



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

## 21 January 2018

## 3rd Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle B

Weekdays 2

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 £1,768**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Dates For Your 2018 Diary

The Parish Pastoral Council are  
hosting Parish Welcome Days after  
Sunday Mass as follows:

**Sun 18th February —  
Carrickfergus**

**Sun 25th February — Whitehead**

We hope to see you there.

### Requiescant in Pace



#### Anniversaries

Edward (Ted) Gerring, Francie Gent,  
Rose Moore, Thomas Moore,  
Patricia McLaughlin, Sammy Barry,  
David McGivern, May McGivern,  
Winifred & Thomas McKeown,  
Aaron O'Kane.

#### Month's Mind

Margaret Sempey

#### Recently Deceased

Fr. Gregory Cormican

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

### Liturgy Meeting

There will be a Liturgy meeting held  
directly after the 11.30 Mass TODAY  
**Sunday 21st January** in the Committee  
Room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church.  
All those involved in the co-ordination of  
Liturgical ministries and are very welcome.

The purpose of the meeting is to arrange  
the liturgical timetable for Carrickfergus  
and Whitehead for the coming months.

### Trocaire Christmas Gifts

Sincere thanks for all those parishioners  
who bought Trocaire Gift Cards in the run  
up to Christmas.

Parishioners contributed **£707.55**  
to this appeal.

### Parish Event - Date for your Diary!

St Patrick's Family Night with Loch Lao  
Ceilidh Band on Saturday 17th March in  
St Nicholas Community Hall.

### Youth Forum

Our Parish is launching a Forum for all  
young parishioners P6 - Y14, as part of  
bringing to life our Pastoral Plan. This will  
provide opportunities to play an active part  
in Parish life, grow in faith, build  
community and have a bit of craic.

**We invite all young people in the Parish  
and parents/guardians to a quick meeting  
after 11.30 am Mass in  
St Nicholas' on Sunday 4th February.**  
For more information, please contact  
**Siobhán - 07593449231.**

### Mass for the Sick and Housebound

Mass will be offered for the sick and  
housebound on

**Saturday 10th February at 3:00 pm in  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, W'head.**  
This is to celebrate 'The World Day of  
Prayer for the Sick' on 11th February. If you  
would like to attend and require transport,  
please contact either  
Siobhan Gilmore 93365874/07593449231  
or  
Gerardine Stewart 93353700/07747114419.  
**Everyone welcome.**

### Chatty Crafters

The craft group will be meeting up on  
**Thurs 25th January at 7pm**  
in Lourdes Pastoral Centre.  
**Everyone welcome!**

### Carrickfergus Church Forum

#### Monthly 'Faith and Friendship' Meeting

Date: **Tuesday 23rd January 2018**  
Venue: Gateway Church, Governors Place,  
Time: 7-45pm  
Theme: 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'  
Time for hymns, prayer, reflection, chat,  
coffee.

**Everyone most welcome.**

**Future Meetings:** Tues 27th Feb (Parish),  
Tues 13th March (Gateway),  
Tues 24th April (Parish)

#### Louise Irvine

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

### Diocesan Vocation Weekend

Is God calling you from your family to serve His  
family? Have you ever asked Jesus what he  
wants from you? Perhaps He wants you to serve  
as a priest in His Church. Take this opportunity to  
gather with other men who are discerning a  
vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will  
create the time and space to help you reflect on  
what vocation Jesus is calling you to.

**The retreat will take place in  
Drumalis Retreat Centre,  
from Friday 16th – Sunday 18th Feb 2018.**  
If you wish to attend this retreat or would like  
further information contact: Fr. Kevin  
McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast,  
BT17 0LT (02890614567)  
Email: k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org.

### St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2018

**By Fr. Paul Murray O.P.**  
**"Anxious hearts and wounded lives:  
The place of the New Sacred."**  
**in St. Brigid's Parish Centre  
On Thursday, 1st February at 7.30pm**  
**Everyone welcome!**

Fr Paul Murray is an Irish Dominican priest, poet,  
author and professor. He was born in Newcastle,  
Co. Down, and is a past pupil of St. Malachy's  
College, Belfast His brother, Fr. Michael  
Murray, is a priest in Down and Connor. Fr Paul  
presently lives in Rome and lectures in the  
Angelicum University. He was a friend and  
adviser to Mother Teresa of Calcutta.  
"Every Christian is entitled to the name of  
"saint" and the title "temple". These are  
extraordinary statements. What they proclaim is  
that ordinary human life is now in some way  
sacred, and the common everyday details of that  
life no less sacred."

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

Bookings are now open for the 2018 Pilgrimage.  
Seven nights (10-17 July) - £725 pps.  
Five nights (11-16 July) - £650 pps.  
Five nights for pilgrims requiring nursing/  
personal care, staying in Accueil Notre Dame  
(11-16 July) - £550.  
Youth Team (8-17 July) - £590.  
Forms available from the Parish Office or contact  
the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 02890646040  
or Email: lourdes@downandconnor.org

**St Nicholas' Community Centre  
Bingo  
Sundays 8.00pm**

### Anam Cara Information Evening

Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and  
Anam Cara, the national organisation that provides  
support services to bereaved parents, are hosting a  
Bereavement Information Evening in  
**Corr's Corner Hotel, 315 Ballyclare Road,  
Newtownabbey,  
on Tuesday 30th January from 7:30-9:30pm.**

This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an  
experienced bereavement professional talk about the  
many challenges families may face after the death of their  
son or daughter.  
This is a free event open to all bereaved parents.  
Northern Ireland Children's Hospice & Anam Cara will  
need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would  
appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie  
before Monday, 29th January 2018 or call us  
on **02895213120.**

### A Journey in Faith

If you — need a deeper understanding of your Catholic  
faith / are seeking to return to celebrating your faith /  
would like to explore and enquire into the Catholic faith  
with a view possibly of Baptism... please come along to  
the Gartan Room, St Colmille's Parochial Hall, 191  
Upper Newtownards Road Belfast, on Wednesday  
evenings at 7.30pm, to take the next step with others,  
where you may find example, encouragement and  
inspiration to help you along on your journey of  
exploration.  
**Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131**

### Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from  
18th – 25th January. This year's inter-Diocesan  
Service will be held in St Anne's Church of Ireland  
Cathedral, Belfast, on Tues 23rd January at 7 pm.  
The theme for 2018 is "That All May Be Free" and  
the preacher at both Services will be Fr Kieran  
McDermott, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation  
and Ecumenism in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

### Meeting for Returned Lay Missionaries & Volunteers

The next meeting for returned volunteers & lay  
missionaries who have worked overseas will take place  
on Wednesday 31st Jan at 7.00 pm in the Sacred Heart  
Parish Centre, Glenview St, off Oldpark Rd, Belfast. All  
are welcome. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or  
phone/text + 353 83 8422468

### Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering!

Viatore Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training  
weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in  
becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to  
learn more about social justice at home or away,  
this course is for you. Call us today - Viatore  
Christi +353-1-8689986 or email  
apply@viatorechristi.com for more info.