



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

26 March 2017

## 4th 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 £1,253**

**Needy Parishes £565**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Envelope Boxes 2017 / 2018

The new envelope boxes are now ready for collection at the rear of the church. If you do not currently use envelopes but now wish to do so, then please complete a registration form and return to the Sacristy or Parish Office, alternatively call the office on 93363269.

**Please take your envelope box home.**

### Requiescant in Pace



#### Anniversaries

Thomas B. & Margaret Mullan,  
Bridget O'Mahony, Joe Maxwell,  
Austin (Augustine) Fleming,  
Annie Morrison, John Morrison,  
Frances Devine, Liam Devine,  
Alan Davies, Sam Giles

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

#### Repository

Gifts & Cards for all occasions including  
Easter, are available from the  
Parish Repository.

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**

#### Lourdes Pastoral Centre Ceili

A big thank you to everyone who supported the  
St. Patrick's Night Ceili in Lourdes Pastoral  
Centre. It was a great night and everyone  
enjoyed the Ceili Band and the Irish Dancers,  
as well as the participants' dancing, the  
hospitality that was provided and the children's  
entertainment. In particular, thanks to the  
organising committee, the cleaners and of  
course the children of St. Nicholas' Primary  
School for their wonderful art work!

#### 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.**

#### 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**

#### Eucharistic Adoration - Whitehead

As part of our journey towards Easter, there  
will be Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady of  
Lourdes Church, Whitehead, on Mon 3rd  
April, following mass at 7pm, until 9pm.  
(There will be no 10am mass that day.)  
Eucharistic Adoration takes place in St  
Nicholas' every Saturday from 10am- 5pm, to  
which new adorers are warmly invited.  
The theme for the month of April will be:  
**"For all those suffering from anxiety and  
depression."**

#### Lourdes Pastoral Centre

There will be a Steering Group Meeting on  
**Mon 27th March at 7.30pm, in the centre.**  
Everyone is welcome to come along and join  
the group. The Steering Group would like to  
thank everyone who attended and organised  
the St Patrick's Night Ceili.

#### Parish Draw

The Parish Joker Jackpot has been won by  
Mr Anthony Scanlon.  
Congratulations!

#### 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.**

#### 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)

#### 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

"whoever honours a mother is like someone  
amassing a fortune." Ecclesiasticus, 3:4. This  
Mother's Day we pray for mothers around the  
world who agonise over their children's  
futures in the harshest environments. We  
think of Miriam, who appears on this Lent's  
Trocaire Box, as she wonders if she will  
manage to get her little daughter Maria to  
safety when the next storm hits northern  
Honduras and floods their home. Read  
Miriam and Maria's story at  
**www.trocaire.org/lent**

#### World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to  
be the host diocese for the World Meeting of  
Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning  
for this great national and international  
celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting  
this important event requires an enormous  
amount of planning and funding. In this  
regard a second national collection will be  
held on the weekend of 8 and 9 April 2017.  
Your support for this collection would be  
greatly appreciated.

#### 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.  
Further information is available on the Drumalis  
website or by emailing [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk)

#### 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.**

#### Meeting of Returned Overseas Volunteers & Lay Missionaries

Have you ever volunteered overseas in any  
kind of profession or have worked as a lay  
missionary in Africa, Asia or South  
America? Would you like to meet up with  
like-minded people? Join us for our next  
meeting which takes place on Wed March  
29th at 7.00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish  
Centre, Glenview St, off Oldpark Rd,  
Belfast. **For more info email  
jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text  
+ 353 83 8422468**

#### Job Vacancy

Person required to assist adult male with some  
light cleaning/housekeeping duties.  
Hours flexible but approx. 4-8 per week and  
based in Carrickfergus. For further info please  
contact Christine at 07894075591.

#### Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Please Note

Based at Smiley Buildings, the registration  
office for births, stillbirths, deaths,  
marriages and civil partnerships now  
operates an appointment system.  
To make an appt. Tel: 03001245000 or  
Email: [registrar@midandeantrim.gov.uk](mailto:registrar@midandeantrim.gov.uk)  
Registration Open Hours are  
Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30am - 3.30pm.