



# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Saint Nicholas' Church

## 24th February 2019

## 7th Sunday of the Year

Sundays Cycle C    Weekdays 1    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 second 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      £1,177  
Sick & Retired Priests      £556

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### The Rosary

Each Saturday evening at 5:30pm, the  
Rosary will be prayed in Blessed  
Sacrament chapel before Vigil Mass.

### Dates for your Diary for 2019

First Confessions -  
5th Mar at 11.00am  
First Holy Communion -  
18 May at 11.00am

### Requiescant in Pace



#### Recently Deceased

Daniel Nolan,  
Dominic Stewart (Larne)

#### Month's Mind

Sadie Smith

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

### Light Refreshments

Will be available in Lourdes Pastoral  
Centre after Mass next Sunday, 3rd March.  
**Everyone welcome.**

### Chatty Crafters

The craft group will be meeting next  
**Thurs 28th Feb, 7-9pm,**  
in the Pastoral Centre.  
**Everyone welcome .**

### Lourdes Pastoral Centre

The centre is available for Children's  
Parties and Family Events. For further  
information or to make a booking, please  
speak with any member of the committee:  
Ann Woods, Eileen Vance, Gavin Pollard,  
Paddy Stewart or Colin Boylan.  
**Thank you.**

### World Day of Prayer

Will be hosted this year by the Church of  
Ireland (St Patrick's), Whitehead, on  
**Friday 1st March at 8:00 p.m.**  
Everyone welcome.

### Parish Bethany Support Group

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

O Divine Jesus, neglected in so many  
tabernacles of the world, I offer you my  
heart, that its every beat be a prayer of love to  
You.

#### Intention for February

We pray for all the young people of our  
Parish who were confirmed recently. May  
they always be guided by the Holy Spirit and  
develop a deep friendship with Jesus.

### Lent 2019

If you would like to order a copy of the  
"Walk with Me" book for Lent,  
please leave your name with Anne in the  
Parish Repository, a.s.a.p.  
Price £1.00

### Carrickfergus and Whitehead

#### Parish Retreat

This will take place at Drumalis, Larne,  
on **Saturday 21st September –**  
**Sunday 22nd September 2019.**  
Do pop this into your diaries and try and  
keep it free!!

### Attention All Young People!

The meeting of our Parish Youth Group  
has been re-scheduled to **NEXT SUNDAY**  
**3rd March, after the**  
**11.30am Mass, in the**  
**Committee Room of St Nicholas'.**

If you are P7 or above, and feel you have  
something to contribute or a role to play in  
our Parish, then please feel free to come  
along. We would love you to get involved.  
Come and share your ideas about faith and  
Church.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

You are cordially invited to an  
Open Public Meeting  
on **Thursday, 7 March at 7pm**  
**The Braid, Town Hall Museum & Arts**  
**Centre, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena**  
The meeting will include speakers from  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon Family  
Groups UK and a Healthcare Professional  
who has experience of working with  
Alcoholics. There will be the opportunity to  
ask questions of the panel after.

### Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

In preparation for the forthcoming international meeting in Rome convoked by Pope Francis to address the issue of safeguarding minors in the Church, the Irish Bishops have proposed that the Church in Ireland should engage in an act of atonement. We will observe this in our Parish at all Masses this weekend, 23/24 February.

#### CANDLE OF ATONEMENT PRAYER

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.

Amen.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

Full board in hotel: 7 nights (9-16 July) for £725 or  
5 nights (10-15 July) for £650. Full board for sick or  
infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in  
Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 nights (10-15 July) for  
£550. Youth Team (7-16 July) £590.  
All flights from Belfast int'l Airport. Application  
forms now available from the Parish Office or for  
further information contact the Pilgrimage Office  
on 90770162 or email:  
Lourdes@downandconnor.org

### Drumbo & Carryduff Parish Pilgrimage

#### To Rome, Assisi & Cascia

Spiritual Directors- Fr Conor McGrath &  
Fr Dominic McGrattan

Due to cancellations spaces have become available  
Including Divine Mercy Sunday in Rome 6 Night  
Pilgrimage to Assisi, Cascia, Rome & Vatican City,  
27 April- 03 May 2019.

Package price from £945.00 pps.  
Single rooms now available.  
Application form available in the Parish Office on  
90812238 opt 2.

### First Saturday Devotion of Reparation

as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will take place  
in St Joseph's Church, Killough, Chapel Street,  
BT30 7QJ on **Saturday 2nd March:** Sacrament of  
Reconciliation from 9.00am; Rosary at 9.00am;  
Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at  
9.30am, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10.00am.

### Upcoming events at Tobar Mhuire.

#### Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer.

Our annual day of prayer is dedicated to  
prisoners; their families, and those who care for  
them. Chapel open all day for Adoration  
followed by Prayer Service at 7.00pm . Talk by  
Fr Ciaran Dallat (Prison Chaplain) at 7.30pm.  
All welcome.

#### Wednesday 13th March.

First of our Lenten Talk Series: The Beatitudes  
of Pope Francis with Dr Aidan Donaldson at  
7.00pm. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

### Lenten Days and Holy Week Retreat at Dromantine - 2019

**16th March: 'A Lenten Encounter:  
Looking Up and Reaching Out'**  
led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA 10am -  
5pm Cost £25 *lunch included*

**30th March: 'A Lenten Experience:  
Called to Renewal'**  
led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA 10am -  
5pm £25 *lunch included*

**Holy Week Retreat Wed 17th April at  
5pm – Sunday 21st at 11am**  
The SMA Community invites you to join  
them in reflectively celebrating the Easter  
Triduum, beginning with the Seder Meal.  
£250 *full board*  
*Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry BT34 1RH*  
Booking: Tel. 028 30821964 or  
admin@dromantineconference.com