



Saint Nicholas'

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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27th September 2020 26th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 2

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**Mass on the Parish Website** Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for 26th Sunday of the Year from St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus



**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:**  
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Bulletin Notices to be submitted to the parish email address by 12 noon Wed**

**The Parable of the two sons**

## Weekly Public Masses

We would invite those with Surnames in the following alphabet order to Mass on the assigned Sundays this coming month of October.

Sunday	Carrick 11.30am	Sunday	Whitehead 9.30am
27th Sept	N-Z	27th Sept	P-Z
4th Oct	A-E	4th Oct	A-F
11th Oct	F-L	11th Oct	G-M
18th Oct	M-Mc	18th Oct	Mc-O
25th Oct	N-Z	25th Oct	P-Z

## Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Cahal Gillan

### Anniversaries

Winifred McGowan  
Billy Best  
Joanne McGuinness  
Tommy McMullan  
Kathleen Wood  
Sarah Maxwell

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

Starting in October, we will also have two midweek masses every Wednesday evening, in addition to the Sunday Masses.

The first midweek mass will be on Wednesday 7th October

6.00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead

7.30 pm St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus

*These Masses are open to all parishioners, subject to seating availability.*

When coming out to Mass, we would ask, if you could arrive at the church a little earlier than normal, so that contact tracing details can be taken and parishioners seated, before Mass commences. Thank you.

## Help Required - To assist with Stewarding at Mass and Church Cleaning

The Parish Pastoral Council, would like to thank all who volunteer their time, to clean the churches at Mount St Nicholas and Our Lady of Lourdes.

At the present time, this task is even more important, and we would like anyone who may have some time to spare, to help support the team.

Please speak to Marian Frampton in Carrickfergus or Gerardine Steward in Whitehead or any of the PPC if you can help. This would be greatly appreciated.

We also ask, that if any parishioners would be able to help the PPC at Mass with stewarding and contact tracing, to speak with Patrick Quinn in Carrickfergus or Claire Bagshaw in Whitehead or any of the PPC members at Mass, if you are interested.

We would welcome any offer of your time even if it is once a month.

### Day for Life - 1st October

'Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.' Psalm 27  
Choose Life <https://www.dayforlife.org/>

Contact Details for various **Helplines** can be found on the Parish Website.  
[www.carrickparish.org](http://www.carrickparish.org)



### Download the StopCOVID NI App.

HSC has developed the StopCOVID NI App

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/stopcovid-ni-app-explainer-leaflet>

to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. The leaflet is also available on the Parish Website.

### 'St. Nicholas' Parish Repository' - **Communion Stock and new Sunday Missals available.**

The Parish Repository/Shop is open before and after 11.30am Sunday Mass.

With COVID 19, we can only have one parishioner/household in the shop at a time.

If you wish, you can also make an appointment, by contacting Anne on 07449 749476.

### Online Resources for Children making their First Holy Communion

**Episode 1:** The sacrament of Reconciliation (or as some call it 'Confession') is the focus for this first lesson.

**Episode 2:** In this lesson for those preparing for Holy Communion, Eleanor and Johanna along with Fr Chris explain more about the different parts of the Mass.

**Episode 3:** In this lesson, Eleanor and Johanna along with Fr Chris explain how to prepare and practice for receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

All episodes (30mins each) and resources are being made available and delivered through the iCatholic player. <https://www.icatholic.ie/category/sacraments/>. They are also available from [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org).

**Worksheets 1, 2 & 3** can be found on the Parish Website. [www.carrickparish.org](http://www.carrickparish.org).

### Readings for Sun 4th Oct

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Philippians 4: 6-9

Matthew 21: 33-43

### Sacramental Preparation

If you have a child who will be in P3, P4 or P7

and who is **not attending**

St. Nicholas' Primary School or Acorn Integrated Primary School

and you want your child prepared for First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation,

could you **please contact** the Parish Office asap?

It is particularly important for Confirmation preparation, as the date for Confirmation can be as early as January.

### *This Coming Week*

*28th Sept - 4th Oct*

#### **Mon**

St. Wenceslaus

St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

#### **Tues**

St. Michael, St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael, Archangels

#### **Wed**

St. Jerome, Priest

#### **Thurs**

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

#### **Fri**

The Holy Guardian Angels

#### **Sun**

27th Sunday of the Year

Mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

<https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/webcam/>

Mass at St. Bernard's, Glengormley

<https://www.churchservices.tv/glengormley/>