



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



16th December 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent Sundays Cycle C 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
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Offerings

Weekly Offering **£1,457**

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



Recently Deceased

Maura Gardiner

Anniversary

Fr Charles Mulholland

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

Parish Carol Service

Please come along and join in this year's
Carol Service, which will take place in
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
on Friday 21st December at 7:00 p.m.

It will be hosted by the Whitehead
Adult and Children's choirs.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

available from the parish repository
Christmas Cribes & Nativity sets, Boxed &
Individual Cards,
Church Art Calendars,
2019 Catholic Diary.



Open before and after
weekend masses.

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.'

Liturgical Rota for Christmas and the New Year

Sun 23 Dec

Mon 24 Dec
(Christmas Eve)

Tues 25 Dec
(Christmas Day)

Wed 26 - Fri 28 Dec - No Masses except funerals

Sat 29 Dec

Sun 30 Dec

(Holy Family)

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

Sat 5 Jan

Sun 6 Jan

(Epiphany)

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.30am Mass - C'fergus

No Morning Mass in W'head

6.00pm Vigil Mass - W'head

8.00pm Vigil Mass - C'fergus

9.30am Mass - W'head

11.00am Mass - C'fergus

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Mon 7 Jan NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES

Christmas Flowers – Carrickfergus & Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards
dressing the churches with flowers for
Christmas, please see Anne Quinn in
Carrickfergus or Margaret O'Neill in
Whitehead or alternatively put your



offering in the boxes
provided in the
church porches.

Thank you

Trocaire Christmas Gifts are now available.

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

“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.

St Louise's Comprehensive College

Open Night

on Thursday 10th January 2019

Principal's Address at 4.30pm
and 6.30pm

'Step into a Bright Future'

Holy Trinity Church of Ireland, Carrickfergus

are planning to hold their traditional
Nine Lessons and Carols by
Candlelight **TODAY 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 Saviour's birth through
the words of the Readings from
Scripture.

Are You Making Wedding Plans?

Prepare for your future married life at a
Catholic Engaged Encounter Course
23-24 March 2019 in Our Lady and
St. Patrick's Parish Centre,
Ballymoney, Co. Antrim
For details/booking:
marriageencounter.ie or
028 27638512

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

Dates for your Diary for 2019

Confirmation - 25th January at 11.00am
First Confessions - 5th March at 11.00am
First Holy Communion - 18th May at 11.00am

The Live Crib at St Mary's, Belfast

Visit the Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Grotto, opening
Thursday, 13 December 2018 until Sunday, 6 January 2019.

Come along and meet Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and the
Three wise men. This year animals are kindly provided by the
Irish Donkey association and there will be a baby donkey in the
crib this year.

Carol singers daily at 2 pm. and 5 pm.
Proceeds to the Mill Hill Missionaries working in Sudan.

VACANCY – ST PATRICK'S PARISH, DONEGALL STREET Part-time Parish Secretary

We are currently recruiting to fill a vacancy for a part-time Secretary
within the Parish of St Patrick's, 199 Donegall Street, Belfast,
BT1 2FK.

The post holder will be required to provide assistance to the clergy,
visitors and parishioners, and confidential, efficient and effective
secretarial and administrative support to the Administrator.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 22.5 hours
attendance each week. Monday to Friday 9.45 am to 2.15 pm daily.
Rate of Pay - £10.50 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan
website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job
vacancies and on the Community NI website, where terms and
conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role
Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs are also
available from St Patrick's Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria
and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

**Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on
Friday 11th January 2019**

NURSES! The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

is currently seeking volunteers to join our nursing team to care
for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame,
during our 2019 Pilgrimage (10-15 July.) You will need to be a
registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly
registered nurses are welcome. For more information or to
register your interest please email us to
lourdes@downandconnor.org with your contact details and we
will get back to you.