



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Saint Nicholas' Church

24th March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 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 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
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Carrickfergus Parish

(St Nicholas', Carrickfergus,
Our Lady of Lourdes', Whitehead)
Fr Peter Owens, PP
9336 3269

Offerings

Weekly Offering £1,160
Needy Parishes £578

Many thanks for your generosity

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.

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 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.
Monday 8th April - Saint Nicholas' at 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, led by Patsy Bell. Learn to meditate and pray with scripture. This is a follow up to the session on 11th March, which was well received. Suitable for all, even if you weren't able to attend the first session.
Light refreshments will be provided after each service.

Envelope Boxes 2019 / 2020

New Envelope Boxes are now ready to collect at the back of the church. If you require a new box, please complete an "Envelope Registration Form", available at the rear of the Church and return to the parish office or leave in the Sacristy. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on Tel: **93363269** or email: **carrickfergus@downandconnor.org**

Easter Flowers Carrickfergus & Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards dressing the churches with flowers for Easter, 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.

Chatty Crafters

The craft group will be meeting next **Thursday 28th March, from 7pm - 9pm** in Lourdes Pastoral Centre. If you've ever fancied learning to crochet, we'll have an expert joining us, happy to provide instruction or advice. All are welcome!

Parish Food Bank

The Trussell Trust runs a nationwide network of Food Banks which provide emergency food and support to local people locked in poverty. On behalf of the Trust, the Parish has created a Food Bank Drop off Point in St Nicholas' Church. Containers are available at the back of the Church for those wishing to donate. All donations of non-perishable, in-date food gratefully received.

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.

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!!

The Rosary

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

Krista Deter in Concert

Krista Deter, award-winning singer/songwriter from Indiana USA, will perform a concert in aid of Daneo Counselling Service, Belfast.
Venue: Houben Centre Ardoyne
Date: TODAY Sunday 24th March at 8pm.
Tickets £10 from Bill Webb 07860 331297
Your support for this event will help provide Counselling support for people who can least afford it.

Daneo Counselling Service



Slow Down For Lent

Clonard 30 March 11am - 3.30pm
Quiet prayer, gently guided reflection, led by Breige O'Hare.
Space and time for you and God ... to think ... to pray ... to rest.
Popular day - booking essential.
To book, ring Clonard: 02890445950.
Suggested donation £5.
Bring a packed lunch.

Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat

The next Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will take place in St Macartans College in Monaghan from **12-14th April**.
Ages: 16 – 35 year olds. Cost: Donation Only!
Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!!
For more information, details and questions email office@youth2000.ie

Trocaire

'Defend the Defenders'

Free screening of a short documentary by Trócaire examining the impact of serious human rights violations by some private companies on communities in Guatemala. A short discussion will follow.
The Sunflower Bar, Union St on 26th March at 7pm.

Shalom Retreat

Friday 5TH To Sunday 7TH April in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne.
Be a part of this exciting weekend where you will rekindle your identity in Christ! Prayer, praise, reconciliation, Mass and encouragement for the journey ahead. A retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing. Book now £150 per person. Full board with coffee/tea breaks. Register at www.shalommedia.org/retreat

Easter Triduum Retreat

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor Co. Down, invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat from Holy **Thursday 18th April until Sunday 20th April 2019**. Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call.
If interested, please contact:
Fr Thierry: benedictinemonks@btinternet.com / +44 (0)28 4173 9979
Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor / Twitter: @rostrevormonks

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar

Wed 27th March at 7pm : Finding Hope Through Dark Days . Personal Reflections on the Loughinisland Massacre
Is it possible to find hope in the midst of mindless violence? In this evening of conversation, Emma Rogan and other family members, will share the experience of this awful event and its aftermath.
Wed 3rd April at 7pm : Creating a Future of Hope - A Spirituality of Penance for a World in Need of Hope
The Passion of Christ is enfolded in the lived experience of people and of communities dealing with suffering and trauma. It is an act of solidarity by the God who threw his lot in with the poor. Penance, rather than an individual act of sacrifice or denial, is a response by the Christian Community to the invitation from the Cross to bring hope and meaning to lives wounded and hearts broken
For Booking Tel: 028 44 830242

Water Gilding Workshop
30 September to 01 October 2019
Icon Painting Workshop
02-08 October 2019
By Theodore Papadopoulos
Greek Iconographer
Knock, Co Mayo, Ireland
Alexian Brothers Monastery
www.theodoreicons.com/knock