



# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## 16th February 2020

## 6th Sunday of the Year

Sunday Cycle A

Weekdays 2

Divine Office Week 2

### 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 Wednesday**

**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  
**9083 2979**

Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC  
**9084 1507**

Fr Aidan Kerr, PE, 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**

#### St Gerard's Parish

(St Gerard's, Antrim Road)

Fr Kevin Browne, 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, VF  
**9336 3269**

### Offerings

Weekly Offering **£1,733**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### 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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2020

First Confession -  
**Tues 3rd March at 11.00am**  
First Holy Communion -  
**Sat 30th May at 11.00am.**

### Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Rose Maginn

### Anniversaries

Danny Nolan (1st),  
Daniel Owens,

Patricia Devenny, Paddy Lennox.

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

### World Day of Prayer

#### Friday 6th March at 8:00 p.m.

This year's World Day of Prayer will be  
hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes church in  
Whitehead, as it is our turn on the rota of  
churches in the area who host it every year.  
Please keep the date free and come along to  
this International ecumenical initiative,  
celebrated annually in over 170 countries.  
If you are able to help with preparing light  
refreshments for the service, setting up the  
Pastoral Centre, serving the supper or washing  
up afterwards, please contact  
**Gerardine Stewart on 07747 114419 or**  
**Eileen Vance on 07942 921654.**  
Fruit loaves, scones, tray-bakes, buns or cakes  
will all be gratefully received.  
Thank you.

### New Summer Dates for Parish Retreat

**Saturday 13 June at 5 pm - Sunday**  
**14th June 5pm at Drumalis, Larne.**  
Please contact Ruth Bates to book and  
obtain further details on 02893 378958.

### 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.

### Living Youth

#### 'Stay Awake for Homelessness'

Fundraising event @ Living Youth,  
**28th February, 8pm to 6am,**  
**Aged 17-25.**

Living Youth, along with other organisations  
across Ireland, are running 'Stay Awake for  
Homelessness' to raise awareness and raise vital  
funds for homelessness, by staying awake all  
night. All proceeds go towards St Patrick's Mercy  
Door Soup Kitchen and Morning Star House.

If interested, please email  
**s.mullan@downandconnor.org or**  
**Tel: 028 90 232432**

### Living Youth

#### Summer Pilgrimage 2020 – Youth Festival at Medjugorje

The LIVING YOUTH Summer Pilgrimage 2020  
will be to Medjugorje. We will join more than  
50,000 other young people from around the world  
to celebrate our Catholic Faith. Staying at the  
Medjugorje Palace Hotel we will take part in the  
youth festival and also visit the Waterfalls of  
Kravice, the capital Mostar and the Shrine of  
Vepric at Makarska, all while journeying with  
other young people from across our Diocese.  
**Pilgrimage Dates: 29th July – 7th August 2020,**  
for those aged 17 – 25 Cost £799  
(plenty of opportunities for fundraising).

**For an Application Form and more information**  
**go to [www.livingyouthni.org](http://www.livingyouthni.org) or contact us on**  
**02890 232 432 or [info@livingyouthni.org](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org).**

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Full board in hotel: 7 nights (7-14 July) for  
£725 or 5 nights (8-13 July) for £650.  
Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with  
medical and nursing care in Accueil  
Notre-Dame: 5 nights (8-13 July) for £550.  
Youth Team (5-14 July) £590.

All flights from Belfast International Airport.  
Application forms now available from the  
Parish Office or for further information  
contact the Pilgrimage Office on  
**02890770162 or**  
**email: [Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org) or**  
**visit [www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes).**

### Parish Food Bank

All donations of non-perishable, in-date food  
gratefully received. Please leave your  
donations in the containers provided at the  
back of St Nicholas' Church.  
Thank You.

### The Art of Lent

Drumalis Retreat Centre in Larne is hosting  
three mornings of reflection, exploring Lent  
using art, music, and scripture. Take time to  
reflect on the Sunday gospel drawing insight  
from great masterpieces. Only £5 per morning:  
Thursday 5th & 19th March, and 2nd April  
from 10:30-12:00 (including refreshments).

**To book, please email**  
**[drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) or**  
**telephone 028 28276455.**

### SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine

#### Lenten Days of Recollection

'Lord, open my heart as wide as it can  
open' led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA  
Sat. 14th March 9.30am – 5.00pm  
inc. Lunch - £25

'Remember – you're worth it!'  
led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA  
Sat. 28th March 9.30am – 5.00pm  
inc. Lunch - £25

### Clare Lodge

#### St Patrick's Day Break

16th-18th March 2020  
2 nights full board  
£90 per person sharing  
£110 single room occupancy.

#### Mother's Day Treat

3 Nights Stay—Fri 20th -Mon 23rd March  
Please contact Clare Lodge on 02843722849  
or email [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk) for  
further information

### ACCORD

Accord provides a counselling service for any  
couple who may be experiencing difficulties or  
challenges in their relationship.  
The Ballymena Centre is situated in All Saints  
Parish Centre, 9 Cushendall Road, Ballymena  
Tel No-02890339944.  
Email-ballymena@accordni.com

### Local Pilgrimage to Fatima Easter 2020

8th – 13th April. 5 nights Full Board Taking in all  
the major sites also including day trips to Santerim  
where Bleeding Host took place and trip to Lisbon  
to see Saint Anthony's Church and Baptismal  
Font .ex Dublin Contact James Treacy 0860572216

### Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter

A two day non-residential course will be held  
in Castle Community Centre, Ballymoney on  
21-22 March 2020. Information/Booking:  
[marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

### Lent at Tobar Mhuire.

Ash Wednesday. A conversation on forgiveness  
between Alan McBride and Jude Whyte, two  
people who have been faced with the challenge of  
forgiving those who perpetrated awful deeds  
upon their loved ones. Session begins at  
7.30pm. Voluntary donation towards  
Belfast Welcome Centre.

Lenten Scripture Course with Fr. Oliver  
Treanor. A four week series on the Wednesdays  
of Lent, in which Fr. Oliver Treanor invites us  
to see the meaning of the Cross in God's plan  
and as a way of achieving the fullness of life.  
Begins at 7.30pm and concludes at 9.00pm  
sharp. Voluntary Donation.

Take Off Your Shoes – You are Standing on  
Holy Ground! A three week course, March 1st;  
March 8th; March 15th, to explore the beauty of  
Eucharistic Adoration and ways of developing  
best practice in our personal lives and in our  
parishes. Led by: Fr Tom Scanlon CP.  
Time: 3.00pm – 5.30pm each day.  
Voluntary Donation.

### WHY SUPPORT LIFE?

A round table discussion on the future of the  
pro-life movement in Northern Ireland.  
Chaired by Brett Lockhart QC.

#### Panelists:

Dr Andrew Cupples  
GP

*Medical perspective & conscientious objection*

Dawn McAvoy  
Both Lives Matter  
*Where does the pro-life cause go from here?*

Patrick Gallagher  
Gaelic Athletes for Life  
*Pro-life in the everyday*

Kate Meenagh  
Crisis Pregnancy Counsellor  
*Life after abortion*

Sarah Haire  
Stanton Healthcare  
*Responding to an unplanned pregnancy*

Wednesday 19th February, 7pm

Venue:  
The Catholic Chaplaincy @ QUB  
28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast

### NI Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation sessions will be  
held in Town Hall, Joymount, C'fergus

**Wed 19 February**  
**1.30pm-4.00pm & 5.15pm-8.00pm**

**Thurs 20 February**  
**1.30pm-4.00pm & 5.15pm-8.00pm**