



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

## 4 February 2018

## 5th Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle B

Weekdays 2

Divine Office Week 1

### 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 £1,407**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

#### Louise Irvine

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

### 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.

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Maria Sole, Eileen Daly,  
Peggy (Margaret) Ger ring

### Recently Deceased

Mary Degnan

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

**Fr Owens will visit the  
Sick & Housebound this week**  
**Mon 5 Feb - W'head - am**  
**Tue 6 Feb - C'fergus - am & pm**

### 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' TODAY  
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.

### Guided Prayer Retreat during Lent 2018

#### St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

Are you seeking to deepen your relationship with God? Or, are you feeling dissatisfied with your prayer and suspect there is something more? If so, then you are warmly invited to take part in a Guided Prayer retreat which will take place in the parish during Lent.

The retreat is Scripture-based and participants are invited to spend some time at home each day reflecting on a particular scripture passage. In reflecting on Jesus' words and actions in the Scriptures we can discover where he speaks and acts in our lives right here and now. No knowledge of the Scriptures is needed. Nor do you have to be 'holy'! On the first night small groups are led through this method of prayer, subsequent nights involve individual 30 minute meetings with a trained prayer guide and there is a group meeting on the last evening.

**When:** Introductory session Sunday 18th Feb at 7.30 p.m. Followed by 5 subsequent 30 minute sessions on Mondays 19th & 26th Feb & Mondays 5th, 12th & 19th March.

**How to apply:** Leave your name and contact details with Fr. Owens or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Places are very limited so please apply early if you want to participate.

### 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.**

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Peter Owens (President)  
Mary McCormack (Chair)  
Paul Smith (Vice-Chair)  
Ann Woods (Secretary)  
Claire Bagshaw Patrick Quinn  
Martin Dempster David Gorman  
Siobhan Gilmore Bob Sweeney  
Gerardine Stewart

### 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**

### Carrickfergus Church Forum

Facilitated by Derek Poole

**7.30pm Tues 13th and Tues 20th February**  
Venue: St. Colman's Gateway, Governor's Place,  
Carrickfergus.

Focusing on Church as a community of  
Forgiveness, Justice  
Reconciliation and Repentance.  
Admission free (Donation basket available).

### The Emerald Ball at Titanic

**The Emerald Ball will take place at Titanic,  
Belfast on St Patrick's Day, 17th March.**

The evening will commence with drinks at 7pm,  
to be followed by a superb four course dinner at  
8pm. There will be a luxury ballot and dancing to  
a live band. Dress is formal and monies raised  
will support the Down and Connor Lourdes  
Pilgrimage for the Sick.

Tickets are £60 each and available from the  
pilgrimage secretary, Sinead on 028 9064 6040  
or the Drumbo Parish office on 028 9081 2238.

### 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

### Tobar Mhuire

#### Ash Wednesday - Day of Prayer

We invite you to join us for a day of Prayer and  
Solidarity with the homeless in our community  
beginning with Mass and the distribution of ashes  
at 9.00am, followed by a day of Adoration in the  
chapel. In the evening we will host a Prayer Service  
with Ashes beginning at 7.00pm during which we  
will remember the plight of the homeless.  
At 8.00pm we invite you to join us for a  
presentation given by members of the homeless  
community and Paul McCusker, a tireless worker  
with the homeless in Belfast. Please feel welcome  
to come for either or both evening sessions.  
For further information: Contact Tobar Mhuire  
Tel: 0284483044 or Email:  
secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

### Lenten Pioneer Pledge

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during  
Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help  
yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or  
drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom  
from addiction? Please consider taking the short  
term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to  
someone's life. Register your pledge with local  
Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

**Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink  
until the end of Lent."**

### 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)

### 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)