



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



4th March 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sundays - Cycle B

Divine Office Week 3

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
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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

Carmel O'Connor

Month's Mind

Mary Degnan

Therese Wady

Anniversaries

Jeannie O'Hara, Hugh O'Hara

Gerry McGivern,

Bridget McGivern

Terry Maginn, Tommy Maginn

Donard Haveron

*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

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

My family and I are most grateful to all those parishioners and
others in Carrickfergus and Whitehead who communicated their
sympathies to us on the occasion of our recent bereavement, and in
particular to all of you who took the time to attend the funeral.

May my dear father rest in peace.

As some of you will know already, unfortunately my mother is
gravely ill and is in hospital at the moment. She has been very
unwell for the past year and recently her condition has deteriorated
significantly. In order to assist with her care I will need to extend
my leave of absence.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those who have helped
me, and indeed my sister Natalie, our Parish Secretary, in this
regard: Bishop Noel Treanor, Father Patrick Sheehan (Leader of
our Pastoral Community) and all those priests who have provided
cover, and Patrick Quinn, who is administering the parish office.

I am sorry for any inconvenience my absence may have caused and
will return to the parish as soon as our family circumstances allow.
Please remember us in the Eucharist and in prayer.

Guided Prayer Retreat

St. Nicholas' Church
Carrickfergus
Continues this Mon. 5th March.

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 at 8pm.
Ceilidh and Irish Stew supper -
Admission £7 and Concession £5
(Family discount available)

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.

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.

LENT PRAYER SESSIONS

St Colmille's parish, 191 Upper Newtownards
Road, will offer a programme of prayer in Lent for
those who are seeking ways to enhance their
prayer life. The programme of prayer will take
place in St Colmille'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 Noleen 07879 498131

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

Music for a Lenten Evening
in St. Brigid's Church
9th March at 7.30pm

St. Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum
directed by Mr Nigel McClintock and
St. Brigid's Choir directed by Dr Niall
Leonard

Programme includes: Allegri's Miserere
and Faure's Requiem
All welcome – Retiring Collection

**"How much longer will you set on a victim, all
together, intent on murder, like a rampart
already leaning over, a wall already damaged?"**

Psalms 62:3. Today we pray for the people of
Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent
civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past
two weeks including many children. Trócaire's
partners continue to work on the ground in
horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can
resolve this crisis to find the political will to do so.

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