



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



14 May 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

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

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Peter Owens (President)

Mary McCormack (Chair)

Paul Smith (Vice-Chair)

Ann Woods (Secretary)

Claire Bagshaw

Patrick Quinn

Martin Dempster

David Gorman

Siobhan Gilmore

Bob Sweeney

Gerardine Stewart

Offerings

Weekly Offering **£1,352**

Monthly Offering **£921**

Many thanks for your generosity

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Mary Newell, Isabella Poland,
Rose Poland, Veronica (Vera) Foley,
Geraldine Foley, Bridget Murray,
Claire Attwood, Pat Clarke Snr

Recently Deceased

Owen Mulvenna,
Dermot Tolan (Australia)

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

Confirmation

Bishop Noel Treanor will administer the
Sacrament of Confirmation in
St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus on
Monday 15th May at 11.00am.

All are welcome to attend

Due to this, there will be no 10.00am Mass
in Whitehead on that day.

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.

Called and Gifted

Friday 26th May 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday 27th May 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
St Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus

A Called and Gifted course, presented by Fr. Damian McCaughan (Glengormley) and The Living Church Office, allows participants to explore how we are "Called" by God and "Gifted" for this call. By examining different charisms of the Holy Spirit (God given gifts which enable us to be powerful channels of God's love) participants can begin to discern which charisms they have been gifted with. One month later, those interested are invited back to a 1 hour meeting with one of the leaders.

This great opportunity has been offered to parishioners at no charge since the Living Church Office and the parish will sponsor it. Light refreshments will be provided on Friday evening on arrival and participants are asked to bring a packed lunch on Saturday with light refreshments again being provided throughout the day.

If you are interested in taking part in this great opportunity please give your name to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council by 21st May at the latest. PPC members will be at the back of the church after Mass today. If you prefer, telephone Mary Mc Cormack on 07712451551 and leave a message or contact the Parish Office on 02893363269 or email: pp_carrickparish@live.co.uk

Parish Pastoral Council

Amongst other items on the agenda this month, the PPC discussed the Called and Gifted programme which is being offered in our Parish on 26th and 27th of May. This is a valuable opportunity for individuals to explore their God given gifts. See above notice for more details.

St Nicholas' Community Centre

Our Parish Quiz Night was very successful, raising £131 for Parish funds. A big thank you to all our team members and a special thank you to our quizmaster, Robin Connor.

It was a great night and enjoyed by all.

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

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.**

Star of the Sea 150th Celebrations

St Mary's Star of the Sea, Whitehouse will be celebrating 150 years of worship TODAY at 7.00pm with Songs of Praise in Theatre at the Mill Newtownabbey. This will be held jointly with Whitehouse Presbyterian Church also celebrating 150 years. 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 (Whitehouse) on 07799866876 or the Parish Office on 90370845.

D and C Living Church

Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg
Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th June 2017

Transport to be confirmed

Cost: £60

Please contact Geraldine Mullan

Tel: 028 90690920

Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Day of Prayer for Our Land

There will be a Day of Prayer for Our Land in Clonard Monastery, Belfast on **Saturday 20th May between 1pm and 5.00pm.** This day will be an opportunity to help people to find God's peace personally and also to pray for the nation as we approach another election. With all of this in our minds and hearts, this is a very significant time for people to come together and to seek God's help and direction.

For some people, their peace may have been disturbed during the years of "The Troubles". For others it could be anxieties, fears, and hurts that have arisen in recent times. Sat 20th May will be an opportunity to lay down those burdens, to forgive, to say sorry, and to pray for the future of our country.

The focal point will be a large plain wooden cross at the front of the church. All the prayer will be in silence with short reflections every 30 minutes.

There will be a particular opportunity for clergy to gather around the Cross at 1pm and women at 3pm. This Day is for people to come as individuals before God, and through that encounter, however long or short, to find His peace.

People may come and go they please and everyone is welcome. The hours of prayer will be 1pm to 5.00 pm.

Personal prayer will be available for anyone who wishes to receive it

Refreshments will be available throughout the day

Cemetery Sunday

Milltown - Sun 14 May at 3.00pm

City Cemetery - Sun 21 May at 3.00pm

Hannahstown - Sun 28 May at 3.00pm