

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

26 Feb 2017

8th Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle A Weekdays - Cycle I Divine Office Week 4

OUR PARISH

PARISH PRIEST

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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 - 5 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 third Sun in the month.

WEDDINGS By Arrangement

Three months' notice is required

FUNERALS By Arrangement

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: **028 93363269**

Mon — Thu 10.30am - 1.30pm

Bulletin Notices to be in the
Parochial House by 12 noon Wed

St Vincent de Paul

028 9035 1561

OUR PASTORAL AREA

Glengormley Parish

(St Mary's On The Hill;
St Bernard's; St Macnissi's)

Fr John Forsythe, PP, VF

9083 2979

Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC

9084 1507

Fr Damian McCaughan, 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 Anthony Alexander, PP

9037 0845

Fr Samuel Kerr, PE, CC

9036 5773

St Gerard's Parish

(St Gerard's, Antrim Road)

Fr Gerard Cassidy, 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, 309

Sick & Retired Priests £641

Many thanks for your generosity

Ash Wednesday

1st March

Mass times as follows

Carrickfergus Wed 10.00am

Whitehead Wed 7.00pm

Ashes will be distributed after Mass.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Gerry McGivern, Bridget McGivern,
Kevin Graham, Jim O'Brien

*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
Mass in Carrickfergus on
Tues 28th Feb**

A member of the Oblates of Mary will be
visiting the Parish next weekend, and will
speak at all Masses.

St Patrick's Family Night

The annual St Patrick's Family Night will be
taking place this year on

**Friday 17th March
in Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Whitehead
Music by The Loch Lao Ceili Band.**

You can find out more about this lively young
band by visiting their facebook page at
www.facebook.com/The-Loch-Lao-Ceili-Band

Parish Retreat For All

Drumalis: Sat 2 Sept 5.00pm -

Sun 3 Sept 5.00pm

Theme: The Sabbath Rest

To reserve a place or for more information,
please contact

C'fergus - Ruth Bates Tel: 93378958

W'Head - Maureen Holmes Tel: 93378916

Price: Sat overnight to Sun - £70.00 (all meals
included)

Sun only (from 8.30am) - £50 (includes
breakfast & evening meal)

Eucharistic Adoration Theme for February

**We remember the Holy Father,
Pope Francis' intention for the month of
February**

'Comfort for the Afflicted'

**That all those who are afflicted, especially
the poor, refugees and marginalized, may
find welcome and comfort in our
communities**

If you would like to commit one hour to the
Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration on a Saturday
between 10 am and 5 pm in St Nicholas'
Carrickfergus, please contact Tommy Mone
07713849471 or Gerardine Stewart **07747114419**

Women's World Day of Prayer

Will take place this year on
Friday 3rd March at 8:00 p.m.
in 2nd Islandmagee Presbyterian Church.
Everyone welcome.

Envelope Boxes 2017 / 2018

If you are new to the parish; if your details have
changed; or, if you have not previously been using
envelopes but now wish to do so, then please fill in
an "Envelope Registration Form" available at the
back of the church.

Completed forms should be returned to the parish
office or left in the sacristy. Alternatively, you can
contact the parish office on 9336 3269.

Lenten Pioneer Pledge

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent.
Why not take this opportunity to help someone you
know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your
sacrifice for their freedom from addiction? Take the
short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to
someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers
or the D and C office, tel. no. 02890 894070 or Ian
02890 616601. Please give your name, address and
contact no.

**Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of
Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to
abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of
Lent."**

"Voting for those who will govern our society
is a moral act. Each vote cast, or not cast,
potentially influences the values that will
shape future law and policy" – see
catholicbishops.ie for the bishops' media
statement and for the pastoral reflection on the

Fatima comes to Down and Connor

Ave Ave Ave Maria! A pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Pope Francis, will be
visiting a number of churches in the Diocese of Down and Connor from Thursday 9th March to
Sunday 12th March '17, as part of an all-Ireland pilgrimage in honour of the centenary year of Fatima.
The pilgrim statue will visit the following churches at the following times:

Thu 9th - St. Mary's Church Dunsford 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., contact Anna 07740 704622).

Fri 10th - Holy Rosary Church Belfast 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m (contact Joe 07929 045294), St.
Malachy's Church, Belfast 12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. (contact Doris 07917 056350), St. Oliver
Plunkett's Church, Toome 2.15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (contact Una 07743 575969), St. Malachy's Church
Coleraine 7.30 p.m.– 9 p.m., (contact Orla 07545 452362) journeying back to St. Oliver Plunkett's
Church 10.30 p.m. for all night adoration until 6 a.m.

Sat 11th - Holy Cross Church, Ardoyne 9 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. (contact Joe 07776425631), St. Mary's
Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast 12 noon – 7.30 p.m. (contact Orla 07545-452362), St. Mary's on the
Hill, Glengormley 10 p.m. mass and all night vigil to 6 a.m. (contact Patricia 07972103130)

Sun 12th - St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast 8.45 a.m. to 12 noon, for both 9 .am. and 11 a.m. mass
followed by procession up the Falls Road to St. Paul's Church, arriving for 12.45 p.m.

The statue will then leave Down and Connor journeying to the Archdiocese of Dublin.
The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is being brought to Ireland by The Alliance of The Two Hearts and
Alliance of The Holy Family International. There will be mass rosary, adoration, consecration of
homes and families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus and enrolment in the
brown scapular for those who wish to do so. All prayer groups and prayer banners welcome. You are
also welcome to bring roses to present to Our Lady and a white handkerchief to wave (Fatima
tradition) to venues and rose petals to the procession on Sunday. Children are welcome to come
dressed as little shepherds. You can follow the pilgrimage to Down and Connor on facebook at
fatimacomestodownandconnor. Further information for all venues in Ireland will be posted at
www.fatimacomestoireland.com

Tridentine Mass

The Diocesan provision for the
celebration of the Extraordinary Form
of the Roman Rite, colloquially referred
to as the Tridentine Mass, has been
extended so that from the First Sunday
of Lent, 5th March, there will be a
weekly Mass in the Extraordinary Form
at 4pm in St Therese of Lisieux Church,
Somerton Road, Belfast

ACCORD NI

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

7pm – 9.30pm

Tuesday 7th March 2017

ACCORD NI CATHOLIC

MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

Curran House, Twin Spires Centre,

155 Northumberland Street

Belfast BT13 2JF

Tel: 02890 339944

Email: belfast@accordni.com

www.accord-ni.co.uk

EVERYONE WELCOME

NI Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation sessions will be
held in **Town Hall, Joymount,
Carrickfergus**

Thurs 2 Mar 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm

Fri 3 Mar 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm

SPRED (D&C)

SPRED (Down & Connor) is an independent
organisation that promotes the spiritual and
catechetical development of those with learning
disabilities within the Diocese of Down and
Connor. SPRED is looking to recruit a Director
who will be responsible for the recruitment,
training and development of our volunteers and
will be accountable for forming and maintaining
a strong and comprehensive network of
community and Diocesan relationships in pursuit
of the Organisation's mission and goals. For
more information on the position and how to
apply, please contact the Secretary at
spreddc@gmail.com.

**Closing date for applications
4.00pm on Friday 3rd March 2017**