



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



23rd February 2020

7th Sunday of the Year

Sunday Cycle A

Weekdays 2

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 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 £1,233
Sick & Retired Priests £667
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



Anniversaries
Gerry McGivern,
Bridget McGivern,
Jeannie O'Hara.

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

Ash Wednesday Wednesday 26th February

Masses and Distribution of Ashes
Carrickfergus—10.00am
Whitehead—7.00pm

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.

PLEASE NOTE

The leader, readers and choir members
taking part in this year's event are asked to
attend the rehearsal this Thursday,
27th February, at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Trocaire Lenten Boxes

Trocaire Lenten packs/boxes are now
available to collect from the back of
the church.

Walk with Me - 2020

The "Walk with Me" Lenten books are now
available in the Parish Repository.

Chatty Crafters - LPC

The craft group will meet this
Thursday, 27th Feb at 7.00pm,
in Lourdes Pastoral Centre.
All are welcome to come along.

Trocaire

Volunteers from Trocaire will speak at all
Masses in the Parish next weekend.

Diocesan Vocation Weekend

Have you ever considered the possibility that God
is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this
opportunity to gather with other men who are
discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This
retreat will create the time and space to help you
discern God's calling in your life.

The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat
Centre, from **Fri 6th – Sun 8th March 2020.**
If you wish to attend this retreat or would like
further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien,
23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT
(02890614567)
Email:k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org.

The Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse

will take place on Friday 28 February, the first
Friday of Lent. The diocese will mark this day
with a Mass in St Patrick's Church, Donegall
Street, Belfast, at **1 pm on Friday 28 February.**

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."**

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 or
telephone 028 28276455.

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 or visit
www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes.

LivingYouth

'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

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

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

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.

Shrines of Poland

with a Day retreat at the shrine of the Divine
Mercy Poland - Including visits to Krakow,
Czestochowa, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Auschwitz
& Wadowice to see St. John-Paul's house

2nd - 7th JUNE 2020. 6 DAY ESCORTED GROUP PILGRIMAGE

Spiritual Director: Fr. Tony Devlin
FURTHER DETAILS: St Pauls Parish Belfast -
Phone 028 90 325034
email: stpauls@downandconnor.org
Cost: £850 per person sharing - based on 20
pilgrims traveling
Cost: £775 per person sharing - based on 40
pilgrims traveling
£100 non-refundable deposit per person to
secure a place by 28th February.
Single Supplement £180.00. Balances due
6 weeks before departure and are accepted in
instalments prior to due date.

Living Youth Summer Pilgrimage 2020 – Youth Festival at 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.
Pilgrimage Dates: 29th July – 7th August
2020, for those aged 17 – 25 Cost £799.
For an Application Form and more information
go to www.livingyouthni.org or contact us on
02890 232 432 or info@livingyouthni.org.