



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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18th October 2020 29th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 1

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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Luarena Rice
Valerie Patterson
Rita Gordon

Anniversaries

Joan Degnan

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

November Dead Lists

Can be collected as you leave the church. Please return your Envelope and leave in the box provided at the back of the church before the 31st Oct.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC has been having virtual meetings every 2-3 weeks since April 2020. During this time we have invited other guests to attend to discuss various topics.

The initial meetings looked at how we communicate with our parishioners. We kept the web site up to date, with notifications from the diocesan office. Father Owens continued to say Mass which is recorded and played, weekly through YouTube. The parish weekly bulletin has been uploaded online every week since last March, and we began delivering to households that could not gain access online.

In June, a Sub Committee convened to review regulations and guidelines for COVID19, and submitted detailed risk assessments of our churches, to the Diocese, in preparation for opening up for Private Prayer. In August, the PPC had set up a COVID team for the reintroduction of Masses to our churches.

At our last meeting, on Tues 13th Oct, we continued to review the attendance at Sunday Masses and the first Wednesday masses. For the moment, we will continue with Sunday mass invitations by Surname and open invitation to the Wednesday masses. This will be continued to be review. We thank you all for your patience while attending Mass at these difficult times.

The strict controls are there, to keep everyone safe.

The PPC are currently working on procuring and installing equipment, initially at Mount St Nicholas, to provide 'streamed live' Masses.

This is hoped to be in place during November.

The Parish magazine, 'The Connection' was not printed at Easter or in the summer, so we are currently assisting the Communications team to get a bumper issue ready for Christmas.

Over the coming months, you will also see a new revamped website appearing. We would welcome your feedback on this, when it is ready.

Our next meeting is planned for the first week in November, and we intend to provide an update from future meetings in the parish bulletin. If anyone would like to propose a topic for discussion, they can do so through any of the members of the PPC
- we are a representative body.

Weekly Public Masses

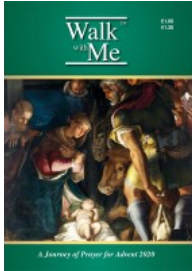

We would invite those with Surnames in the following alphabet order to Mass on the assigned Sundays this coming month of October.

Sunday	Carrick 11.30am	Sunday	Whitehead 9.30am
18th Oct	M-Mc	18th Oct	Mc-O
25th Oct	N-Z	25th Oct	P-Z

StopCOVID NI App.

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

See the Parish Website for more info.

<p>Mass on the Parish Website Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for ‘Mission Sunday’ 29th Sunday of the Year from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead</p>		<p>November - Month of the Holy Souls</p> <p>Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during November and offer up their sacrifice for their deceased relatives and friends. You can do likewise.</p> <p>Please consider taking the short term Pledge for November and say the prayer daily - "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 November".</p>
<p>‘Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God’</p>		<p><u>Advent Books 2020</u></p> <p>If you would like to order a copy of the “Walk with Me” Advent book, please leave your name in the Parish Repository, or contact Anne on 07449 749476. Price £1.00</p> 
<p>PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:</p> <p>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.</p>		
<p>Safeguarding Sunday</p> <p>This year, Bishop Treanor has designated Sunday 25th October as ‘Safeguarding Sunday’. To join, the online celebration at 7pm, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral webcam: http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral</p>		<p><u>This Coming Week</u> <i>19th Oct - 25th Oct</i></p> <p>Mon St. Issac Jogues St. John de Breufeuf St. Paul of the Cross</p> <p>Thurs St. John Paul II, Pope</p> <p>Fri St. John of Capistrano, Priest</p> <p>Sat St. Anthony Claret, Bishop</p> <p>Sun 30th Sunday of the Year</p>
<p>Midweek mass every <u>Wednesday</u> evening 6.00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead 7.30 pm St. Nicholas’ Church, Carrickfergus <i>These Masses are open to <u>all parishioners</u>, subject to seating availability.</i></p>		
<p>COVID19 Restrictions and Guidance update 14 Oct 20.</p> <p>Churches will remain open and liturgy may continue subject to guidance in place, informed by our risk assessment. It is now mandatory for face coverings to be worn when entering and exiting the church.</p>	<p>The Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion is celebrating the bicentenary of the birth of Elizabeth Prout, their founder. The first of a series of Zoom meetings starts on 22 Oct at 7 pm with Dr Sr Gemma Simmonds who will be speaking on the subject 'Hope in a Time of Pandemic'. Tel. 028 28276455/28272196 or see Website details on - http://www.drumalis.co.uk</p>	<p>Readings for Sun 25th Oct Exodus 22: 20-26 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 Matthew 22: 34-40</p>
<p>MASS FOR THE DECEASED TEACHERS OF DOWN AND CONNOR Will be Streamed Live On Wed 4th Nov 20 at 7.30pm from the Church of Mater Dei Cliftonville Road, Belfast Via: ‘Diocese of Down and Connor - YouTube’ channel at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHEomhU03Y91gGFQu2-JYA Please forward by Mon 2nd Nov 20 the name of any teacher from the Diocese who has died during the past twelve months for inclusion in the Mass. TO: Fr Edward McGee Down and Connor Catholic Schools’ Support Service 120 Cliftonville Road Belfast BT14 6LA Tele: 028 9049 1886 Email: dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org</p>	<p>Help Required - To assist with Church Cleaning</p> <p>The Parish Pastoral Council, would like to thank all who volunteer their time, to clean our churches. 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.</p> <p>Please speak to Marian Frampton in Carrick or Gerardine Steward in Whitehead or any of the PPC if you can help. This would be greatly appreciated.</p>	
<p>Join one of our LIFE CHAINS in  Precious Life because every life is precious</p> <p>Northern Ireland on Sat 24th Oct @2pm. (organised in accordance with government Covid 19 restrictions on outdoor gatherings). For more information please contact Precious Life on 028 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com</p>	<p><u>Part time Job Available</u></p> <p>Back up support required for male in his 50’s with mild learning difficulties. Very light household duties and light exercise (walking etc.). Flexible hours 2-6 per week. Good hourly rate and free public transport. For more information call Christine on 07894075591</p>	<p>25th October Summer time ends (Clocks back 1 hour)</p>
<p>Mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/webcam/</p>	<p>Mass at St. Bernard’s, Glengormley https://www.churchservices.tv/glengormley/</p>	