



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

7 May 2017

4th Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday

Sundays - Cycle A

Divine Office Week 4

## OUR PARISH

### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Peter Owens PP**

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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 £1,627**

**Trocaire £5592**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

## Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Fr Tom McCabe omi from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate will be visiting the Parish this weekend. Fr Tom will preach at all weekend Masses.

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Martha (Matty) Downie, John F. Downie,  
Mary Maginn, Eileen Simms,  
Sam Giles, Tom Robinson,  
Annie Kennedy, Francis McDade,  
Josephine Donaghy,

### Recently Deceased

Frank O'Rourke

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

**Fr Owens will visit the Sick and Housebound this week**  
**Mon 8 June - C'fergus - am & pm**  
**Wed 10 June - W'head - am**

### Dates for your Diary

**Mon 15 May at 11.00am - Confirmation**  
**Sat 3 June at 11.00am - First Holy Communion**

Gifts & Cards for First Holy Communion & Confirmation, including; Rosary beads, Prayer books, Photo frames, Pens, etc, are now available from the Parish Repository.



### Louise Irvine

"Voice of an Angel" CDs available from Anne Quinn in the Parish Repository.

## Carrickfergus Parish Bereavement Support Group

Journey through Grief for Anyone who is Bereaved

Our Parish invites you to a 5 Week Healing Programme for anyone who is Bereaved. The Programme is designed to help understand more fully the grieving process and apply this to our personal grief journey.

**Venue: Committee Room**

**St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus**  
**Date: commencing Tuesday 9th May for 5 consecutive Tuesdays at 7.30pm**  
For further information or to register an interest Please contact Margaret: 028 93361323  
Eileen: 028 93378746  
Phil: 028 93372449

## Called and Gifted

A Called and Gifted Programme will be taking place on 26th and 27th May. The Parish is offering this great opportunity to parishioners for their own personal development. The Programme will help you discern your strengths, gifts, charisms and areas for growth and development. The first session will be on Friday 26th May between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The second session will be from 10:00am and 4.00pm on Saturday 27th May. If you are interested in attending the Programme, please contact any Pastoral Council member by Sunday 21st May.

## Eucharistic Adoration Theme for May

**"For all the young people who are being confirmed this month and all those who are sitting exams"**

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

## Changes to Bank of England £5 notes.

The Bank of England Paper £5 notes were withdrawn from circulation on the 5th May 2017, having been replaced by the new polymer £5 notes.

## Parish Cell Meetings

The next meetings will take place on **May 10th & May 24th**

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

Maria Flanagan (V Chair):

**07803297129**

Ruth Bates (W'Head): **07876420867**

## Lourdes Pastoral Centre

There will be a meeting of the Steering Committee in the Lourdes Pastoral Centre on **Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm.** All are welcome to attend.

## Carrickfergus Church Forum

The next Carrickfergus Church Forum Fellowship meeting is on **Tues 9 May from 7-45pm to 9-30pm.** Venue :Gateway/St Colman's. 8A Governors Place, Carrickfergus. A wonderful opportunity for informal cross-community Christian fellowship, with worship music, video reflection, short 'Lectio Divina' scripture meditation and chat over tea/coffee. For any enquiries contact martinmurray@live.co.uk or visit the Carrickfergus Church Forum Facebook page.

## Forgiveness Retreat

**Forgiveness; Moving forward from life's hurts to Healing, Peace and Happiness.**

This day will give participants a deeper understanding of forgiveness and help to move from hurt to happiness. Led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA. Venue: Dromantine Retreat + Conf. Centre. Date; Sat. 13th May 9.30am -5 pm Cost;£25 including lunch, teas/coffee.

**All are welcome.**

Bookings to: (028)30821964 Email: admin@dromantineconference.com www.dromantineconference.com Newry, Co. Down. BT34 1RH

## Cemetery Sunday

Milltown - Sun 14 May at 3.00pm  
City Cemetery - Sun 21 May at 3.00pm  
Hannahstown - Sun 28 May at 3.00pm

## Lough Derg 2017

Season opened for One Day Retreats on Monday 1st May. Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (from NI 0035371 9861518) or email info@loughderg.org. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday 1st June, pre-booking not required. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1,500

## Stormont Rosary For LIFE

Please join us in praying the Rosary for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, (meet at Massey Avenue Entrance - off Belmont Road) at 2.30pm on Saturday 13th May, the 100th anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima beginning with a 9 Day Novena of Rosaries on Friday 5th May. For more information contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on 028 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com

## Little Flower Celebrate 58 Years of Excellence

Little Flower Girls' School will finally close its doors in August 2017. In order to celebrate our wonderful school the Events Committee have a number of dates for your diary. On **Friday 19th May** past pupils, past staff members and current staff members are invited to attend 'An Evening Celebration of Little Flower' in Ten Square Hotel Belfast. On **Sunday 4th June** there will be a Mass of Celebration in St. Thérèse of Lisieux at 2pm, followed by a Trip Down Memory Lane in Little Flower.

Please join us and help us celebrate. Full details of events available on [www.littleflowerschool.co.uk](http://www.littleflowerschool.co.uk)

## "Blooming: Spring into Summer" Retreat Day

**Drumalis, Larne – Saturday, 13 May**  
"Blooming" is the second in "Finding Stillness through the Seasons" - a series of four themed retreat days with Maria Garvey at Drumalis in 2017. Through Silence, Contemplation, Spiritual Conversation and Presence in Nature, this retreat day will be a time for you to leave the noise and distractions of everyday life behind and come home to yourself. The day, which will run from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday, 13 May, costs £55 (including retreat materials, morning and afternoon refreshments and a full lunch.) For further information or to book a place(s), please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm). Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>