



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



22nd April 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

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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Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,660

Many thanks for your generosity

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

Parish Bethany Support Group

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversary

Oliver English

Recently Deceased

Fr Martin O'Callaghan
Maureen Kay

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

Parish Pastoral Council

This month's PPC meeting involved discussion on the upcoming World Meeting of Families in Dublin which involves a 3 day congress 22 -24 August, a Festival of Family 25 August and concludes with a final Mass on Sunday 26 August in Phoenix Park. We will be asking for expressions of interest shortly so we can organise attending at a Parish level if there is sufficient interest, or join with others in our Pastoral Community. Also, we reviewed the organisation and celebration of the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. As happens at all our PPC meetings, updates were received concerning the implementation of our Three Year Pastoral Plan.

The next meeting will be held on
Tuesday 8th May.

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Peter Owens (President)
Mary McCormack (Chair)
Paul Smith (Vice-Chair)
Ann Woods (Secretary)
Claire Bagshaw Patrick Quinn
Martin Dempster David Gorman
Siobhan Gilmore Bob Sweeney
Gerardine Stewart

World Meeting of Families – Tickets and Registration

- Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the Pastoral Congress (22-24 August), is guaranteed to receive tickets for the Festival of Families (Croke Park, Saturday 25th August) and the Final Mass (Phoenix Park, Sunday 26th August).
- Those who only wish to register for the Festival of Families or the Final Mass need to be aware that tickets will be limited subject to venue capacity and availability.
- To register online please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration
- To enquire about accommodation please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Ireland/Accommodation
- Alternatively call the national office – 0035316909409
- If you have any other queries contact the Diocesan Office – family@downandconnor.org

Parish Cells

Like the early Church, we come together to pray in our homes. Do join us, we meet every fortnight in the evening. Our next meeting is on **25th April** followed by the **9th May** etc. For further details, re times and venues telephone Tommy Mone (C'fergus) on **93 362511** or Ruth Bates (Whitehead) **93 378958**
NB: Cluster Meeting in Ballymena is planned for Saturday 2nd June 9.30am – noon.

Lourdes Pastoral Centre

Date for your Diary
Country Dance Night
Music by
JD Country
Friday 8th June
More details to follow.



Carrickfergus Church Forum

Monthly Cross-Community Faith and Friendship Meeting
Date: **Tues 24th April 2018**
Venue: St Nicholas' RC Church Rooms, Minorca Place
Time: **7-45pm**
Theme: 'Thanksgiving for 20 Years of Peace'
Time for hymns, prayer, reflection, chat, Tea/coffee.
Everyone most welcome

National All Ireland Eucharistic pilgrimage are having a bus run to Knock on **Sunday 29th April**.
Bus will be leaving the top Car Park of St Bernard's Church, 165 Antrim Road, at 7.30am.
COST £15.

For further information or to book a seat contact **Patricia 07972103130.**

Living Church Down & Connor Lough Derg Pilgrimage

The sixth Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from **Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2018**. The pilgrimage will be the traditional three day format. Those who took part in the pilgrimage over the last few years spoke of the many blessings they received from being on the island of Lough Derg, as countless people have throughout the years. There is quietness and deep spirituality to be found there that is very special. Please consider coming along.
The cost of the pilgrimage is £65.
We are now offering two departure points Belfast and Ballymena.
For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the Living Church Office on **Tel: 02890690920** or email **livingchurch@downandconnor.org** by **Friday 15th June**.
Registration forms on request from Living Church Office or your Parish Office

St Killian's College

The Friends of Garron Tower are pleased to announce that 'The Priests' will perform in a Fund Raising concert, in aid of the refurbishment of the College Chapel, at Garron Tower on **Sunday 27th May at 6.30pm**.
Tickets are priced at £30 and can be purchased by contacting the College on tel. number **028 2888 5202**.
Seating is limited to 320 therefore ticket allocation will be on a first come first served basis.

The Sacred Heart Messenger

To celebrate the 130th year of continuous publication of The Sacred Heart Messenger, you are invited to Thanksgiving Mass in St John the Baptist Church, Garvaghy Rd, Portadown, on Sunday 29 April at 3 pm. Celebrant: Cardinal Seán Brady. Music with the church choir. Refreshments to follow.

ACCORD Counsellors

ACCORD invites applications for the Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship), for the academic year 2018/2019.
The Certificate, validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth, is aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications and is aimed at qualified, experienced counsellors/psychotherapists who have:

- Degree/Diploma in Counselling/ Psychotherapy
- Completed a minimum of 200 client hours and have a current supervised caseload
- Knowledge/Experience of the Person Centred Approach

Successful applicants' course and supervision fees funded by ACCORD
Training in Maynooth one weekend per month, September to June
Application Criteria and Form: <http://www.accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counselor>
Closing date: 18th May 2018

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person.
Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service.
Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 00353 1443 4510 or 020 3239 8662.
Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com