



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



10 September 2017

23rd Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle A

Weekdays 1

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 COMMUNITY

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
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Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,251

Monthly Offering £1,131

Many thanks for your generosity

Ministers of the Word, W'head

If you would like to be a reader at Sunday Mass in Whitehead for the coming year, starting in October, please contact Paddy Stewart or add your name to the list at the rear of the church by Sunday 17th September.

Thank you.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Hilda Butler, Veronica Walker,
Seamus Stewart (Jr), Patrick Dalton,
Agnes Duffin, Oliver Wilson,
Joe Rice, Olga Rice,
Gary Creighton

Recently Deceased

John Callaghan

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

Liturgy Meeting

The Liturgy meeting which was originally scheduled for Monday 4th Sept will now take place **Mon 11th Sept at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the back of St Nicholas'**. All those involved in the co-ordination of liturgical services are welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange the liturgical timetable for C'fergus and W'head for the coming months.

Cemetery Sunday

Sunday 24th September

St Nicholas' After 11.30am Mass
Victoria 2.00pm
Prospect 3.00pm

Sunday 1st October

Islandmagee After 9.30am Mass

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation is due to begin soon for the Sacraments of Confirmation, the Eucharist and Reconciliation. If you are interested, please contact Mary Muir Tel:028 93366817 or Maureen Graham Tel:028 93361078

Parish Safeguarding Committee

The Parish Safeguarding Committee met on Tues 29 August. Items discussed were:

1. The display of new posters and Policy Statement (see below) from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. Bookmarks will be distributed to signpost what to do if you are worried about a child or young person.
2. Updated training for clergy and parish volunteers.
3. Preparation for submission of the parish safeguarding audit in December 2017 and
4. Plans to bring together leaders from the various parish groups in the autumn to progress the new audit requirements.

Child Safeguarding Policy Statement of the Diocese of Down and Connor

The Diocese of Down and Connor, as part of the Catholic Church in Ireland, recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children and is committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and will work in partnership with parents / guardians to do this. The Diocese recognises each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities which enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

Parish Pastoral Council

This month's meeting involved planning the final details for the coming visit of Bishop Noel Treanor and the launch of our Parish Pastoral Plan on 17th September. We hope as many parishioners as possible can join us on this special occasion in the life of our Parish.

**Our next meeting will be held on
Mon 2nd October at 7.00pm**

Blessing of Lourdes Pastoral Centre and Launch of the 3 Year Parish Pastoral Plan

On Sun 17th Sept, Bishop Noel Treanor will visit our Parish. He will bless Lourdes Pastoral Centre after 9.30am Mass in W'head and will also launch, at both Sunday Masses, the 3 Year Pastoral Plan, developed by the Pastoral Council, for the Parish of Carrickfergus and Whitehead. Copies of this document will be distributed and refreshments will be served after both Masses.

Faith and Life Convention

Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fourth Faith and Life Convention on Saturday 30th September 2017 in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast beginning at 10am. This year we are delighted to welcome Cardinal Kevin Farrell as our keynote speaker. He will speak to us on the theme: Faith in the Family. In the afternoon each participant will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty seven. The workshops fill up quickly so it's best to book now! Perhaps the best part of the day is the pleasure of meeting up with a great crowd of committed people from all over the diocese and beyond!

Online booking is available at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org
Booking forms are also available from the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Carrickfergus Church Forum

are hosting

'Being Human Together'

An intercultural and inter faith vision of a more humane world, a 5 week series facilitated by Dr. Johnston McMaster

Dobbs Room, Carrickfergus Town Hall

Dates: Thursday evenings 7-30pm

28th Sept, 5th, 19th, 26th Oct, & 2nd Nov 2017

£2 donation per evening (Pay at door)

More information on Facebook

Annual Pioneer Mass

The annual Pioneer Mass for the Belfast Region will be celebrated in

**Corpus Christi Church, Springhill Grove,
Whiterock Rd. Belfast**

on Wed 27 September 2017 at 7 pm.

Persons wishing to be presented with any of the following - Gold, Silver, Young Pioneer or other emblems/ certificates please contact

Pat 9262 9959; Josephine 9061 7116;

Ian 9061 6601. Light refreshments afterwards.

Everyone welcome

"Letting Go – Summer into Autumn"

Retreat Day

Drumalis, Larne – Saturday 16 September

"Letting Go" is the third in "Finding Stillness through the Seasons" - a series of four themed retreat days with Maria Garvey at Drumalis. The day, which will run from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday, 16 Sept, costs £55 (including retreat materials, am and pm refreshments and 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>

Cardinal Cahal B Daly Memorial Lecture

To mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Cardinal Cahal B Daly, in October this year, there will be a memorial lecture in Queen's University Belfast. The lecture will be given by Archbishop Paul Gallagher, a native of Liverpool, who is the Secretary for Relations with States in The Secretariat of State, Vatican City. All are welcome but we ask that you inform us of your intention to be present by 22nd Sept: tel 028 90665409, email stbrigidsparishoffice@gmail.com

Go the extra mile: Cahal B Daly – Reflections on the practice of dialogue.

A lecture in Queen's University Belfast,

in Lecture Theatre PFC/OG/007

on 6th October at 7.00pm.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards.