



# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## 1st March 2020 1st Sunday of Lent Sunday Cycle A Divine Office Week 1

**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  
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**Carrickfergus Parish**  
 (St Nicholas', Carrickfergus,  
 Our Lady of Lourdes', Whitehead)  
 Fr Peter Owens, PP, VF  
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**Offerings**  
 Weekly Offering £1,375  
*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 the success of our Parish  
 Lenten Triduum: for a greater  
 understanding of Community, a deeper  
 appreciation of the source and summit of  
 our faith - The Eucharist, and that the  
 Building of God's Kingdom may be  
 advanced.

**Walk with Me - 2020**  
 The "Walk with Me" Lenten books  
 are now available in the  
 Parish Repository.

**Requiescant in Pace**



**Anniversaries**  
 John Nicholl (1st),  
 Donard Haveron,  
 Terry Maginn,  
 Tommy Maginn.

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

**THERE WILL BE  
 NO MASS IN  
 CARRICKFERGUS ON  
 THURS 5th MARCH.**

**First Penance**  
 First Confession will take place on  
 Tues 3rd March at 11.00am  
 in St Nicholas'.

**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.

Gifts & Cards are now available for  
 St. Patrick's Day



from the Parish Repository.

**Parish Lenten Triduum**  
**20th Anniversary of St Nicholas' Church**  
**Friday 27th—Sunday 29th March 2020**

**Friday 27th March - Theme: Community**  
**10.00am** Mass for children in St Nicholas' Church  
**7.00pm** Opening Mass in St Nicholas' Church, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm.

**Saturday 28th March - Theme: Eucharist**  
**10.00am** Morning Prayer in St Nicholas' Church, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00pm.  
**3.00pm** Mass and Sacrament of the Sick in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.  
**6.00pm** Vigil Mass in St Nicholas' Church.

**Sunday 29th March - Theme: Building the Kingdom**  
**9.30am** Morning Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.  
**11.30am** Morning Mass in St Nicholas' Church.  
**5.00pm** Closing Mass with candle-lit procession in St Nicholas' Church

The weekend services will be directed by Fr Brendan Mulhall, who has directed Parish Missions here in the past.  
**Everyone welcome.**

**Envelope Boxes 2020 / 2021**

If you are new to the parish; if your details have changed; or, if you have not previously been using envelopes but now wish to do so, then please fill in an "Envelope Registration Form" available at the back of the Church. If anyone would like to support the Parish financially through a Standing Order or to make their envelope donation in this way, then please contact the parish office for more information.  
 Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office or left in the Sacristy. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on **Tel: 93363269** or **email: carrickfergus@downandconnor.org**

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

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

**Lenten Mission 'Say it to God: Reimagining Prayer this Lent'**  
 Over three evenings from **March 3-5**, Frs Darren Brennan, Conor McGrath and Damian McCaughan will preach on the theme of prayer in the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Elmwood Avenue. Talks take place from 7pm to 7.30pm followed by Holy Hour. Confessions available. All welcome.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**  
 First Holy Communion -  
**Sat 30th May at 11.00am.**

**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.**

**Carrickfergus Church Forum**  
 Appreciating Cultural Identity and Diversity  
 'The Orange Order and the GAA - Fields Apart?'  
 Speakers Dr. David Hume and Dr. Donal McAnallen  
**Tuesday 3rd March 7.30 pm**  
 Dobbs room Town Hall Carrickfergus.  
 Everyone welcome

**Safe Community**  
 Would your church like to assist in helping your local area to become a 'Safe Community' for people living with domestic violence or abuse? If so, thanks to funding from Belfast PCSP, we would like to invite members of the clergy and those with a responsibility for safeguarding within the church to attend one of our FREE forthcoming Safe Church programmes. The courses run over 3 sessions, beginning in March.  
**Programme 1**  
 Tier 1: Monday 2nd March 7.30-9.30pm  
 Tier 2: Monday 9th March 7.30-9.30pm  
 Tier 3: Monday 16th March 7.30-9.30pm  
**Programme 2**  
 Tier 1: Saturday 14th March 12.30-2.30pm  
 Tier 2: Saturday 14th March 3.00-5.00pm  
 Tier 3: Monday 16th March 7.30-9.30pm

**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."**

**Safe Families Information Evening**  
 Are holding an evening where you can come along and hear stories about families lives being transformed when they have been connected with the local community. **Tues 3rd March at 7.30pm**  
 29 Lancasterian Street,  
 Carrickfergus Vineyard

**UNBOUND Ministry**  
 Fr. Gerry Campbell and a team from Armagh Archdiocese will be leading a day on Unbound - Freedom in Christ on Saturday 14th March 9.30am - 5pm at St. Bride's Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. UNBOUND Ministry is an approach to deliverance and healing prayer developed by Neal Lozano. The focus is a safe, loving, effective prayer model that helps people to respond to the good news of the gospel. It applies the truth to our lives by using five basic responses called the Five Keys.  
 The day is hosted by Divine Healing Ministries and tea and coffee will be provided through the day. Please bring a packed lunch. Information on further training taking place in D&C Diocese will be provided. All are welcome to this day, particularly if you feel a call to have more of the Lord's freedom in your life or to see more fruit in praying for others.  
 You can register your interest by contacting Fergus McMorro on 07526 056059 or by email f.mcmorrow@gmail.com.