



Saint Nicholas' Church

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## 18 February 2018

## 1st Sunday of Lent

### Sundays - Cycle B

### Divine Office Week 1

### 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**

### 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.

### 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**

## Requiescat in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Patricia Devenny

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

### Weekday Masses

**There will be no weekday  
Masses in Carrickfergus or  
Whitehead this week**

### Parish Bethany Support Group

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

### 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 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

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 today Sun 18th in the St. Nicholas' Parish Hall & St. Nicholas' PS Assembly Hall, after the 11.30am Mass.**

**Next 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."**

**Living Youth - Habitat for Humanity Gala Ball @ Titanic Belfast: Friday 27th April 2018 @ 7pm. Price (pp): £55.**

**Living Youth - Habitat for Humanity** are hosting a Gala Ball, in support of the African partnership, in the beautiful Titanic suite, on Friday 27th April 2018. There will be a drinks reception on arrival, a ballot - with the chance to win amazing prizes, music from The House8's, amazing 5-star food and much more! If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with Kiera on 028 90 232 432. Furthermore, you can purchase your tickets on the Habitat for Humanity website: <https://www.habitatni.co.uk/donate/gala-ball-2018>.

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

The main events of WMOF2018 will take place in Dublin but it is also anticipated that related events, including the hosting of international groups, will take place all over the island of Ireland.

The following key moments make up the 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families:

A **National Opening** on Tuesday 21 August which will take place simultaneously in each of the dioceses of Ireland;

A **three day congress** from 22-24 August in the RDS, Dublin;

A **Festival of Families** on Saturday 25 August, comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents;

A **Closing Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday 26 August with thousands of people from Ireland and across the world.

Pope Francis has asked us to prepare for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families by reflecting on 'Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)', his apostolic exhortation released in 2016. Pope Francis believes that the family is good news for today's world. The *Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!* Programme is a response to this request from Pope Francis.

**Women's World Day of Prayer.** Will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Whitehead, on Friday 2nd March at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

There will be a choir practice and rehearsal on Thursday 22nd February. Choir members and all Other singers are invited to attend at 7pm and the rehearsal will be at 730pm

### "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>