



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



2 April 2017

5th Sunday of Lent

Sundays - Cycle A

Divine Office Week 1

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

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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 £1,385

Many thanks for your generosity

Easter Flowers - Carrickfergus

If you would like to contribute
to the Easter floral displays,
please leave your donation in the
box provided in the church porch.

Thank you

Repository

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Alex Devenny,
Patrick McGowan Snr,
Patrick McGowan Jr,
Kathleen & David Roney

Recently Deceased

Marie McCullough

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

Easter Flowers - Whitehead

If you would like to contribute towards
dressing the altar with flowers at Easter, would
you give your donation to Pamela Maginn or
place it in the box in the porch.

Thank you.

Palm Sunday (9th April) Arrangements for Children's Liturgy and Do This in Memory

At the start of Mass all children who wish may
process out, as per usual, as directed by Father.
We shall go down in pairs to the Church Hall
and celebrate our Palm Sunday Liturgy. This
will be followed by three or four Stations of
the Cross. At the appropriate time, Palms will
be handed out and we shall return to the church
and process up the aisle, leaving the Palms at
the altar before joining parents back in their
seats.

Parish Cell Meetings

The next meetings will take place on
April 5th & April 26th
For more information, please contact Tommy
Mone (Chair): **02893 362511** or **07713849471**
Maria Flanagan (V Chair): **07803297129**
Ruth Bates (W'Head): **07876420867**

Mass For Healing During Lent

The season of Lent has traditionally been
designated as a special time of prayer,
almsgiving and fasting in preparation for the
climax of the Church's liturgical calendar,
Holy Week and Easter. Another dimension of
Lent which merits equal attention is its
recuperative, medicinal and healing role in our
spiritual lives. This means trying to open our
hearts with greater trust and confidence to
God's grace and mercy in view of the spiritual
and often physical harm caused by selfishness.
To facilitate this, a "Mass for Healing" will be
offered in the church of Our Lady of Lourdes,
Whitehead at **7.00pm on Monday 3rd April**.
There will be no 10.00am Mass
there on that day.

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.
New adorers are warmly invited.

Eucharistic Adoration Theme for April

We remember the Holy Father, Pope Francis'
intention for the month of April:
**"For all those suffering from anxiety and
depression."**

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**

Trocaire

"There I shall provide for you - for there are
five years of famine still to come - so that you,
your household and all yours are not reduced
to penury." Genesis, 45:11. The UN has said
that with 20 million people facing starvation in
Africa, the world is facing the greatest
humanitarian crisis since the Second World
War. Trocaire is working in Somalia, South
Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia to support
thousands of people facing famine in the
coming months. Find out more www.trocaire.org

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.

Easter Penitential Services

Mon 10th April @ 7pm Carrickfergus
Tues 11th April @ 7pm St Bernard's
Wed 12th April @ 7pm St Gerard's

Star of the Sea 150th Celebrations

St Mary's Star of the Sea, Whitehouse will
be celebrating 150 years of worship on
Friday 12th May with Mass at 7pm, and also
Songs of Praise in Theatre at the Mill
Newtownabbey at 7pm on Sunday 14th May
- this will be held jointly with Whitehouse
Presbyterian Church also celebrating 150
years. Do you have any photos or
memorabilia associated with Star of the Sea
which can be loaned for an exhibition in the
Church Hall? A sculpture has been
commissioned for the Church grounds and
this will have 150 stones permanently placed
at its base and these can be sponsored in
individual or family names; these names will
be entered in a book to be presented at the
Mass on 12th May, and retained afterwards
in a place of prominence in the Church. The
history of the Parish has been brought
together in a book and will be on sale in
early May. To complete the celebrations
there will be a Dinner Dance held in Corrs
Corner Hotel on Friday 2nd June. For
further detail please contact Billy Webb on
07799866876 or the Parish Office on
90370845. A Facebook page is at [http://
facebook.com/whitehouse150exhibition](http://facebook.com/whitehouse150exhibition) and
photos can be sent by email to
whitehouse150exhibition@virginmedia.com

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 next weekend (8 and 9
April). Your support for this collection would be
greatly appreciated.

Tea Dance

Tues 4th April in
St Bernard's Pastoral Centre
Glengormley. 2pm-4pm.
Music by Louis Small.
All welcome. Admission Free.

St Louise's Comprehensive College

Post-16 Open Night
Wed 12th April
7.00pm - 9.30pm
All Welcome.

Basic Biblical beginner's Hebrew

Shalom, shalom to all those who have
wanted to understand and read the bible in
the Lord's own language; to hear His
words and to understand the context of
meaning that His Word expresses. This
course is our first opportunity to learn
Hebrew in a natural way. Over the course
of the weekend 21-23 April 2017 you will
develop an understanding of the Hebrew
language, through the Lord's Prayer. This
course will be hosted in Drumalis
Retreat Centre, Larne.
Please contact Katy Moreland:
wordofthelord2009@gmail.com or check
the Drumalis website for further details
and to listen to the introductory video.
Thank you.

A Spring Celebration of Music & Song

**St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus
Fri 28th April at 7.30pm**

The Abbey Singers with contributions
from local solo performers - Soprano
Ellen Campbell, Mezzo Soprano
Helenna Howie & Soprano Louise
Irvine, plus musical Contributions from
Fr Conor McCarthy and Vicki
Schmidt, choir pieces by St Nicholas'
Folk Group and supporting voices from
across C'fergus, W'head and further
afield for The Messiah pieces.

**Suggested donation £10.00, to
include light refreshments.**

**A donation from the proceeds of the
concert will be made to
The Samaritans**
For tickets, please contact Anne Quinn.