Anam Cara

Anam Cara Belfast the organisation that  
supports bereaved parents, is holding a  
Bereavement Information Evening on  
**12th February at 7:00pm in the**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel.**  
This is a free event and open to all bereaved  
parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm  
numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP  
to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday 11th  
February or call 02895213120.

### San Giovanni Pilgrimage

Join us and follow in the footsteps of Padre  
Pio on this, our first Parish pilgrimage to San  
Giovanni, Rotondo, Italy. Return flights from  
Dublin, 4-nights from 13th September,  
accompanied by a Spiritual Director and  
includes a fully escorted religious  
programme. Tour package £595 per person.  
£200 deposit to be paid by 7th February 2020  
to secure places. For additional details visit  
the website [www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com](http://www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com)  
or contact Joe Walsh tours.  
Tel: 00353 1241 0800.

### 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? 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](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or  
visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie).