



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



3 December 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Sundays - Cycle B

Divine Office Week 2

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 £1,529

Many thanks for your generosity

Parish Advent Service

Our service this year will be held
**in Our Lady of Lourdes
on Sunday 10th Dec at 6pm,**
followed by refreshments and
crafts for the children in
the Pastoral Centre.
Hope you can join us!

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Fr Michael Cosgrove, Peter Quinn,
Mary Best, Elizabeth McGowan,
Danny McGowan

Recently Deceased

Monica Donnelly

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

Parish Youth Forum

We invite all young parishioners from P7
to Year 14 and parents/guardians to an
informal meeting
**after 11.30 am Mass in St Nicholas'
Church TODAY, Sun 3rd December,**
to gather ideas and register interest as our
Parish builds towards the formation of a
new Youth Forum.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

**1st prize - £300
2nd Prize - £200
3rd Prize - £100**

Tickets £1 each or Book of 11 - £10

Ballot tickets are now available in the
Church porches after Mass or from any
committee member, or contact
Teresa Connor on 07811971051

Parish Bethany Support Group

**Annual Mass for the Bereaved
Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm
in St Nicholas'**

All very welcome especially those who
have been bereaved this year.
If your relative died outside of our parish
and you would like a candle for the Mass
please fill in the form at the rear of the
church no later than Sunday 3rd December.

Carrickfergus Church Forum

We invite you to join us for our
Advent 'Faith and Friendship' gathering on
**Tuesday 5th December at 7.45 pm
in Mount St Nicholas' Church**
with Fr Peter Owens, who will lead us in
Lecto divina advent reflection, after our
time of worship and festive
sharing friendship.
All are warmly welcomed!

St Nicholas' Primary School

Inspiring Achievement, Fulfilling Potential
Open Day

Mr Austin, Staff and Pupils of St Nicholas' PS
proudly invite you to visit and experience the
unique family atmosphere of our School.
**For Prospective P1 Parents starting in 2018
Tuesday 5th December at 1.30pm**

Come along and view our state-of-the-art
facilities and sample daily school life. Please
feel free to arrange an alternative appointment
with Mr Austin if this date does not suit.
We very much look forward to meeting you!



St Nicholas' PS

Family Quiz Night

Thursday 7th Dec

Adults £2.00, Children £1.00

Pay at the Door

Quiz starts at 7.00 pm

Santa's Grotto from 6.30 pm

Advent Penitential Service

Within our Pastoral Community
are as follows

St Nicholas' **Mon 18 Dec @7.00pm**

St Bernard's **Tues 19 Dec @7.00pm**

St Gerard's **Wed 20 Dec @7.00pm**

Parish Repository

Christmas Gifts and cards are now available
from the
Parish Repository.
If you would like to order a calendar,
diocesan directory or a diary (which includes
the order of mass) for 2018 please contact
Anne.

Trocaire

Trocaire Christmas Gifts are now available.
Please contact Patrick Quinn in Carrick or
Gerardine Stewart in Whitehead.

Trocaire Art and Poetry Exhibition An Emotional Journey

In support of the international campaign
'16 Days of Activism Against Gender
Violence', you are cordially invited to the
launch of our paintings and poetry -
hosted by Holy Family Parish, Belfast.

Date: Tues 5 Dec @ 7.00pm

Venue: The Gathering Space,

Holy Family Church, Limestone Road
For more information contact Trocaire on
Tel: 90808030

Mount St Nicholas, Pre-school, Playgroup Open Day

Situated in the YMCA building, 30-34 Irish
Quarter West, Mount St Nicholas, a Pre-school
Playgroup and the main feeder group to
St Nicholas PS invites you to their open day on
**Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th of December
between 9:30am and 11:30am.**

If your child is aged 3 on or before July 1st 2015
you can apply for a, pre-school, funded place.
If your child is aged 3 after July 1st 2015 you can
apply for a pre, pre-school place.

Enquiries can be made by contacting:
Hilda Boyd on 07729583134 or by
Email:

mountstnicholasplaygroup@hotmail.com

An Evening of Festive Favourites at Drumalis

Friday, 22 December at 7:00 pm

The evening will include seasonal favourites, old
and new, performed by Voices Chamber Choir
under the direction of Loreto McAuley. On
arrival, there will be a festive reception with
entertainment commencing at 7:30 pm. A two-
course supper will be served during the interval.
The cost for the evening is £25 per person and
admission is by pre-paid ticket only. For further
information, please contact Drumalis during office
hours (Mon-Fri, 9am - 5pm) **Telephone: 2827
2196/2827 6455.**

Welcoming Christmas at Drumalis

In preparation for Christmas, there will be
a service of song and reflection for
friends and families at Drumalis on

**Thursday, 21 December
from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

Light refreshments will be served
afterwards. Everyone welcome -
voluntary donation.

The Iona Institute for Religion and Society

Invitation to a talk

'Marriage and family in Northern Ireland'
Speaker: **David Quinn**

On Tuesday, December 12 @8.00pm

In The Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast
Admission: Free, donations to the Institute

We are very pleased to invite you to our next talk
which will be given by David Quinn, columnist
and Director of The Iona Institute. David will
discuss a new report from The Iona Institute
Northern Ireland called 'Mind the Gap: Marriage
and Family by Social Class in Northern Ireland'.
The report looks at divorce, marriage,
cohabitation, and births outside marriage in
Northern Ireland and examines each by social class
noting that marriage is far more prevalent in more
social advantaged groups than among poorer, more
disadvantaged groups and causes and
consequences of this.

David is currently a columnist with The Sunday
Times and The Irish Catholic. He has previously
been a columnist with The Irish Independent and
The Sunday Business Post.
His new book is 'How we killed God (and other
tales of modern Ireland)'. Copies will be available
for sale on the night.

**If you would like to attend please email
tharkin@ionainstitute.ie**

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto & Montecassino

18th-25th May 2018 ex Belfast
(50th anniversary of Padre Pio's death plus
stigmata 100th anniversary)

Spiritual Director

Very Rev Canon Sean Rogan PE, Kilcoo
7 Nights - 4* Hotel

Price £1090 pp (single room supp. £245)
Deposit £250 - includes meals, fully escorted
guided tours and all taxes

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