



Saint Nicholas' Church

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



3rd March 2019 **8th Sunday of the Year** **Sundays Cycle C** **Weekdays 1** **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 - 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
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Offerings

Weekly Offering £2,005

Many thanks for your generosity

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, divine
furnace of love, inflame my heart
with a perfect love for You.

Intention for March

We pray for all those who are
burdened with problems and worries,
that they will trust in and know the
strength of God's love in their lives.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Terry Maginn, Tommy Maginn,
Gerry McGivern, Brigid McGivern.

*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 and
housebound this week**

Mon 4 Mar - C'fergus - am & pm

Wed 6 Mar - W'head - am

**Tuesday 5th March
(after 10.00am Mass)
First Confessions**

**Wednesday 6 March
Ash Wednesday
10.00am Mass - C'fergus
7.00pm Mass - W'head**

Light Refreshments

Will be available in Lourdes Pastoral
Centre after Mass today.
Everyone welcome.

Parish Visitation Team

Mary McCormack, Chair of the Parish
Pastoral Council will speak at Mass this
weekend about the progress and plans of
the Parish visitation team. Following on the
'Open and welcoming community' theme of
the Parish Pastoral Plan, the team would
like to invite anyone who is interested in
volunteering to be members of the
Visitation team to implement and
coordinate the next steps to start offering
this service in the Parish.

the Connection

presents

Junior Prayer for Easter Competition 2019

The Communication Committee are pleased
to announce a competition to write a Prayer
for Easter, the top entry or entries will feature
in the Easter edition of the Connection
magazine and there will be a small prize for
1st, 2nd and 3rd. We ask that the prayer is
broadly in keeping with the Easter message
and that all work is original. Younger children
can enlist the help of an adult or older sibling.
The competition is open to all children of the
Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead and all
pupils of St Nicholas' Primary School.

Your name and age along with contact details
of a parent/guardian should be included on
the submission. Any contact details will be
used solely to notify the winners. Entries can
be returned to your class teacher or ask a
parent/guardian to email them to:
communication@carrickparish.org

Closing date is Friday 22nd March 2019.

Parish Information Session on Adult Safeguarding

for parish volunteers who have contact
with adults at risk.

**Monday 18 March 2019, 7pm to 9pm
in St Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus**
Please confirm your attendance with
Amanda Stewart 07786320611 or any
member of the Parish Safeguarding
Committee.

Lenten Pioneer Pledge

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol
during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to
perhaps help yourself or someone you know
with an alcohol or drug problem by offering
your sacrifice for freedom from addiction?
Please consider taking the short term Lenten
Pledge and make a difference to someone's
life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers
and say the daily prayer.

**PRAYER: " I promise in honour of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of
the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all
alcoholic drink during Lent."**

Support For Survivors of Abuse

At all the Masses last weekend we reflected on the Church's mission of Safeguarding and also celebrated a rite of atonement for all those who have been so gravely hurt by the sin and crime of sexual abuse in the Church. The Irish Episcopal Conference and the Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland fund and sponsor two organisations established to support those affected by clerical abuse: 'Towards Healing' which offers counselling, and 'Towards Peace' which offers spiritual direction. If anyone would like to avail of these services, they should speak with Fr Peter or ring the Diocesan Safeguarding Office (028 90492798) or the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (00353 1505 3124). 'Towards Healing' can be contacted directly (freephone - 08000 963315), as can 'Towards Peace' (freephone - 00353 867710533).

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE TO LISTEN AND HELP.

Carrickfergus & Whitehead Parish Lenten Services

Please come along and join in our Lenten Services, where you will be able to learn about and experience 'Methods of Prayer'. As Thomas à Kempis said - "What peace and inward quiet should he have who would cut away from himself all busyness of mind and think only on heavenly things".

Monday 11th March - Saint Nicholas' at 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, led by Patsy Bell. Learn to meditate and pray with scripture. This was the first form of prayer used by the Desert Fathers around the third century.

Monday 25th March - Our Lady of Lourdes at 7:00 p.m. Marian Prayer.

Monday 1st April - Saint Nicholas' at 7:00 p.m. Praying With The World, led by Johnston McMaster. An exploration of how we pray in a social, political and interreligious context. Light refreshments will be provided after each service.

Attention All Young People!

Our Parish Youth Group will meet **TODAY**
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
and share your ideas about faith and Church.
Your voice is important to us!

A Quick Journey Through The Bible.

A series of talks on an overview of the Bible
by DVD. An excellent introduction for those
who may not be too familiar with the Bible.

They will be shown at the Monastery in
Portglenone on the Sunday evenings during
Lent at 5.00 p.m. commencing on
Sunday, 10th March. All are welcome.

D&C Youth Team 'Strictly Come Dancing'

In aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage.
Join us for a superb evening of fun and
entertainment in Carryduff Parish Centre on
the 15th March at 7.30pm.
Ticket: £15 for Adults, £7.50 for children.
Can be ordered through the Carryduff Parish
Office on 028 9081 2238 or
drumbo@downandconnor.org

Vocations Prayer Evening

There will be an evening of prayer followed by
refreshments in St Joseph's Church, Greystone Road,
Antrim on **Thursday, 7 March from 7pm-9pm**
for those men discerning a vocation to the Priesthood.
The event will conclude at 9pm. Anyone interested in
coming to this evening is asked to contact Fr Kevin
(Vocations Director) on 028 9061 4567 or by email –
vocations@downandconnor.org

Living Youth-Local Summer Pilgrimages

Summer Madness – join with over 2,000 other young
people, from all religious backgrounds, across the island of
Ireland to celebrate, connect and explore your faith. This 5-
day camping experience at Glenarm Castle is on from 28th
June – 2nd July 2019, Cost: £120, Age: 15 – 18.

Camino Through the Mournes – join with other young
adults to spend time together in a faith environment, all
through the medium of outdoor activities such as hikes,
walks and outdoor adventures. Stay in Newcastle Co Down
from 6th – 9th August 2019, Cost: £125, Age: 18 – 25.

For more information and to apply go to
www.livingyouthni.org or follow Living Youth on Social
Media.

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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.