



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

## 11 February 2018

## 6th Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle B    Weekdays 2    Divine Office Week 1/2

### 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 £1,305**  
**Monthly Offering £927**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Envelope Boxes 2018 / 2019

If you are new to the parish; if your details have changed; or, if you have not previously been using envelopes but now wish to do so, then please fill in an "Envelope Registration Form" available at the back of the church. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office or left in the sacristy. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on **Tel: 93363269** or **email: carrickfergus@downandconnor.org**

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Brian O'Neill, Margaret Wilson,  
Reeves & Bob Mulholland  
& All Deceased Members of the  
Mulholland Family  
Annie McCormick, Paddy Lennox

### Recently Deceased

Therese Wady, Brigid Hurson,  
Ethel McKenzie

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

### Ash Wednesday

#### 14th February

Whitehead - 10.00am Mass  
Carrickfergus - 7.00pm Mass  
Ashes will be distributed after both  
Masses.

### St Nicholas' Primary School 20th Anniversary of the New School Building

The school is keen to mark the 20th year of our fabulous school building and are asking for photographs from 1998-2018. We will ensure that great care is taken and they are returned safely. The school would hope to create a commemorative pamphlet and display to celebrate the occasion.

### Carrickfergus Church Forum

#### 'Lesson From Rwanda'

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).

### 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.

**Cost:** A suggested donation of £15 can be made on the last evening of the Retreat to cover the expenses of running the event.

### Parish Welcome Days

Parishioners are all invited to come along to our Parish Welcome Days which are happening over the next two Sundays.

These days will give parishioners the opportunity to find out more about our parish groups, committees, societies and clubs. The parish has over 30 groups and probably there are some that you would not be aware of.

As we approach Lent, it is common for people to try to give something up, but maybe this year it would be beneficial to share some of those hidden talents and gifts we all have, and consider joining a parish group or club.

**The first Welcome Day will be held in the St. Nicholas' Parish Hall & St. Nicholas' PS Assembly Hall, next Sunday, 18th February, after the 11.30am Mass. The following Sunday, 25th February, the same groups will have their displays set out in the Lourdes Pastoral Centre Whitehead, after the 9.30am Mass.**



**Please come along, show your support  
for our parish groups  
and enjoy some refreshments on the day.**



### 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."**

### Fostering

Would you provide love, fun and security until adulthood for a child who is unable to live with their birth parents? Belfast HSC Trust together with South Eastern HSC Trust is holding an information evening, "Til I Grow Up", on Thursday 22nd February 2018 from 7-9pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shawsbridge, Belfast. The event is open to members of the public to inform them about the need for foster families for a number of children until they reach adulthood. In order to become a foster carer you need to like children, be child centred in your approach and be able to give time, love, fun and security. It is important you are resilient, flexible and have realistic expectations. It is necessary to register for the event, either by calling 028 9504 0057 or emailing mairead.sloan@setrust.hscni.net. We would love to hear from you!

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of 24 & 25 February 2018.

### Registration for all WMOF2018

Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd - 24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25th August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, 26th August. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

### Volunteer for WMOF2018

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. Why not make volunteering for WMOF2018 a New Year's resolution for 2018? You can sign up on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie), or call (01) 5676800.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

Lourdes 2018: we are currently seeking nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018). For more information please email us at [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) or telephone the Pilgrimage Office (028) 90646040. The subsidised fare for nurses is £520. Thank you.

### 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)

### 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.