



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

5 March 2017

## 1st Sunday of Lent

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      £1,468**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Parish Cell Meetings

The next meetings will take place on

**Wed 8th Mar & Wed 22nd Mar**

**The Cell Diocese Mass will take place  
in Ballymena on Sat 25th March**

For more information, please contact  
Tommy Mone (Chair): 02893 362511 or  
07713849471

Maria Flanagan (V Chair): 07803297129

Ruth Bates (W'Head): 07876420867

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Agnes McMullan, Tommy McMullan,

Donard Haveron, Hugh Hamill,

Eileen Rice, Terry Maginn

### Recently Deceased

Fr Alex McAllister (Larne),

Philomena Crilly

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

The Sacrament of First Confession will  
take place in St Nicholas' Church on  
Tues 7th March, after 10.00am Mass

Volunteers are needed to assist with the  
dressing of the Altar Servers in  
St Nicholas' Church.

**For more information, please contact  
Nikki Graham Tel: 07525177797**

### St Patrick's Night Ceili Family Gathering

**Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Whitehead**

**Friday 17th March**

**8.00pm - 12.00 midnight**

**Music by The Loch Lao Ceili Band.**

Enjoy a bowl of traditional Irish Stew!

Tickets are available after the weekend masses

or from any committee member., costing

**£5.00 - Single**

**£10- Family (2 Adults + 2 Children)**

**£3.00 - Concessional**

### Repository

Gifts & Cards for all occasions including  
St. Patrick's Day and Easter, are available  
from the Parish Repository.

### Eucharistic Adoration Theme for February

We remember the Holy Father, Pope Francis' intention for the month of March:

#### Support for Persecuted Christians.

**"That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church."**

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**

### 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.

### Lent Devotions

There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's on the Hill, Glengormley each Sunday of Lent at 4.30pm. **All welcome.**

### Tea Dance

St Mary's on the Hill Parish Tea Dance will be held on **7<sup>th</sup> March** in Pastoral Centre, (behind St Bernard's Church, Glengormley). **2pm-4pm. All welcome.**

### 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."**

### 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

### 'Faith in the Public Square'

**Inaugural Conference of The Iona Institute Northern Ireland**

**Sat March 25th, 9.30 am - 1.30 pm.  
St Brides Parish hall- Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast**

#### Admission : Free

**Keynote Speakers :** Archbishop Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh & primate of all Ireland and Baroness Nuala O'Loan.

#### Timetable

9.30 Registration tea/coffee  
10.15 Welcome - Alban Maginness  
10.30 Keynote Address - Archbishop Eamon Martin : 'The importance of speaking out in the public square'  
11.00 Questions  
11.15 Break  
11.30 Baroness Nuala O'Loan : 'The role of faith schools in a pluralist society'  
12.00 Questions  
12.15 Tracy Harkin : 'Communicating the right to life'  
12.45 Questions  
13.00 David Quinn : Concluding remarks  
**To register: Please email info@ionainstitute.ie or phone 00 353 1 661 9204**

### 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

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

Full board in 3\* hotel: 7 nights (10-17 July) for £675 or 5 nights (11-16 July) for £590. Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 nights (11-16 July) for £490. Youth Team (8-17 July) £550. All flights from Belfast Int'l Airport. Application forms now available from the Parish Office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on **028 90646040** or email: **Lourdes@downandconnor.org**

### Entertainment & Community Development Committee

**BINGO  
Sundays 8 pm**

**Parish Youth Centre  
Thursdays 7.30-9.30 pm**

Membership is open to all young people 10 on the Parish from **P6 to 17 years' old.**