



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



18th March 2018

5th 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 Bethany Support Group

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

Envelope Boxes 2018 / 2019

Envelope boxes are now available
at the back of the church.

If you require a new box, please
complete an "Envelope
Registration Form" and returned
the form to the parish office.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Gavan Nolan
Geraldine Frusciante

Anniversaries

Martha Theresa McCusker
Christopher McCusker
John McNamara
Laurence McMahan

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

Confirmation

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

Copies of Pope Francis'
'**Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)**',
are now available from the Parish shop
£4.95

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.

Gifts & Cards for
Confirmation and **Easter** are
now available in the Parish Shop

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.

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

Would you be willing to spend 30
minutes with Jesus?
Eucharistic Adoration will take place
after Mass on

Holy Thursday 29th March between 8pm and midnight.

Could you commit to remaining in the
presence of the Blessed Sacrament for
half an hour during this time?
If so, please note your name on the
form provided at the back of the
church.

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.

St. Patrick's Mothers' Union

is holding a Visitor's Night in their Parish
Hall, Edward Road, Whitehead on
Monday 16th April at 8:00 p.m.
Speakers for the evening will be Brian
and May Gault from the 'Look No Hands'
organisation. Brian is one of the survivors
of the drug Thalidomide and was born
with no arms. To help with catering for
the light supper, if you are interested in
attending, please phone Frances Taylor on
028 93373300 by Friday 13th April.
There will be a retiring collection in aid of
partners involved in Disability Ministries.

St Nicholas' Community Centre
Bingo -
Sundays 8.00pm

Guided Prayer Retreat

St. Nicholas' Church
Carrickfergus

The final session will be on Monday
19th March. Everyone is asked to
attend together at **7:30 p.m.** for this
closing event.

Chatty Crafters

The craft group will be meeting up on
Thursday 22nd March at 7pm in
Lourdes Pastoral Centre. Everyone
welcome to come for the tea and the
craic - knitting not compulsory!

42nd Street

St. Agnes' Choral Society are excited to be
producing the Broadway Classic, 42nd Street,
from 10th-14th April. The show is also
currently running in The West End but why
not avail of the chance to see it in The Grand
Opera House? Tickets can be purchased online
at www.goh.co.uk or via the Box Office on
028 9024 1919

The **Feast of Divine Mercy** will be
celebrated in Belfast on 8th April in:

St. Peter's Cathedral, Falls Road –
starts at 2:15pm with Holy Rosary and
Sacrament of Reconciliation; Divine
Mercy Chaplet; and Mass.

St. Paul's Church, Falls Road – starts
at 1:30 with Exposition and Sacrament
of Reconciliation; Holy Rosary;
Divine Mercy Chaplet; and Mass.

Sacred Heart Church, Oldpark Road
– starts at 2:30 with Holy Rosary and
Sacrament of Reconciliation; Divine
Mercy Chaplet; and Mass.

Registration for all WMOF2018

Registration for all WMOF2018 events is
open via 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

BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

6-8th April 2018

Stranmillis University College
Belfast BT9 5DY

Open Day 7th April

A Weekend Gathering organised by the
Focolare Movement, founded by Chiara Lubich
during the Second World War in Italy and
which has spread to over a hundred countries.
It's aim is to seek to build a united world,
drawing inspiration from Jesus' prayer "May
they all be one" and involving people of all
creeds and none.

Keynote talk from Brian Rowan - journalist,
broadcaster and author of several book
including *Unfinished Peace*.

Input and personal stories on how we can all be
dreamers and doers for our communities today.
**Families are welcome. Separate programmes for
children.**

For more information: email nirlfoc@focolare.ie,
tel. 0044 (0)28-90661028 (Focolare Belfast) or see
www.focolare.org/ireland

Suggested donation to cover the cost of the day £10

"to lend your neighbour a helping hand is to keep the commandments." Ecclesiasticus / Sirach 29:1.

This St. Patrick's weekend we celebrate the
huge change brought about in the developing
world which is made possible by the generosity
of people in Ireland. Trócaire reached 2.6
million people last year with support – parents
trying to feed their children, communities struck
by disaster, refugees fleeing conflict, men and
women whose rights were being trampled. This
support can only be provided by the ongoing
solidarity shown by people here at
home. www.trocaire.org