



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



19 March 2017 **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Sundays - Cycle A Weekdays - Cycle I Divine Office Week 3

**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 £1,552**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

A representative from Trocaire will speak at all Masses this weekend

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**

*Requiescant in Pace*



**Anniversaries**

Billy McVeigh, Liz Kinney,  
Martha Therese McCusker,  
Christopher (Ted) McCusker,  
Seamus Donaghy

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

**PLEASE NOTE**

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY  
MASSES THIS WEEK IN  
CARRICKFERGUS OR  
WHITEHEAD.**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

This month's PPC meeting involved further work on the group's constitution as well as developing a 3 year Parish Pastoral Plan. These will both be published in due course. We also decided to offer a "Called and Gifted" programme in the parish, facilitated by the Living Church in the near future. More details to follow.

**The next meeting will be held on  
Tuesday 4th April 2017.**

**Repository**

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

**Parish Walking Group**

Please note that the Walking Group have moved to **Monday evenings**, leaving the Church car park at **7.00pm.**

Why not get the week off to a good start and join us for an hour's gentle walk and hopefully good craic.

**All Welcome**

**Eucharistic Adoration  
Theme for March**

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.

**Lourdes Pastoral Centre Teas**

Maeve Taylor, Kelly Hobson and their London Marathon team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for supporting their teas after mass last weekend. They raised £236.74 which pushed them over their fundraising target of £3000 for their nominated charity SENSE, so they really appreciate everyone's generosity!

**Parish Cell Meetings**

The next meeting will take place on **Wed 22nd Mar**

**The Cell Diocesan 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**

**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.**

**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."**

**Trocaire**

"But see how Yahweh watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his faithful love, to rescue them from death and keep them alive in famine." Psalms, 33:18-19. Trocaire's Lenten campaign 2017 focuses on the millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophe because of extreme weather or conflict. With the support of people in Ireland, Trocaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis this year.

**More information at www.trocaire.org**

**Red Cross Mobility Aids Service**

Can you spare 1 HOUR a week or more? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair loan service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.

**Contact David Moore on  
02890 735 380 / 07841727043.**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To Help Grandparents Pass on the Faith and to Keep Prayer at the Heart of Family Life  
**Catholic Grandparents Association  
1st Annual Retreat/Conference - 26th & 27th April 2017**

**THEME** - Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly secularised times

**Venue - Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village Dublin 24**

Day only and overnight attendance options available

Inspiring talks, lively discussion - Speakers including Fr. Benny McHale  
Contact Connie at 098 24877

**Edmund Rice Schools Trust**

Cordially invites you to the Annual Foundaionn Lecture  
"Challenges and Opportunities for Catholic Tertiary Education in Today's Society"

**Venue: St Mary's University College, Belfast**

**Wed 29th March at 7.00pm**

Speaker: Professor Peter Finn  
President, St Mary's University College

**Diploma in Pastoral Theology**

Drumalis invites applications for the next intake of the Diploma in Pastoral Theology, validated by St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth. This intensive, two-year course is delivered over twelve days per year. As well as academic input, the course requires students to carry out pastoral work within their parishes. The first cohort is coming to the end of the course and feedback has been very positive. In addition to students from the dioceses of Derry and Dromore, fourteen students from all parts of Down and Connor have participated. Course fees are subsidised by the Friends of Drumalis.

We would appreciate if this could be brought to the attention of parishioners who might benefit from it and who might share those benefits with their parishes.  
Further information is available on the Drumalis website or by emailing [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk)

**Acedia and the Transformation of Spiritual Malaise**

A day conference in honour of the life and work of Fr. Martin McAlinden, based on his research on priestly well-being.  
16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 10 am to 4 pm  
Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne  
The conference will run between 10 am and 2.30 pm. At 3 pm a Graduation Ceremony will be convened and an Honorary Doctorate of the University of Chester will be conferred posthumously on Fr. Martin and presented to his family.  
Lunch and refreshments will be served. Participants are asked to make a donation of £25 towards the cost of the day.  
For further information, please contact Professor Wayne Morris: [w.morris@chester.ac.uk](mailto:w.morris@chester.ac.uk)

**Entertainment & Community Development Committee**

**BINGO  
Sundays 8 pm**

**Parish Youth Centre**

**Thursdays 7.30-9.30 pm**

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