

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

2nd December 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

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 - 1 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 to Thurs 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**

## Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,322

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**PLEASE NOTE**  
FROM JANUARY 2019,  
BAPTISMS IN  
CARRICKFERGUS WILL  
TAKE PLACE ON THE  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE**  
MONTH.

**Parish Bethany Support Group**  
Tel: **07598825187**

to contact any member of the group.

## Requiescant in Pace



### Month's Mind

Paul Smith

### Anniversaries

Mary Best, Elizabeth McGowan,  
Christopher Curran,  
Daniel Patrick McGowan

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

## Fr Owens will visit the sick & housebound this week

**Mon 3rd Dec - W'head - am**  
**Tues 4th Dec - C'fergus - am & pm**

**Thursday 6th December**, is the  
Feast Day of St Nicholas,  
Patron Saint of our Parish Church in  
Carrickfergus. 10.00am Mass in  
Carrickfergus will be attended by the  
children of St Nicholas' PS.

**All are welcome to join us.**

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fri 7th Dec - Vigil Mass -  
W'head @ 7.00pm

Sat 8th Dec - Mass -  
C'fergus @10.00am

## Trocaire Christmas Gifts are now available.

Please contact Patrick Quinn in Carrick  
or  
Gerardine Stewart in Whitehead.

## Liturgical Rota for Christmas and the New Year

Sun 23 Dec

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.30am Mass - C'fergus

Mon 24 Dec  
(Christmas Eve)

No Morning Mass in W'head

6.00pm Vigil Mass - W'head

8.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Tues 25 Dec  
(Christmas Day)

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.00am Mass - C'fergus

Wed 26 - Fri 28 Dec - No Masses except funerals

Sat 29 Dec

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Sun 30 Dec

9.30am Mass - W'head

(Holy Family)

11.30am Mass - C'Fergus

Mon 31 Dec - Fri 4 Jan - No Masses except funerals

Sat 5 Jan

6.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

Sun 6 Jan

9.30am Mass - W'head

(Epiphany)

11.30am Mass - C'fergus

Mon 7 Jan NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES

## Advent Services

Please come along and join in the following services taking place during Advent, as we prepare as a Parish Family for Christmas. This is an opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives for reflection and to hear that still, small voice of God.

**Mon 3rd Dec - Our Lady of Lourdes at 7.30 p.m.**

The theme for this service is "Mary's call and Mary's response". We will be reflecting on our own calling and our own response, not just in Advent but in the here and now of our lives.

It is our "Yes" to God.

**Mon 10th Dec- St Nicholas' at 7.30 p.m.**

## "Live in Whitehead and need a lift"

For those in WHITEHEAD who would like to attend the ADVENT SERVICES in Carrickfergus (or indeed in Whitehead) and need a lift, please phone Gerardine Stewart on **02893 353700**. There are volunteers ready to help.

## Christmas Flowers - Whitehead

If you would like to contribute towards dressing the church in Whitehead with flowers for Christmas, please see Margaret O'Neill or put your offering in the box in the church porch. Thank you.

## Eucharistic Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is a promise and foretaste of heaven and a fulfilment of that love, which is the greatest love our hearts will ever know.

### Intention for December

'We pray for the sick and the lonely, that they are able to feel the great love that God has for them, through the love and care of us, their fellow parishioners.'

## Advent Penitential Services

Within our Pastoral Community are as follows

Mon 17 Dec - 7.00pm - St Nicholas', Carrickfergus

Tues 18 Dec - 7.00pm - St Bernard's, Glengormley

Wed 19 Dec - 7.00pm - St Gerard's, Antrim Road

## Bethany Bereavement Support Group

ANNUAL MASS for the BEREAVED

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm

St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

All Parishioners and friends are most welcome to join us in our Eucharist.

Refreshment after Mass in St Nicholas' Primary School

## Holy Trinity Church of Ireland, Carrickfergus

are planning to hold their traditional Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight on **Sunday 16th Dec at 6.30pm**. Everyone would be most welcome to come along and join with us in singing the carols and hearing the story of our Saviours birth through the words of the Readings from Scripture.

## Carrickfergus Church Forum Advent Meeting

Date: Tuesday 4th December 2018

Venue: Parish, Church Rooms

Time: 7-45pm

Hymns, prayer, reflection, chat, tea/coffee.

Everyone most welcome

## Jesus Heals: Koinonia John the Baptist Ireland

invites you to join us for a special moment of prayer in Saint Bernard's Pastoral Centre, Glengormley, this Friday 7th December from 7pm-9.30pm. It's a perfect opportunity to draw close to Christ, and make room for Him in our hearts and homes this Advent season. Sr. Christine Sawey will guide us in reflecting on God's Word and ask Him for His gift of restoration. The evening will conclude with refreshments and a chance to chat. If you have any questions please contact Anne on 07796 540465 or Ellen on 07708 022478.

## "Welcoming Christmas" at Drumalis

In preparation for Christmas, there will be a service of song and reflection for friends and families at Drumalis on

**Thursday, 20 December from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.**

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Everyone welcome – voluntary donation.

## Mount St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup

invite you to their Open Day -

**Monday 3rd Dec between 12:30-1:30pm**