



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



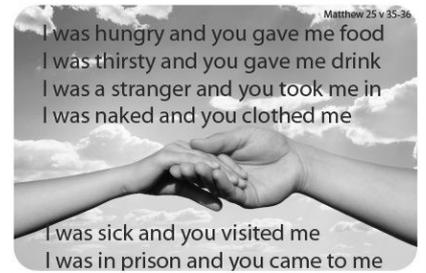
Our Lady of Lourdes

www.carrickparish.org

22nd November 2020 Christ the King Cycle A Week 2

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Mass on the Parish Website
Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for
Christ the King 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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

June O'Hare

Anniversaries

Ricky Waterman (1st Anniv.)
Harry McKee
Kenny Davidson

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

20th Anniversary Candles

Our candles can be lit now 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. *The Liturgy Team.*

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
22nd Nov	N-Z

Sunday	Whitehead 9.30am
22nd Nov	P-Z

Masses this coming Wednesday 25th November

6.00 pm, Whitehead

7.30 pm, Carrickfergus

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

Update regarding new restrictions from Fri 27th November until Thurs 10th December.
Our Churches will be **closed for Public Masses** on
Sunday 29th Nov; Wed 2nd Dec
Sunday 6th Dec; Wed 9th Dec

The exception is for funerals and weddings (limited to 25 people).

We will continue to broadcast weekly services and Advent services on the website during this time.

Website: www.carrickparish.org

The website and bulletin online, will have further updates as more information becomes available.

PARISH BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP

Due to the Covid 19 Restrictions it is not possible for us to come together for the Annual Mass for the Bereaved. On **Tuesday 24th November at 7pm**, Fr Peter and the Bereavement Group invite you via the Parish website, to join us for a celebration of the Eucharist for Deceased and Bereaved Parishioners.

Website: www.carrickparish.org

Parish Advent Liturgy Services Online

Please join us **online** for an Advent Liturgy Service as we prepare as a Parish family for Christmas.

The theme of the service is "Faith and Trust in God in this time of Uncertainty and Fear".

The services will be **broadcast on the Parish Website** from **St. Nicholas' on Tuesday 1st December at 7:00 p.m.** and again from **Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday 3rd December at 7:00 p.m.**

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**, or speak with any SVP member. Thank you again for your generous support throughout the years.

‘St. Nicholas’ Parish Repository’

The Parish Repository/Shop is open before and after Wednesday & Sunday Masses. For further details please please contact Anne on 07449 749476.



A large selection of Christmas items, including Christmas Cards, Candles, Art Calendars, Nativity Sets, Catholic Diary's, etc., now in stock.



Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Whitehead

Important Notice - Change of Date - Parish Repository

As Church buildings will be closed on Saturday 6th December, the Parish Repository will now be in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 13th December from 11.30am to 2.00pm.

This Coming Week

23rd Nov - 29th Nov

Mon

St. Columbanus

St. Clement I, Pope

Tues

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Wed

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Fri

St. Fergal

St. Catherine Laboure

Sun

1st Sunday of Advent

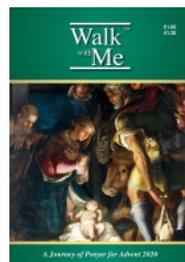
Annual Mass for deceased Pioneers in Down and Connor diocese will be celebrated in St Malachy's church, Alfred St. on Monday 23rd November at 1pm. The Mass will also be streamed online.

“Walk with Me” Advent Books 2020

Books are now available to collect in the Parish Shop.

If this is not possible, they can be delivered.

For further information, contact Anne on 07449 749476.



The Diocese is preparing to start work with a third group of students for the Permanent Diaconate. The programme will commence in September 2021. For more information about the ministry of Deacons, the formation programme and information on how to register your interest in applying, please speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Website:

www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate

Readings for Sun 29th Nov

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 33-37

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/>

We need to keep on protecting each other.

Hands:

On entering church please use sanitiser provided.

Face:

Please wear a face covering coming to and at Mass.

Space:

Please keep 2m from the people around you; while walking into church; walking to communion; and when leaving the church.



Parish Pastoral Council - Virtual Meeting - 3rd Nov 20

At our recent meeting, we focused on:

- ◆ Mass attendances in both churches. We will continue with the 4-week Sunday cycle by Surname, and the open invitation to Wednesday evening masses. We appreciate the support by parishioners, given the strict restrictions and regulation we must impose. This is for everyone's safety.
- ◆ Plans are progressing swiftly on the installation of a web cam in Mount St Nicholas.
- ◆ The revamped, Parish website will be launched at the end of November.
- ◆ The PPC are awaiting direction from Bishop Treanor on how all parishes will deliver Christmas Masses. Given that this is a time when attendance is higher, we will need to put in place plans, to ensure our services are controlled and safe for those attending.

Please check weekly bulletin and website for further announcements regarding Christmas services.



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 and someone from the group will get back to you .

Important points to note when attending mass:

- ◆ Please hand sanitise, on entering and exiting the Church. Sanitising dispensers are located at the entrance doors.
- ◆ Avoid touching all door handles or hard surfaces. Doors will be kept open at all times to ensure ventilation in the church.
- ◆ There will be a one-way system in place and two metre distancing will be strictly adhered to at all times.
- ◆ Stewards will be present to show you to your seat. Seats are marked where you can sit.
- ◆ Stewards will guide the congregation's movements at Holy Communion and while in the Church.
- ◆ Face coverings must be worn before entering the church and when attending services in the Church. Please remove your facemask before approaching the priest for Holy Communion.
- ◆ Collection Envelopes can be put in the marked Collection Box as you enter the Church.