



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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1st November 2020 All Saints Cycle A Week 3

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Mass on the Parish Website

Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for
The Feast of All Saints
from
Our Lady of Lourdes, Whitehead

"Blessed are the
POOR IN SPIRIT,
for theirs is the
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN"

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Rita Treacy
Lilian Monaghan
Michael Arkins (Sen.)
Patrick, Catherine & Sarah
Degnan

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

Weekly Public Masses

We would invite those with **Surnames** in the following alphabet order to Mass on the assigned **Sundays** over the coming weeks.

Sunday	Carrick 11.30am	Sunday	Whitehead 9.30am
1st Nov	A-E	1st Nov	A-F
8th Nov	F-L	8th Nov	G-M
15th Nov	M-Mc	15th Nov	Mc-O
22nd Nov	N-Z	22nd Nov	P-Z

Midweek mass every **Wednesday** evening

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.



Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions we have been unable to carry out visits to bereaved families in the parish. If you wish to talk to someone call 07598825187 or leave a message.

Anniversary Candle Distribution

As a result of the current pandemic, we were unable to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the opening of St. Nicholas' Church with our planned Lenten Triduum. Instead, the candles which had been prepared for parishioners will be distributed at the end of the Sunday Masses in November. One suggestion is for the candle to be lit during Advent as a reminder of Christ's promises to us. It can also help to dispel the darkness which people can feel at this time of year, especially during the current pandemic. Many thanks to Sarah Dixon and friends for preparing the candles. *The Liturgy Team.*

SVP Christmas Appeal

As long standing and generous supporters of St Vincent de Paul, we want to let you know about our plans for celebrating a different kind of Christmas this year. Whilst the need to support families and individuals living in poverty will be greater than ever, the safety of our volunteers, those donating gifts and the families receiving the gifts is paramount. So, instead of collecting toys, we have decided to provide gift vouchers this year, keeping the handling of goods to a minimum and empowering the families to choose the gifts their children wake up to on Christmas morning themselves. If you wish to support our Christmas Appeal, please leave your donation towards the purchase of gift vouchers in the red box at the church by Sunday 29th November. Thank you again for your generous support throughout the years.

Plenary Indulgences - November 2020

On 22nd October 2020, the Apostolic Penitentiary, by the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis, extended the period in which the customary plenary indulgences in November may be obtained, namely;

a.- the **plenary indulgence** for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead even if only mentally, **normally established only on the individual days from 1 to 8 November, can be transferred to other days in the month of November.** These days, freely chosen by individual faithful, can also be separated from each other;

b.- the **plenary indulgence of November 2** established on the occasion of the commemoration of all the faithful departed for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the "Our Father" and the "Creed" there, can be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the solemnity of All Saints, **but also on another day of the month of November**, at the free choice of the individual faithful.

Full details on Parish Website.

LIVING YOUTH

Parish GIFT 'Shorts' Videos

Check out Living Youth on Facebook or at www.livingyouth.co.uk

to see the New Parish GIFT videos during November and December. Tune in on Wed 4th Nov at 6pm for our first video - 'All Saints and All Souls.'



[Living Youth | Down and Connor | Northern Ireland](#) Living Youth are the Youth Commission for the Diocese of Down and Connor. We coordinate the Pope John Paul II Award, train volunteers and develop resources for the Parish GIFT Programme, organise Summer Pilgrimages and run programmes such as Youth Alpha, Altaration & NUA. www.livingyouth.co.uk

'St. Nicholas' Parish Repository'



The Parish Repository has a wide selection of Christmas items, including Christmas Cards, Candles, Art Calendars, Nativity Sets, Catholic Diary's, as well as our general items now in stock.



With COVID 19 guidelines in place, we can only serve one parishioner/household in the shop at a time. Social distancing and facemask are mandatory to keep everyone safe at this time.

Alternatively, you can also arrange for an appointment, by contacting Anne on 07449 749476.

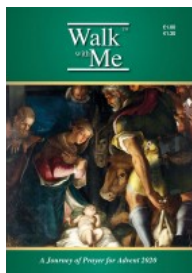
Everyone is welcome

COVID19 Restrictions and Guidance update

Churches will remain open and liturgy may continue subject to guidance in place, informed by our risk assessment. It is mandatory for face coverings to be worn in church and also when entering and exiting the church. There is now a limit of 25 people, who can attend Funerals or Weddings, during this current lockdown.

Advent Books 2020

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



This Coming Week

2nd Nov - 8th Nov

Mon

All Soul's Day

Tues

St. Malachy, St. Winefride

St. Martin de Porres

Wed

St. Charles Borromeo

Fri

All the Saints of Ireland

Sat

St. Willibrord, Bishop

Sun

32nd Sunday of the Year

Readings for Sun 8th Nov

Wisdom 6: 12-16

Thessalonians 4: 13-17

Matthew 25: 1-13

Stress Control. Instructions on how to access online classes available at <https://ni.stresscontrol.org/> (this is a new website address specifically for NI). The classes are **FREE** and the next round will commence on **Monday 2nd November**.