



# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## 8th March 2020

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

### Sunday Cycle A

### 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 £1,207  
Monthly Offering £968

*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.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

First Holy Communion -  
**Sat 30th May at 11.00am.**

### Requiescant in Pace



### Month's Mind

Rose Maginn

### Anniversaries

Terry Maginn, Eileen Rice,  
Tommy Maginn, Terry Maginn,  
Danny Campey, Mary Campey,  
Callum Lee.

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

**THERE WILL BE  
NO 10.00 AM MASSES IN  
WHITEHEAD ON  
MON 9th MARCH OR IN  
CARRICKFERGUS ON  
THURS 12th MARCH.**

### 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**

Gifts & Cards are now  
available for  
St. Patrick's Day  
from the Parish Repository

**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.

### 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.**

### 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.**

### Health Care Advice and Best Practice Concerning the Coronavirus

In the light of advice from the Public Health Agency and communication from the  
Irish Episcopal Conference Secretariat the Bishop would ask you to:

**Suspend the Sign of Peace.**  
**During Mass only the celebrant should receive from the Chalice.**  
**Holy Communion should be administered into the hands only and NOT onto**  
**the tongue.**  
**Holy water fonts should be drained and not used.**  
**The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands**  
**with particular care before and after distributing Holy Communion.**

The Parish has provided alcohol-based hand sanitiser gels at all entrance and exit  
doors to the church and will ensure the regular cleaning of surfaces in the church  
that people touch such as door handles, tables etc.  
These measures are preventative and should not in any way raise any existing levels  
of concern. Best practice in all circumstances at this time of year should be followed  
in accordance with the Public Health Agency's advice and normal levels of hygiene.  
All parishioners should be advised to take the usual and necessary precautions  
before attending regular services in Churches open to the public, such as:

**Washing / sanitising hands before attending Mass.**  
**Washing / sanitising hands after coughing or sneezing.**  
**Use of disposable handkerchiefs.**  
**Coughing into the crook of the elbow and not into the palms of hands etc.**

**Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

### SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine

**LENTEEN 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  
**HOLY Week Retreat Wed. 8th – Easter Sun. 12th April**  
The SMA Community, Dromantine invites you  
to join in reflectively celebrating the Easter Triduum,  
beginning with the Seder Meal. Cost £260.

### 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 McMorrow on  
07526 056059 or by email [f.mcmorrow@gmail.com](mailto:f.mcmorrow@gmail.com).

### 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."**

### Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is  
holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on  
**Wednesday 11th March at 7:20pm** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
Belfast, BT8 7XP. This event is free and open to all bereaved  
parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances  
of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.  
For more information see [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or call our Information  
Line on 02895213120.

### The Art of Lent

Drumalis Retreat Centre in Larne is hosting 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:  
Thurs 19th March & Thurs 2nd April from 10:30-12:00  
(including refreshments).  
**To book, please email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) or  
telephone 028 28276455.**