



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



17 December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sundays - Cycle B

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

Fr Patrick McLaughlin, CSsR, CC
Fr Brendan McConvery, CSsR, CC

9077 4833

Carrickfergus Parish

(St Nicholas', Carrickfergus,
Our Lady of Lourdes', Whitehead)

Fr Peter Owens, PP
9336 3269

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,342

Many thanks for your generosity

Parish Repository

Christmas Gifts and cards are
available from the
Parish Repository.

If you would like to order a
Diocesan Directory or a Diary
(which includes the order of
mass) for 2018 please contact
Anne.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversary

Barry Maxwell

Recently Deceased

Christina Mullen,
Canon Hugh Starkey

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

Christmas Flowers – Carrickfergus & Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards
dressing the churches with flowers for
Christmas, please see Anne Quinn in
Carrickfergus or Margaret O'Neill in
Whitehead or alternatively put your
offering in the boxes provided in the
church porches.



Thank You .

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

Trocaire

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

Louise Irvine

"Voice of an Angel" CDs
available from Anne Quinn in the Parish
Repository.

Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Mon 18 Dec

10.00am Mass - W'head

Tues 19 Dec

7.00pm Penitential Service - C'fergus

Wed 20 Dec

10.00am Mass - C'fergus

7.00pm Penitential Service - St Bernard's, G'gormley

Thurs 21 Dec

10.00am Mass - W'head

7.00pm Penitential Service - St Gerard's, Antrim Rd

Sat 23 Dec

10.00am Mass - C'fergus

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Sun 24 Dec

(Christmas Eve)

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.30am Mass - C'fergus

6.30pm Vigil Mass - W'head

8.30pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Mon 25 Dec

(Christmas Day)

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.30am Mass - C'fergus

Tue 26 - Fri 29 Dec - No Masses

Sat 30 Dec

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Sun 31 Dec

9.30am Mass - W'Head

11.30am Mass - C'Fergus

Mon 1 Jan

12.00 Noon Mass - C'fergus

Tues 2 Jan - Thurs 4 Jan - No Masses

Fri 5 Jan

7.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Sat 6 Jan

(Epiphany)

10.00am Mass - W'head

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER

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.

Towards Peace

Christmas and New Year is often a time
when we are reminded of our deeper selves
and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The
vision of Towards Peace is to provide a
safe ,supportive space for people who have
been affected by abuse in a Church context,
and who are seeking to explore the spiritual
impact of the abuse. If you have been abused
and would like a space to reflect on the
impact of the trauma of abuse on your own
relationship with God and spirituality,
Towards Peace is here for you:
www.towardspeace.ie / 01 505 3028.

Trocaire Christmas Appeal

**"In love there is no room for fear, but
perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18.**

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love
Conquers Fear', is raising money to support
people all over the developing world who face
fear every day of their lives – like the fear of
not being able to feed their children or the fear
of having to flee their homes because of
conflict. To find out more about the appeal
visit www.trocaire.org

Bangor Parish

7 Day Trip to Brittany and Normandy

From June 25th to July 1st joining the one day
St Columbanus International Meeting in
St Coulomb June 30th.

The cost is 895 euro pp sharing, all breakfasts and
dinners included, 3 nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo.
Day trips include; Places associated with St
Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and more.
(Courier: Kieran Troy who has led Bangor groups in
the recent past). As there is great demand for hotel
space in Brittany in this period prompt booking
would be highly recommended.
Details and booking form on parish website
www.bangorparish.com

Trinity College - Open Evenings

Trinity College warmly invites you to our
Open Evenings on

Wednesday 10th Jan & Thursday 11th Jan 2018.

There will be an address by the Principal at 7pm.
The Opening Evening will be a great opportunity to
come and experience life in Trinity and see all we
have to offer. P7 boy and girls will have the chance
to win many prizes including mini ipads. Please
come along and be part of our exciting evenings.

St Louise's Comprehensive College, Falls Road, Belfast

We look forward to welcoming P6 and P7 girls and
students wishing to transfer to our Sixth Form, to our
Open Night

Thursday 11th January, 2018

Principal's Address at 4.30pm and 6.30pm

Tel: 028 90325632

Email: info@stlouises.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Living Youth World Meeting of Families Volunteering

Living Youth is leading a Youth Group from the Diocese
of Down & Connor to Dublin this coming summer to
volunteer at the World Meeting of Families Congress and
to attend the Papal Mass. The trip will be from 22nd – 26th
August 2018 and will be for those aged 16 – 25. The trip
will cost £100 per person.

We expect places to fill quickly so to register your interest
please email Living Youth @ info@livingyouthni.org with
your name, contact number, parish and D.O.B. or contact
us directly on 02890 232 432.

The Emerald Ball at Titanic, Belfast - A Perfect Gift for Christmas

The Emerald Ball will take place at Titanic, Belfast on St
Patrick's Day, 17th March 2018. The evening will
commence with drinks at 7pm, followed by a superb four
course dinner at 8pm. There will be a high-end luxury
ballot and dancing to a live band. Dress is formal and
monies raised will support the D & C Lourdes Pilgrimage
for the Sick. Tickets are £60 each and available from the
pilgrimage secretary, Sinead on 02890646040 or the
Drumbo Parish office on 02890812238. The Emerald Ball
would be the perfect Christmas gift and promises to be a
highlight of the social calendar so be sure to reserve your
tickets early.

Children in Crossfire - Borneo Trek

Children in Crossfire need more participants! Calling
anyone who feels they would like to help raise vital
funds, through an amazing Borneo Trek over Easter
30th March -7th April 2018.

There will be mass available.

£100 will secure a place, contact Shauna on
shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call
02871269898 Mobile 07597747940