



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



24 September 2017

25th Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle A

Weekdays 1

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 COMMUNITY

Glengormley Parish

(St Mary's On The Hill;
St Bernard's; St Macnissi's)

Fr Patrick Sheehan, PP, VF
9083 2979

Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC
9084 1507

Fr Darren Brennan, 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 David Delargy, 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 £1,346

Autumn Offering £893

Many thanks for your generosity

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Jim McKnight, Terry Corrigan,
Brian Mulligan, Tommy McMullan,
Jane Best, Billy Best,
Thomas McGowan, Winifred McGowan,
Patrick Donaghy, Phoebe Barry,
Florence O'Hara, Betty O'Hara Kelly

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

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN
WHITEHEAD ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**

Pastoral Community

We wish Fr John Forsythe, Fr Damian
McCaughan and Fr Anthony Alexander every
grace and blessing as they leave our Pastoral
Community ('Loughshore Region'), and we
welcome among us Fr Patrick Sheehan, P.P.,
V.F., Fr Darren Brennan, C.C. and
Fr David Delargy, P.P.

Our Pastoral Community Forum had its
second meeting during the past week, at
Mount St Nicholas, Carrickfergus. The
'Forum' is the group of priests and
parishioners from our entire Pastoral
Community, which will be meeting regularly
to reflect on how we, as a cluster of local
parishes, can more effectively cooperate and
share resources and initiatives. The
representatives from our parish are Fr Peter,
Paul Smith (Vice-Chair of the Parish Pastoral
Council) and Ann Woods (Secretary of the
Parish Pastoral Council).

Anyone wanting to communicate with the
Parish, other than speaking with Fr Peter or
Natalie in the Parish Office, can do so by
contacting Mary McCormack, Paul Smith or
Ann Woods.

Children's Liturgy Help Needed

Maureen Graham (tel 93361078) and
Ruth Bates (tel 93378958) are going to
"hang up their little Children's Liturgy
hats and retire". Please DO contact
them, or Father, if you would consider
joining as a Leader in this joyful and
worthwhile venture. It would be sad to
see it fold up for lack of support.

The aim of the Liturgy is to show the
children how much Jesus loves us all,
and to help them in return, grow in their
love for Him. We follow (loosely) a set
format culminating in the Gospel story of
the day.

Drama Group

Our drama group starts again on Sunday
1st October, and will be on every week
**in St Nicholas' Church
from 12.30pm until 1.30pm**

All primary school aged children,
existing and new members, are welcome
to come and join in with stories, plays,
songs and games. For further info,
contact **Louise on 07521 982825**.
Additional adult help also required!

Crafts and Creations Group

If you would like to find out more about
a Parish craft group, please come along
to a preliminary meeting on

**Thursday 28th September at 7pm,
in Lourdes Pastoral Centre, W'head.**
Bring along any crafts you have been
working on as well as any ideas you
might like to share with the group.

All ages welcome!

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

£2 donation per evening (Pay at door)

More information on Facebook

Mount St Nicholas Indoor Bowling Club

We play social bowls every Monday night in
St Nicholas' PS from 7.30pm and home
competitive matches on Tuesdays.
New members ARE welcome even if you have
never played before; we can even lend you
bowls to practice with.
Come and join us for both social and
competitive bowling. There is no age restriction.

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

Precious Life

"40 Days for Life" Opening Mass - The "40
Days for Life" campaign which takes place
from Wednesday 27th September to Sunday 5th
November will be launched with a Special Mass
in St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast on
Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm.

For more info, please contact: (028) 9027 8484
or info@preciouslife.com

PATHWAYS

- Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis -

Enrol now for 2017-2019 intake. Pathways is a
broad-based adult faith development course
which explores spirituality, theology and prayer.
Now in its twelfth year, Pathways is geared
towards those who want to reflect about life,
faith and relationships with God and others. The
course takes place in the beautiful surroundings
of Drumalis in Larne. No academic
qualifications are necessary and there is no
coursework attached.

This two-year programme supported by the
Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October
to June each year and will be held on nine
Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. For further
information and booking form, please contact
Drumalis - 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 (during
office hours, Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm),
email maura@drumalis.co.uk or see the
Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Carrickfergus Support Group - N.I. Hospice

Ladies' Breakfast

The Carrickfergus Support Group is serving a
Continental Breakfast for ladies in

**Joymount Presbyterian Church Hall
on Sat 21st October at 10.00am**

to raise funds for N.I.Hospice.

Tickets for donation of £8.00 are available from
Lynda Marshall Tel: 028 93365540 or from
members of the support group.

Meeting for Returned Lay Missionaries & Volunteers

Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or
lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America?
Would you like to meet up with like-minded
people to discuss about issues of mutual
concern? Join us for our next meeting which
takes place on Wed Sep 27th 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

Mary & Mercy Tour Comes to Belfast

Experience the time of mercy! Best-selling
Catholic author Fr Michael Gaitley MIC is
visiting Ireland in October to talk on Mary &
Mercy. Fr Gaitley has sold over 2 million copies
of his book '33 Days to Morning Glory' on
personal consecration to Mary, and he's also
written on Divine Mercy and St Therese. He'll
be appearing at St Patrick's, Donegall St, Belfast
at 7.30pm on Friday 6th October giving his own
personal testimony and speaking about Our Lady
and mercy. Everyone is welcome to attend this
uplifting evening.

Marian Movement of Priests

Regional Cenacle for Laity, Led by International
Responsible, Fr Laurent Laroque

Thursday 28th September, 7.00-9.00pm

**St Peter the Rock Church,
18 Rock Road, Stoneyford, BT 28 3SU**

Entertainment & Community Development Committee

St Nicholas' Community Centre

Bingo

Sundays 8.00pm

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.