



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

## 8 October 2017

## 27th 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 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 £1,302**

**Monthly Offering £834**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Parish Walking Group

Tuesday evenings, leaving the  
Church upper car park at  
**7.00pm**. Why not join us for an  
hour's gentle walk and hopefully  
good craic.

**All Welcome**

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

William Devine, Hugh Devine,  
Michael McNeice, Agnes Hall,  
Matilda Dean Foley

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

### 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 is on each Sunday  
**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!

### Parish Repository

Open at weekend Masses -

The Parish Repository carries a  
comprehensive selection of cards & gifts for

### Annual Legion of Mary Rosary Procession. Sunday 8th Oct 2017

The Annual Legion of Mary Rosary  
Procession will take place **TODAY**  
The procession leaves St. Johns Church,  
Falls Road, at 3pm and will process to  
St Michael the Archangel Church where  
there will be a short service of Benediction.  
Refreshments will be available afterwards.  
Rosary beads and leaflets provided.  
All are welcome. Please gather at St. Johns  
Church at 2.45pm.

### Legion of Mary's event for Young Catholics

Catholic Young Adult Conference (18-40) at  
the Catholic Chaplaincy, QUB  
**on Saturday, 21 October 2017.**  
**10am-5.30pm. Cost £10 including lunch.**  
**Theme: 'Answering Objections to  
Catholicism'.**

Talks and workshops with speakers  
including Fr Andrew Black, Fr Martin  
Graham and the Dominican Sisters of  
St Cecilia.  
To book a place call 077 5337 9110.

### Dedication of Studies Mass at Queen's University

The Dedication of Studies Mass for the new  
academic year will celebrated  
**on Sunday 8th October at 6.30pm in the  
Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's  
University, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.**

The chief celebrant this year will be  
Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry.  
All university students, Year 14 students, and  
their families, are welcome to attend.  
Refreshments will be served after Mass. For  
enquiries contact the Chaplaincy on 028  
9066 9737, or qubcc@downandconnor.org .

### Entertainment & Community Development Committee St Nicholas' Community Centre

**Bingo  
Sundays 8.00pm**

### 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.

### Fatima Comes to Ballymena

To mark the centenary of Our Lady's  
apparition in Fatima, Ballymena parish is  
hosting a 24 hour vigil of prayer on 12th-  
13th October. The vigil begins at 6pm on  
Thursday 12th at All Saints' Church with  
Mass at 7.30pm, 12 midnight, and 10am,  
12noon and 7.30pm on Friday 13th.

Confessions will be available from 11am-  
12noon and 6.30-7.30pm on Friday 13th.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will  
take place throughout the day and night, and  
it will be interspersed with the rosary,  
readings and music.  
Pope Francis has granted a special  
indulgence for those celebrate the  
anniversary of Fatima this year, and this  
vigil brings Fatima and its message here to  
us at home! Follow us on Facebook fb.me/  
ballymenacatholic

### Taizé at Clonard

A special evening of Taizé prayer, music  
and reflection will take place in  
**Clonard Church on Tuesday 17th of  
October at 7:30pm.**

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical  
monastic order in Burgundy, France. It is  
composed of more than one hundred  
brothers, from Catholic and Protestant  
traditions, who originate from about thirty  
countries across the world. It was founded  
in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz. Taizé is  
a place of great pilgrimage for many young  
people from around the world every year.  
Brother Jean Marie from the Taizé  
Community will join us for this special  
evening.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### 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.

### Carrickfergus Church Forum

are hosting

#### 'Being Human Together'

An intercultural and inter faith vision of a more  
humane world, facilitated by  
Dr. Johnston McMaster  
**Dobbs Room, Carrickfergus Town Hall**  
**Dates: Thursday evenings 7-30pm**  
**19th, 26th Oct, & 2nd Nov**  
£2 donation per evening (Pay at door)

### Foyer of Light, Charity & Love 5 Day Silent Retreat:

Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."  
Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne  
**Venue: Dromantire Retreat Centre, Newry,**  
**Date: October 23rd - 29th**  
Cost: £360stg full board  
Contact: Helen : 00353 86 1678027,  
www.foyerofcharity.ie

### Habitat for Humanity N.I./Living Youth

**Ethiopia Team: End of July/Start of August 2018**  
**(\*12 days - dates to be finalised)**

Be part of this exciting ongoing partnership between  
Living Youth and Habitat's Global Village programme  
in Ethiopia! Twelve years ago, a volunteer team from  
Ulster University was the catalyst for our Ethiopia  
Partnership. Since then, thousands of lives have been  
transformed through small changes which make a  
world of difference; simple homes, clean water, proper  
toilets. Global Village is the name given to Habitat for  
Humanity's international volunteering programme. Its  
aims are to raise homes, funds and awareness about the  
need for decent housing and water sanitation. The  
programme is a unique short-term opportunity where  
you will join a team which has the privilege of working  
alongside families in need. Equally important is the  
personal development aspect of these trips with  
perspectives broadened, skills enhanced and lives  
changed. This will be Living Youth's fifth team to  
Ethiopia. "The trip was one of the best experiences of  
my life. Seeing the happiness, hope and joy the  
partnership was bringing to homeowners was  
incredible" Previous Team Member.  
**Personal Donation £500; Personal Fundraising  
Target £1600.**  
For further information and details of online  
applications please contact:  
kieraoneill@livingyouthni.org  
**Closing Date for Applications: Friday 3rd  
November 2017.**