



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



25 February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sundays - Cycle B

Divine Office Week 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

Parish Bethany Support Group

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

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



Recently Deceased

Daniel Joseph (Don) Owens

Anniversaries

Agnes & Tommy McMullan
Kathleen Barrett

*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 Mass
in Whitehead this Monday or
in Carrick this Thursday**

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.

Parish Repository

St Patrick's & Easter Cards now 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.

Guided Prayer Retreat

St. Nicholas' Church
Carrickfergus
Continues this Monday 26th Feb.

Parish Welcome Day

**Sun 25th February
Lourdes Pastoral Centre,
after 9.30am Mass**

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

TEA DANCE

**Tuesday 6th March. 2pm to 4pm
in St Bernard's Pastoral Centre,
165 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey,
(situated at the back of St Bernard's
Church). Admission £3.**

Refresh your skills at Waltzing, Foxtrot,
Ballroom dancing or simply enjoy a cup
of tea and a bun. All welcome.

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.

LENT PRAYER SESSIONS

St Colmcille's parish, 191 Upper
Newtownards Road BT4 3JB, will offer a
programme of prayer in Lent for those
who are seeking ways to enhance their
prayer life, or to find a new way of
praying.
The programme of prayer will take place
in St Colmcille's Parochial Hall on
Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th March at
7.30pm and will be repeated on the
subsequent Friday mornings, 9th, 16th
and 23rd March at 10.00am.
Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131

'Let's talk about abortion' - Noel
Pattern, a former abortion worker is
speaking about his experiences working
for the NHS in England, on **Thursday
the 1st of March 2018 at 7:30pm**, in
Queen's University Belfast Students'
Union - Space Room 2. This promises to
be a highly engaging, informative
evening. For further information, please
contact Lucy on **02890278484**.

Women's World Day of Prayer.

Will be held in the Presbyterian Church,
Whitehead, on Friday 2nd
March at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Carrickfergus Church Forum

Monthly 'Faith and Friendship' meeting
Will take place in
**St Nicholas' RC Church, Minorca Place
on Tues 27th February 2018 at 7.45pm**

Lenten Theme

**Time for hymns, prayer, reflection, chat,
coffee.**

Everyone most welcome

Lent in Tobar Mhuire:

You are warmly invited to a Talk Back evening in
Tobar Mhuire on **Wednesday 7th March at
7.30pm** to explore signs of hope and challenges
facing the church and our community today. The
panel includes Frs. Brian D'Arcy and Gary
Donegan from the Passionist community, along
with Alan McBride (CEO - Inspire) and Rev
Caroline McAfee(former chaplain NI Hospice).
Voluntary donation.
Join the Passionist community for Taize style
Prayer Around the Cross each Friday night during
Lent, beginning at 7.30pm. All welcome.

RALLY TO "SAVE THE 8TH"

will be held in Dublin on Saturday 10th March
2018. 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 **90278484** or click on
www.rallyforlife.net. Please note that there will be
a bus leaving the top car park at St Bernard's
Church, 165 Antrim Road, Glengormley, BT36
7QR. Please contact Colette on 07791078453 for
further information or to reserve a seat.

Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine

Dromantine is offering 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. The next date is:
**Sat 10 March - Led by Fr Des Corrigan, SMA
Time 10 am -5 pm Cost - £25 including lunch
All are welcome. Bookings to: (028)30821964.
Email: admin@dromantineconference.com**

Please support the third National Collection for
WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish
this weekend (24 & 25 February).

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 9th 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 9th
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.

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."**

"Love...It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres. Love
never fails." **1 Corinthians 13, 4-7.** Trócaire
has launched it's Lenten campaign 'Until Love
Conquers Fear'. Fear is felt by millions of people
around the world who can't feed their families, are
forced to flee their homes because of conflict or are
imprisoned for standing up for their rights. Love is
the support shown to them by people here at home
through the Lenten campaign. To find out more visit
www.trocaire.org