



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

28 January 2018

4th Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle B

Weekdays 2

Divine Office Week 4

## OUR PARISH

### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Peter Owens PP**

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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 £1,178**

**Diocesan Youth £485**

## Commission

*Many thanks for your generosity*

## 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.

## Parish Bethany Support Group

Tel: **07598825187** to contact any member of  
the group.

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Sheila Mulholland, Maureen Edwards

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

**THERE WILL BE NO  
10.00AM MASS IN  
WHITEHEAD ON  
WED 31st JANUARY.**

## 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.**

## 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.

## Louise Irvine

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

## 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.**

## 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**

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.mcguickien@downandconnor.org.

## “Awakening Breath” Retreat Day

**Drumalis, Larne – Saturday 3 Feb**  
“Awakening Breath” is the first in  
“Meeting God Mindfully” - a series of  
four themed retreat days with Maria  
Garvey at Drumalis in 2018, bringing  
together the practices of Christian  
Contemplative Prayer and Mindfulness  
Based Stress Reduction. The day,  
which will run from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
on Saturday, 3 February. For further  
information, please contact 028  
28276455/28272196 during office hours  
(Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm). Details are  
also available on the Drumalis website -  
<http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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

## 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.”

## Drumalis - Consultation Days

Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre is  
embarking on a period of consultation about  
possibilities for the future.

Entitled "Walking Together with Hope into the  
Future" the initial intention is to hold three  
facilitated consultation meetings in order to draw  
on the wisdom of the wider family of Drumalis.  
The dates are

**(a) Thursday, 8th February, 7-9 pm,  
(b) Saturday, 17th February, 5.30-7.30 and  
(c) Thursday, 15th March, 2-4 pm.**

If you would like to participate in one of the  
meetings, please email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk)

## 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](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

## Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering!

Viatres 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 - Viatres Christi +353-1-  
8689986 or email [apply@viatreschristi.com](mailto:apply@viatreschristi.com) for more  
info.

## “One Family... One Common Home” Re-inhabiting the Earth Spring Conference

**Drumalis, Fri 23 - Sun 25 February**

Facilitated by Gráinne Doherty with keynote  
speaker, Dr Lorna Gold, Head of Policy and  
Advocacy, Trócaire, this is an opportunity to extend  
our understanding of family and home to include  
the entire community of life with whom we share  
our common home - planet EARTH and to  
celebrate twenty years of environmental activity at  
Drumalis.

It is possible to attend on a residential or non-  
residential basis for the full weekend and there is  
also the opportunity to attend for the day only on  
Saturday. For further details or to book a place,  
please contact Drumalis -  
tel 028 28272196/28276455 (Mon- Fri, 9am – 5pm)  
Booking forms can also be downloaded from <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

## Precious Life

Rally to “SAVE THE 8TH” – a massive pro-life  
Rally will be held in Dublin on Saturday 10th  
March. Join thousands from across Ireland in  
support of the 8th Amendment of the Irish  
Constitution that protects unborn babies. Coaches  
travelling to the Rally from towns across Northern  
Ireland. For further details please contact the Rally  
for Life Committee on 02890278484 or click on  
[www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

## Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine

Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent.  
These will provide time and space to reflect and  
pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on  
important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts  
and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

**Sat 17 Feb – Led by Fr Aodhán McCrystal, SMA  
Sat 10 March – Led by Fr Des Corrigan, SMA  
Time 10 am -5 pm**

**Cost - £25 including lunch, teas/coffee  
All are welcome.**

Bookings to: (028)30821964.

Email; [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

[www.dromantineconference.com](http://www.dromantineconference.com)

## 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](mailto:jim.farrell@amri.ie) or  
phone/text + 353 83 8422468