



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



11th March 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

Sundays - Cycle B

Divine Office Week 4

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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Confirmation

Will take place in St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus on Friday 23rd March at 11am

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

Maureen O'Neill

Month's Mind

Patricia Devenny
(Thurs 15th March)

Anniversaries

Danny Campey

Mary Campey

Callum Lee

Billy McVeigh

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

Carrickfergus Church Forum Monthly Faith & Friendship Meeting

Date: **Tuesday 13th March 2018**

Venue: Harbour Faith Community
8A Governors Place, BT38 7BN
Carrickfergus

Time: 7-45pm

Theme: **St Patrick Celebration**
with reflection, song, shamrock and stew

St Patrick's Day Masses

Fri. 16th - 7pm Carrick

Sat. 17th - 10am Whitehead

Penitential Services

Monday 26th March St Nicholas, Carrickfergus @ 7pm.

Tuesday 27th March St Bernard's, Glengormley @ 7pm.

Wednesday 28th March St Gerard's, Antrim Road @ 7pm.

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

**St Nicholas' Community Centre
Bingo - Sundays 8.00pm**

Easter Flowers

Carrickfergus & Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards dressing the churches with flowers for Easter, please put your offering in the boxes provided in the church porches.

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 on Love of the Family.

Copies now available from the Repository
£4.95

St Patrick's Family Night

with Loch Lao Ceilidh Band
on **Saturday 17th March** in

St Nicholas Community
Hall, Minorca Place,
Carrickfergus
at 8pm.

Ceilidh & Irish Stew supper
Admission £7 and
Concession £5
(Family discount available)

All welcome.

Guided Prayer Retreat

St. Nicholas' Church
Carrickfergus

Continues this Mon. 12th March.

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.

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 facilitated consultation meetings in order to draw on the wisdom of the wider family of Drumalis. The next date is

- Thursday, 15th March, 2-4 pm.

If you would like to participate in one of the meetings, please email maura@drumalis.co.uk

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 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.

Meeting for Returned Lay Missionaries & Volunteers

The next meeting for returned volunteers & lay missionaries who have worked overseas will take place on Wed 14th March at 7.00 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Glenview St, off Oldpark Rd, Belfast. All are welcome. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text + 353 83 8422468

"Motherhood: All love begins and ends there" - Robert Browning.

This Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat. To find out more about Trócaire's Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org