



# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## 15th March 2020

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Sunday Cycle A

### 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 £1,462  
*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.

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

### Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Patricia Haveron,  
Michael Singh (Derry).

### Anniversaries

Deceased Members of the  
Quinn Family,  
Catherine O'Carroll,  
Christopher Quinn, Billy McVeigh,  
Martha Theresa McCusker,  
Christopher McCusker.

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

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Mon 16th - W'head - No 10.00am Mass**  
**7.00pm Vigil Mass**  
**Tues 17th - St Patrick's Day**  
**C'fergus - 10.00am Mass**  
**Wed 18th - W'head - No 10.00am Mass**  
**Thurs 19th - C'fergus - 10.00am Mass**

### Fr Owens will visit the sick and housebound this week.

**C'fergus - Thurs 19th - am & pm**  
**W'head - Sat 21st - pm**

### 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**

### 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

**Please Note** If you are planning to attend the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
on Friday 27th March, please put your name against a time slot on the rota at the  
back of the church.  
The weekend services will be directed by Fr Brendan Mulhall, who has directed  
Parish Missions here in the past.  
**Everyone welcome.**

### 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.**

### The Art of Lent

Drumalis Retreat Centre in Larne is hosting mornings of reflection, exploring Lent  
using art, music, and scripture. Only £5 per morning:  
Thurs 19th March & Thurs 2nd April from 10:30-12:00 (including refreshments).  
**To book, please email drumalis@btconnect.com or**  
**telephone 028 28276455.**

### Many Thanks

to all those who helped to make the recent World Day  
of Prayer event such a success. The collection amount  
raised was £702.

### SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine

**LENTE DAY of Recollection**  
'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.

### Classical Concert at QUB Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's will host an evening of  
classical music to celebrate the arrival of its new Wells-Kennedy  
Pipe Organ. Performers include organist Niall Leonard,  
Queen's Chamber Choir conducted by Donal McCrisken and  
soloists from St Malachy's College. The programme features  
music by Palestrina, Mozart, Gjeilo and others. Admission is  
free with a retiring collection in aid of the Organ Fund.  
**Friday 20th March at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.**

### Top Hat The Musical

St. Agnes' Choral Society present the Northern Ireland Premiere  
of the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers Classic Musical, Top Hat  
from **Tues 24th - Sat 28th March** in The Island Hall, Lisburn  
each evening at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.  
Tickets are available from Island Hall ticket desk, online via  
<https://islandartscentre.com/whats-on/> or by  
calling 028 9244 7744

### Clare Lodge

#### 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 for further information

### ALL ABILITY FUN DAY! Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

A fun day for all abilities and those with specific needs will be  
on site at Eden Community Centre & Allotment Gardens on  
Wednesday 8 April, 10am to 12noon. Activities include sensory  
play, sensory walk, music and art workshops, petting farm and a  
very special visit from Sophie the Sensory Bus.  
**For more information Tel: 028 93358235**

### Living Youth Summer Pilgrimage 2020 - Youth Festival at Medjugorje

Joining 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 Aug, for those aged 17 - 25 Cost**  
**£799.** 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.**